

**Minutes of the Council & Board of Health Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on April 19, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.**

Councilman Kyle Anderson: Please rise for our Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for those that are serving both here and abroad in our Military, and those who are suffering from COVID throughout the Country.

Members of the Council and all those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 10, 2021. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cory Spillar, Debbie Meehan, Viru Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small Sharon McAuliffe,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Howie Bauer, Gregg Ficarra

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
Robert Hubner, Director of Police  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Gary Higgins, Auditor  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.  
Brian Bontempo, Esq.

**The Deputy Municipal Clerk called for a Second and Third Reading of the following Ordinances as consent:**

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD HOLLY STREET, SOUTH AND RUSSELL STREET, WEST. (2022-21)**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC,” SECTION 7-43 “PUBLIC PARKING SPACES FOR CHARGING OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLES” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD 105 AVENEL STREET. (2022-22)**
- C. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 150 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT”, AND THE ZONING MAP. (2022-23)**
- D. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE “ONE WOODBRIDGE CENTER DRIVE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW,” *N.J.S.A. 40A:12:A-1 et seq.* (2022-24)**

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: We’ll begin the meeting with four Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening. We’re going to take Letters A and B together. Can I get a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Small made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that the public hearing be opened.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letters A and B only. Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Councilman Small made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letter C. Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Councilman Small made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letter D.

Tom Maras, Ford: Asked for explanation as to exactly what the redevelopment plan is for One Woodbridge Center Drive.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It is the Woodbridge Center Drive, next to Luxe Apartments in Woodbridge Center. They would like to put in a self-storage facility.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked why there is such a huge demand for storage units.

Councilman Anderson: Having storage is at a premium nowadays. If someone comes in to develop next to an apartment complex, you have people that are moving from the City or might be moving from a home into an apartment and they have need for a storage unit. You will always see a need for storage units.

Councilman Spillar: Just on a personal note, I recently went to two of my self-storage units in my fire district that aren't near any recently constructed residential developments and I was put on a waiting list. If the want is there then God Bless them.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Commented that storage in the area of high class rentals is degrading to the area.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: Hearing no other comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Councilman Small made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that the public hearing be closed.

**The Deputy Municipal Clerk called for a First Reading of the following Ordinances as consent:**

- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-14 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE BUNNS LANE; TO ADD BUNNS LANE.**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" SECTION OF 7-83.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD MAY STREET.**
- G. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED "METROPARK WOOD AVENUE SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

Councilman Small made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, April 22, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on May 3, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

**The Deputy Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.**

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Annual Report of Audit for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the refund of taxes for 100% disabled Veteran, Joel Nevins, Lot 3, Block 352.02, 109 Isabelle St. Metuchen (M.P.T.), NJ 08840.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the refund of cancelled parking permits from the Parking Utility Fund for Ian Harvey & Caitlin DeAngelo and Samir Shah.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the refund of overpaid sewer user fee.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the refund for overpaid taxes.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the release of Surety Bond No. 76186010 in the amount of \$3,416.40 to Midwood Homes, LLC.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the leave of absence of MICHELE MORGAN from the position of Social Worker-Aging to accept the unclassified position of Director of Senior Services for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Kyle Morgan to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Environmental Commission for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints John Lande to serve as a Class C member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing April 19, 2022 and terminating December 21, 2022.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Ashley Kurbanoglu to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling and unexpired term commencing April 19, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Daniel Dias to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing April 19, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of MANOR HOMES, LLC for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalks for Block: 578.05, Lot: 14.01, Zone: R-6, 777 Coolidge Avenue, Woodbridge.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of Ze Developers, LLC for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalks for Block: 349.01, Lot: 315.03, Zone: R-6, 21 Drummond Avenue, Fords.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Sustainable Land Use Pledge.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Avenel Section of Woodbridge Township is an area in need of redevelopment. Block: 896, Lot: 1 and Block: 896 Lot: 88
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Fords Section of Woodbridge Township is an area in need of redevelopment. Block: 18.01, Lot 26.011 and Block 18.01, Lot 25.01.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the referral of the Metropark Wood Avenue South Redevelopment Plan to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Final Change Order on the contract with J.C. Contracting, Inc. for the Green Street Pedestrian Flashing Beacon decreasing the contract amount of \$78,377.50 by (\$439.83) to a total of \$77,937.67.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #3 on the contract with Hall Building Corporation for the Club at Woodbridge Indoor Ice Rink increasing the adjusted contract amount of \$6,526,750.27 by \$222,394.17 to a contract total of \$6,749,144.44.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute an Indemnification Agreement with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for a flag permit agreement for Port Reading Avenue Bridge.

- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the renewal of membership in the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Shared Service Agreement for various services between the Township of Woodbridge and Hopelawn Fire District #8 for a ten (10) year period commencing May 1, 2022 and terminating April 30, 2032.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of an agreement with Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) Administered by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Community Development Block Grant Fund with Raritan Bay Area YMCA in an amount not to exceed \$885,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Environmental Connection Inc. for professional environmental consulting services for Asbestos Monitoring for Henry Inman Branch Library in an amount no to exceed \$8,040.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design Inc. for professional engineering services for Parkside Pump Station Rebuild in an amount not to exceed \$132,500.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Naik Consulting Group, P.C. for Rehab of Koppes Koke Pump Station in and amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc. for purchase of a Subsite Camera System in an amount not to exceed \$58,239.68.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Whirl Construction for purchase and installation of landscape structures and playground equipment at Clyde Park in an amount not to exceed \$55,468.00.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the bid - Foggia-Trinity Electric, LLC for Inman Avenue Streetscape Project Contract #2022-009 in an amount not to exceed \$143,537.00.

- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to re-bid the contract for the Township of Woodbridge beverage distributor.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to re-bid the contract for 86 Green Street Interior, Phase 3.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the bill list.

Councilwoman McAuliffe abstained from #8

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from #33

Councilman Spillar: One comment regarding #20. I want to thank the Mayor and Administration for securing a process to get all the American Flags on the Port Reading Avenue Bridge. It was something that was started by Robert Hommel after 9/11. It's something that our residents and Veteran organizations have really appreciated. Now that we are involved, if there is anyone that has any comments or concerns, they can go right to the Township.

Councilman Small moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

### **Public Meeting:**

Councilman Anderson: At this time we'll go to the public portion of the meeting. Please state your name and the part of Town that you are from. You have a one time, five minute time period. All videotaping must be taken from within the designated area which is over there by the blue ribbon in the rear of the room and there will be no shouting out from your seats. Please respect each other and please make sure all signs or posters do not block walkways or aisles. Thank you.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke about a disconnect between the Board of Education and the McCormac Administration regarding the development of the Ross Street School parking lot and the apartment complex that will be built there, radiation and contaminates at Colonia High School and who will be held financially responsible for all concerns related to the subject. Also spoke of Vito Mazza getting approximately 64 parking spaces in the new parking garage and wanted to know who would be financially responsible for that. Asked if there will be a marijuana store on Main Street.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Mr. Maras. First I will speak to what you mentioned about the disconnect between the McCormac Administration and the Board of Education with regard to the development of the apartments. Mr. Mayor, I am not aware that the Board of Education was not aware of any development in that area.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The prior Superintendent and his administration were fully aware. We had numerous conversations with them. I will admit that since the new Superintendent took over in July, we have not had detailed conversations. We will and maybe we should have by

now. But the plans were all approved by the Board of Education through the prior Superintendent. That is factual.

Tom Maras: Spoke about OPRA reports that will show that there were absolutely no discussions about it and the Board of Education knows nothing about it.

Councilman Anderson: With regard to liability, if contaminated, right now Mr. Maras, we don't know that. We don't know if the property is contaminated and it's being studied right now. Your next question about that was in regard to the expenses. It has been well publicized that approximately \$200,000.00 has been appropriated for T&M Associates to go and do Radon testing. There are Radon canisters all throughout the school and right now they are in the process of doing field study. The Township has appropriated funds for this.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about speaking with the school board about the new apartments, Colonia High School and no one should be blamed for what is happening and he knew a teacher in Fords that was getting sick. Believes all schools in the Township should be tested.

Councilwoman Meehan: The Administration is working really hard with the State and Federal. Nobody wants to hear about this but it's something that has come up and we are doing every single thing we can. My children went to Colonia High School, all of my friends and their children have either gone to Colonia High School or their children have gone to Colonia High School. It is a huge concern to me personally and I think we are working as hard, quickly, and precisely as we can to get an answer. We hope that everything comes back and we are just going to wait day to day. That's the only thing we can do until all these results come back. The money we spend is money well spent because we have to make sure that today all those children are safe.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, if I can answer the first question with the same answer I gave to the last question. We went over all the plans, maps, and drawings with the prior Superintendent and the Principal of Ross Street School. Whom the Principal and Superintendent chose to share that with is completely up to them and not up to me. The new Superintendent is in his tenth month, it wasn't the most important thing when he came in because he took over a school district with over 14,000 kids and 25 buildings. Now that the project is back on the front burner and going before the Board, now is the time to probably sit with them, the new Superintendent and anybody he would like to sit with to talk about the project. So they were fully aware. One hundred percent fully aware. Not the current Superintendent, but the prior Superintendent and if I am at fault for not briefing him sooner, I apologize. But there wasn't a rush because the project had not been moving forward. Now it is and we will sit down. We would never, based on our relationship of a long time with the School Board, we would never just do something on their property without telling them. That is preposterous for anybody to think that we would do that.



John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: There have been some calls from concerned people about the Colonial Pipeline. Mentioned an Air force base during World War Two being near Colonia High School.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The Colonial Pipeline is nowhere near Colonia.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked what the rationale was for the pending legislation at state level for a later start time for schools and does it include middle school and high school? Commented that his students share with him as a teacher, that they are up in the middle of the night playing video games or texting their friends, we are giving the kids more accommodation for not exercising self-discipline and starting school one hour later also puts the staff out an hour later.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: I'm here in the capacity as a lawyer. I would be happy to talk to you about it if you want to give my office a call we could sit down and we could talk about it. Simply put, the purpose of this is to provide for the wellbeing of the children based on studies done. We are trying to help out with food and security by providing free lunch and breakfast. So the simple question you need to ask yourself is do you want high school students well fed and well rested or tired and hungry?

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Spoke about seeing a news story about 9,900 black men, women and children murdered, typically at the hands of the people from their same neighborhood. It's a lot of violence done toward the black population by the black population. Mayor Adams called out organizations like BLM that are silent on Black Lives unless a white cop is involved. The people that come to this meeting on a regular basis are more concerned with the diversity of the Council. Spoke about elections and adding more Republicans to the Council.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I don't judge people by their political party, I don't ask people their political party, and I don't know their political party. I do not care what party they are and I will make no attempt to balance it by political party.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked if the politics in this body is not important whether it's a Democratic or Republican view of the world.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Nationally there are differences between the parties and statewide there are differences between the parties. I don't think that people care what the parties are at a local level. I think they elect the best people and we govern not because of our political party affiliation, but we govern by doing the right thing. I think it was Tip O'Neill that said there was no Democratic or Republican way to fill a pothole if you just fill the pothole. I don't care what party people are on who I hire, I don't ask people when they come to me with a problem what party are you. I don't ask people when they call, text or email. It's of no concern to me what political party people are and I will not make any decisions based on that.

Frank Trombatore, Woodbridge: Spoke about how he comes to meetings on behalf of people that won't speak for themselves, people are infuriated about hear that the school systems are about to teach five year olds about sexual orientation, that they don't have to remain the same sex as they were born, sexual grooming, parents are talking about making civil arrests on

teachers and principals if this is done in the schools. Also spoke about Governor Murphy and gun control and drugs yet he let a lot of prisoners out, and Murphy must be arrested for the death of 8,000 seniors at Care One.

Councilman Anderson: Mr. Trombattore, despite which news network that you watch, what you just said was completely false. As you know, the Governor has made comment to readdress this to make sure that the kind of lesson that you are talking about, those kinds of lessons are not part of the curriculum. It's not being taught in our classrooms.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments this evening from the public? Hearing no other comment, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed?

Councilman Small made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Councilman Anderson: At this time we will go to our Agendas. Councilman Small.

**HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2<sup>nd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Road Projects.  
HOLD
2. County Greenway  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Ave.  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park / Keasbey.  
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero banners.  
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
  - A. Cruise Night
  - B. Trunk or TreatHOLD
7. Fords / Hopelawn / Keasbey Fire Companies.  
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.

HOLD

9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.

HOLD

10. Pathmark Property.

HOLD

11. Brownfields.

HOLD

12. Hickory Senior Center.

HOLD

13. Greenway Family Success Center.

HOLD

14. Highland Grove Swim Pool.

HOLD

15. Little Libraries.

HOLD

16. Human Rights Commission.

HOLD

17. Concerts.

HOLD

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:**

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

A. Senior Recreation and programming.

B. Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

2. Youth Month – April.

Senior Month – May.

HOLD

3. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.

- HOLD
- 4. Fireworks.  
HOLD
- 5. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.  
HOLD
- 6. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.  
HOLD
- 7. Annual Pizza Run.  
HOLD
- 8. Jacob's Landing.  
HOLD
- 9. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.  
HOLD
- 10. Crossroad's Race.  
HOLD
- 11. Mental Health / Wellness.  
HOLD
- 12. COVID-19 Efforts.  
HOLD
- 13. Mobile Health Unit.  
HOLD
- 14. Senior Services Directory.  
HOLD

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Councilman Small.  
Councilman Small: Thank you.

- 1. Woodbridge News.  
HOLD
- 2. Mayor's Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).  
HOLD

3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.  
HOLD
4. Website E-Government.  
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.  
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.  
HOLD
7. School Projects.  
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).  
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.  
HOLD
10. Property Fraud ([www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov](http://www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov)) search for “Property Alert” to Register).  
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.  
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day (9/24/22).  
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.  
HOLD  
Marine Eight, which is the Port Reading Fire Rescue Boat, went into service yesterday. It patrols the waters from the Carteret line all the way up to the Edison Line for all water emergencies.
14. Mayor Mac Café.  
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival.  
HOLD
16. Light Parade (11/26/22).  
HOLD
17. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.

HOLD

I want to commend them for a great job they did with their parade. It was great to be out in the streets again with the people of Woodbridge.

18. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.

HOLD

For those of you that don't know, Mr. Mitch's mom passed away. She was laid to rest today. Thoughts and prayers to the Mitch Family. Director Hubner, is the blue line set to be painted sometime next week?

Director Hubner: It is.

Councilman Small: I want to commend you for your article in the Woodbridge and Colonia Corner. I think it took a lot of guts to write that, but it is reality. Congratulations. I ask that you all keep your thoughts and prayers to the people of Ukraine, God Bless our Police, Firefighters, EMTs and God Bless America. That's all I have this evening.

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE**

Councilman Anderson. Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Councilman Anderson.

1. Housing Authority.

HOLD

2. Affordable Housing Corporation.

HOLD

3. Youth and Government Day.

HOLD

4. History Museum.

HOLD

5. Police Community Relations.

HOLD

Applications are now being accepted for the Senior Police Academy. Classes will be held every Tuesday for the month of May from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Please call 732-726-2328 for more information.

6. Youth Employment / Job Fair.

HOLD

7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.

HOLD

8. Hispanic Heritage Month.  
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center.  
HOLD  
The Barron Arts Center is hosting American artist, Dawn Arena, Natural Curiosities. It will be on view now until May 13, 2022. Also, the Woodbridge Township 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Senior Citizen Exhibition Senior Art Show is now accepting applications. The exhibit will be from May 18, 2022-May 27, 2022. Please call 732-634-0413 for more information.
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD  
The Woodbridge Library ESL and Digital Literacy for Workforce Development class registration will be closed April 30, 2022. Call Habibah Abass of Literacy New Jersey at 732-906-5456 for more information. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held from April 28, 2022-May 1, 2022 on the ground floor of the main library. On Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the Main library will host a meet up for entrepreneurs and small business owners on the topic of word of mouth.
11. Veteran’s Tax Deduction.  
HOLD
12. Girls’ Sports.  
HOLD
13. Girl Scouts / Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.  
HOLD
14. Youth Leadership Council.  
HOLD
15. Community Backpacks.  
HOLD
16. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.  
HOLD
17. Safe Place.  
HOLD
18. Women’s Month.  
HOLD
19. Mentoring Programs

HOLD

Spring break is this week in the month of April so all of the youth centers are closed. Elementary day will be Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for Highland Grove Youth Center. Acacia Plant a Flower day will be Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., for middle school students. Highland Grove will hold a Mario Kart tournament and that's also Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. for middle school students. They will also have a "Breakfast for Dinner" at Highland Grove on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 3p.m.-8p.m. Evergreen trivia game day will be April 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and that's for middle school students. Acacia's elementary day will be Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Fords Middle School Teen Night at Acacia will be Friday, April 29, 2022. Evergreen will hold a basketball tournament on April 29, 2022. That is all that I have. Thank you.

**CORY S. SPILLAR, 3<sup>rd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Councilman Anderson.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/27/22**) / Port Reading Day (TBD).  
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.  
HOLD  
Max Winfrey is at APAC this weekend, April 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Winfrey was selected out of 70, 000 acts to be a semifinalist on the hit NBC show, America's Got Talent. Visit [www.avenelarts.com](http://www.avenelarts.com) for ticket information.
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.  
HOLD  
We have a clean-up this Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. There is no registration necessary, if you are available just come out to help.
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.  
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.  
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.  
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.



- A. Star / City Motels.
- B. Americana / Avenel Motels.
- C. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
- D. Bud's Hut.
- E. Big Top property.
- F. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
- G. Pier I Imports property.

HOLD

8. Avenel Fire Department.

HOLD

9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.

HOLD

10. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.

HOLD

11. Cable Commission / Renewal.

HOLD

12. School 4 & 5.

HOLD

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.

HOLD

14. Maple Tree Senior Center.

HOLD

One quick comment regarding the one resident, Mr. Lund. I have learned that being at a local level is always about being personal and one on one. The National levels, Republican or Democrat, when you get to the local level, it's about your neighbor. But he had asked why isn't there more Republicans and I'll only touch on it because I was one of the five candidates that ran just 4 ½ months ago in November. And the Republicans put up four out of five. They didn't even put up anybody against Councilman Patel and we all won overwhelmingly. The Republican Party can say why isn't there more people reflecting on this Dais but the residents spoke.

More importantly, we express our condolences to Mr. Mitch and his family on the loss of his mom. She was a long time staple in Avenel so again, thoughts and prayers. God Bless America, our police officers, firefighters, EMS and that's all I have Councilman Anderson. Thank you.

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Councilman Anderson: Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.  
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.  
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior and Youth Center / Senior Services.  
HOLD
4. Events: Taste of Colonia.  
Have a Heart Food Drive.  
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.  
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.  
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.  
Support the Troops Rally.  
Colonia Pride Day.  
Colonia Clean Up.  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.  
Cookies and Cans for the Troops and Food Bank.  
Toys for Tots Run.  
Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

5. Food Pantry.  
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.  
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.  
HOLD
8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.  
HOLD
9. Veteran's Issues.  
HOLD

We will be hosting a Support The Troops Rally again this year on Wednesday, May 11, 2022

at 6 p.m. at the George Fredrick Plaza which is located behind the Woodbridge Library. If you

know of someone actively serving our Country and would like their names announced during

our program, please reach out to me at 732-382-0273. We invite everyone to come out for

not only those that are serving currently but those that served in the past.

10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.  
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.  
HOLD
12. Volunteer Directory.  
HOLD
13. Domestic Violence Response Team.  
HOLD
14. AED Program.  
HOLD
15. Springwood  
HOLD

An update on The Henry Inman Library, I am happy to report that work should soon begin on the roof of the library which is the first step on getting the library back up and running. The library was badly damaged by floods caused by Hurricane Ida last year. Approximately 90% of the money we need to repair the library will be reimbursed by FEMA. We know how much the residents of Colonia enjoy this library and we are excited to get it back up and running. Hopefully the library will reopen this year. Residents that want to use the library can always go over to Woodbridge Main Library.

Next Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 2 p.m.-6 p.m., we will be holding a fundraiser to help support PJ Pascalli of Iselin that was injured in a terrible car crash in February. PJ has recently been moved to an extended recovery unit for long term rehab and the road ahead for him will be very difficult and a long one. Please come and support his family at the Colonia American Legion. There will be food, drinks, music, and raffles. The cost per person is \$25 and you can pay at the door.

I want to thank the Mayor and Administration who have proactively been responding to the health concerns at Colonia High School. Please know that at the start of this health concern we are doing everything that we can. The health and safety of the school community and the Colonia community at large is paramount and we are taking the information shared very seriously.

Lastly, along with my other council mates, I want to send out condolences to John Mitch and the entire Mitch Family on the loss of Dorothy Mitch who was a wonderful woman. That's all I have this evening. Thank you.

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Councilwoman.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.  
HOLD
2. Job Bank.  
HOLD
3. Mayor's Trophy.  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.  
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.  
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.  
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*).  
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.  
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.  
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.  
HOLD  
Tooling around Town will take place this year on April 30, 2022. There is very little time but we need more volunteers. If you can, please contact the Township and let us know if you will be able to volunteer.
12. Boy Scouts / Camping.  
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.  
HOLD
14. Middlesex College.  
HOLD

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.  
HOLD

I want to thank Ms. Sharkey for stepping in a role that she just started about a year ago and this is her first meeting and she has done a great job in his absence. I would like to extend my condolences to Mr. Mitch and his family. I know what his mother meant to him and I wish his family well and my heart goes out to them.

Juneteenth will be taking place on June 18, 2022, from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. behind Woodbridge High School. There will be the same kind of activities as last year but bigger and better. We are working with some of the high school volunteers and we are looking forward to that. The rest of my agenda is in order but I do want to mention on behalf of Mr. Ficarra, who is absent. Our mini golf and batting cages are open and school is in recess so please check the recreation schedule. Woodbridge Community Center, Summer Camp – registration has begun. There is a \$20 reduction for early bird registration.

**(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>th</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Councilman Anderson: Councilman Patel.

Councilman Patel: Thank you Councilman Anderson.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).  
HOLD
2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID).  
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field and Building Improvements.  
HOLD
4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization.  
HOLD
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Road Projects.  
HOLD
6. Magnolia/ Willow/ Walnut Area Commuter Parking.  
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.  
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.  
HOLD

My Agenda is in order. I would like to pay my heartfelt tribute to Miss Dorothy Mitch mother to our Municipal Clerk, John Mitch. I humbly express my prayers for her departed soul and my condolences to her family. Thank you.

**SHARON MCAULIFFE, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Councilman Anderson.

1. Events:

Relay for Life.

Fishing Derby.

Parker Press Concerts.

Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.

Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

This Friday, Relay for Life will be hosting a paint and sip fundraiser in memory of past First Ward Councilwoman, Nancy Bader Drumm. This event will be held at the Woodbridge Elks on Rahway Avenue starting at 7 p.m.

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).

HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.

HOLD

The Chamber of Commerce is holding their 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on June 13, 2022 at the Colonia Country Club. Early bird registration ends on May 1, 2022. You can go to the chamber website to register.

4. Buy Local program.

HOLD

5. Transit Village.

HOLD

6. Blue Acres / F.E.M.A.

HOLD

7. Main St. & Rt. 9.

HOLD

8. Animal Shelter.

HOLD

9. Dog Park.

HOLD

10. Arts.

A. Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.

B. Gallery on Main.  
HOLD

The Gallery on Main still has free open spots for the cartooning workshop which is being held on April 30, 2022 for children ages 8 to 12.

11. PACE.  
HOLD

12. Woodbridge Fire Department.  
HOLD

13. Coast Guard.  
HOLD

14. Sewaren Library Programs.  
HOLD

15. Acacia Center.  
HOLD  
On April 30, 2022, the Acacia Center will be holding a Woodbridge Community Choir at 7:30 p.m.

16. RISE Program.  
HOLD

17. Sewaren Marina.  
HOLD

18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

19. Earth Day Event  
HOLD  
Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration will be on Saturday, April 23, 2022 in the Township parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. come celebrate the planting of the Arbor Day tree, take home some free tree seedlings along with many green items and to enter into our rain barrel and compost bin raffle and participate in our newly installed Watson and Crampton Avenue walking trail through the Blue Acres Woodbridge River Wetlands.

20. Green Infrastructure  
HOLD

Also, this Saturday was opening day for the little league baseball. It was very exciting to go there and watch the young boys and girls playing and seeing the enthusiasm of the men and women volunteering their time to coach these young athletes. That is all I have to say today. Thank you.

**CHERYL SHARKEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

Councilman Anderson: Mrs. Sharkey

Mrs. Sharkey: Yes, thank you.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure.
  - A. Change of Corporate Structure of Liquor License # 1225-33-064-005  
Viswasha Foods LLC, t/a The Yellow Chili, 1477 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin.
  - B. Application for a “New” Club ‘31’ Type Liquor License for American  
Irish Association of Woodbridge, Inc.
  - C. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-068-011Parascondola  
License, Inc., to Ari and Gio, LLC, t/a Casa Giuseppe, 487 Rt. 27, Iselin, NJ 08830.
  - D. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-015-007 from WB Dining  
LLC t/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s to DIA Foods, LLC t/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s  
Restaurant, 53 Rt. 1 So., Metuchen (MPT), NJ 08840.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
  - A. Annual Retail Licensee Meeting. (**Virtual**: May 26, 2022).
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.

2022 Primary: (6/7/22) Early Voting: (6/3/22 – 6/5/22).

2022 General Election: (11/8/22) Early Voting: (10/29/22 – 11/6/22).

Number (1) one, we continue to work on these changes and transfers and the rest of the Clerk’s Agenda is in order.

**MAYOR:**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Mayor McCormac.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Thank you acting Council President. I would like to express my condolences to the Mitch Family. We had the pleasure of working with Dorothy Mitch in our



office for many years and she was just terrific and a wonderful person. Anybody who called, no matter what they were calling about, they could be angry or mad and they would talk to her and they would get refined. She just had a way to deal with people that was absolutely terrific.

Congratulations to Cheryl on a very successful first night in the Clerk's chair. The only two things I would mention is the Elks are having breakfast this Sunday from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. for Woodbridge Softball and then next Sunday, May 1, 2022 for Woodbridge Baseball. Great breakfast and great time.

A quick update on Colonia. Everybody knows, if you haven't seen CBS, ABC, NBC, or FOX in the last seven days, I'll fill you in. And if I am on those stations, it's never good. The last time I was on was for the plane crash and I'm on now for the high school. They never cover us if the Easter Bunny comes to town, they only cover things that are bad. So if it was up to me, I would never be on those stations.

About four weeks ago we found out there were posts on Facebook related to this topic and Al Lupiano who was a former resident and former student of Colonia was the guy leading the charge to get all this research done. I don't think I ever met him but I know his father very well from the Iselin V.F.W. so I reached out to Vinny and got his son's number, reached out and said we are happy to help. We learned about what he is doing, unfortunately he has a brain tumor and his wife has a brain tumor, both benign, but his sister did die from brain cancer. He promised her on her death bed that he would get to the bottom of it. He started finding dozens of people in Colonia who either had tumors or cancer many of which passed and people were starting to report to him and he has a list and it's allegedly over 100 names. This is very serious and we're taking it very serious. I give him credit for doing this and he is a community hero regardless of what the results are because he took up this challenge and is doing a great job publicizing it and it should be publicized because the more we know, the better. We immediately contacted T&M Associates, they are our environmental engineers they work with us on the marina project and the water company issue back in October. They are experts and very good. They talked with us and came up with a plan to test the school. They engaged a company called Cabrera, a sub-contractor to do the testing. They are doing two things. April 9, 2022 was the first day of the testing and they placed over 100 canisters that are like little cups throughout the school. They are radon detectors and they are going to collect them on Sunday, April 24, 2022 and they are going to bring them to the testing laboratory to have them analyzed. It will take a little while to get that done and then we will get the results, discuss the results with T&M, we will then discuss the results with the different Federal and State agencies that we've been talking to and at the appropriate time we will release the results.

The second thing that Cabrera is doing is a complete sweep of the entire grounds of the high school. They are using carriages with gamma meters literally scanning every square inch of the grounds of Colonia High School which is 28 acres. They started in the ball fields and we closed them down for the first weekend to get that out of the way and the kids can play after that on them. They literally go down just like you are mowing a lawn, you can't leave a strip of grass when you mow your lawn, and you have to go over everything. The last two weekends they have done that and they are doing it this weekend and now they are down to the very hard areas

to do which is basically the woods where they can't go in the with the stroller, they've got to do it by hand. They also went through the entire school by hand with these meters and measured every piece of tile, sheetrock, cement, you name it and they have tested it. Those results are being gathered by the meters and they are going to be sent to a lab in Florida and those results will probably come back sometime within several weeks. We talked to Governor Murphy's office and Congressman Pallone's office, who has been tremendous because as you know he is the Chairman of the Environmental Committee in the House. There are 435 House Members and he is the one in charge of the Environmental Committee and he is our Congressman. When he calls, people tend to pay a lot of attention. He got the EPA, the CDC and the ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry) on the phone with us. Through Governor Murphy's Office we were able to get the Department of Health on the phone and the Department of Environment Protection. We had a group call on April 4, 2022 and we informed everybody of what we were going to do on April 5<sup>th</sup>, which is past the emergency to hire T&M, and everybody concurred that was the right step to take. The Federal Government can't act quick, let's face it, the State Government can't act quick. We can act quickly and we had the meeting scheduled almost at the perfect time. We passed everything on April 5, 2022 and we started on April 9, 2022. We are very fortunate that we, as a local government, are much more nimble than a State or Federal Government. The School Board is 100 percent involved in every conversation. Dr. Massimino is on every call, every Zoom call, and has been in our office numerous times. And he knows everything that is going on and has been a partner with us. Of course he's got to be involved to schedule everything with the school so he has been terrific. We are paying the \$221,350 so far is the contract for T&M. When it's over we may need more and we passed \$450,000 just in case. Who pays for it right now is not a concern. There is people with cancer. I'm not worried about who's paying for it right now. I want to get the testing done, I want the results analyzed and I want to release them. We're going to try for the Federal Government to get reimbursed. I talked to Senator Cory Booker's office yesterday and they are offering to get the ball rolling to see what they can get. We've talked to Senator Menendez's office and as I said Congressman Pallone's office has been unbelievable. We'll figure that out when the time comes. The important thing now is to get the work done. Everybody is working together and on the same page. We had a call at 3 o'clock today with the Governor's office and the Department of Health and Congressman Pallone's office. We have a meeting with the DEP on Friday morning. We are keeping everybody informed. The important thing is to get everything analyzed. Once again I want to say that I think Al Lupiano has done a great service for this Township. He's not a random guy who decided to do this, he is personally impacted. But he is also in the field as an Environmental Scientist by career. And as we talk on the phone with somebody from the EPA, he knows where they work and knows who they are. He's the perfect guy to be leading the charge here and he's done a great job. Whether we find nothing, and I hope we find nothing, or whether we find something, he is a hero and he should be thanked for everything he's done. So, that's the status for those of you that don't watch National T.V., now you have it off TV-35 and I was on more TV-35 than I was on National T.V. Now everybody at home has the complete story of what is going on. We will keep you posted and anybody can call us with questions. We are getting advice from all over the world believe it or not. We got a call or an email from somebody in Australia telling us what we should be doing, we got a call from somebody in

Brussels. I got a call from Texas today. Most we don't necessarily need. But I did receive a call from a doctor from South Jersey and was educating us quite well on things that we should be looking for. So if anybody has any questions just reach out for my office and anybody from the Town Council. We are happy to explain. Our website and social media have everything. If we know it, you know it as soon as we are allowed to release it. Thank you for the opportunity to explain this.

Councilman Anderson: Mr. Mayor, I just want to thank you because as I talk to members of the community, and this is I think partially why we don't have a room full of people asking questions, it's because you and the Administration acted so quickly and swiftly and did not dismiss this individual. You jumped on it right away and like you said, it didn't matter where the funds came from. Naturally those questions are always going to come up because that is part of the business that we are in. I think most of the residents have been very satisfied with the level of communication that the Township and the Board of Education have been providing. Living in Colonia and having numerous friends that graduated especially during that time because I was in school when Mr. Lupiano was in school and that's a concern. You're getting calls from Australia and I am getting emails and calls and Facebook posts from people that are from all over our country that all of a sudden know where Colonia, New Jersey is. It's an unfortunate reason for people to know where Colonia, New Jersey is because of that reason. Thank you very much for keeping the public informed.

**POLICE:**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Police Director Hubner: Thank you Council President. I have two traffic ordinances.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Councilman Anderson. Nothing this evening.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Director Brew.

Public Works Director Brew: Thank you Council President.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Mr. Wagner.

Deputy Business Administrator Wagner: Thank you, nothing this evening.

**LEGAL:**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. Legal.

Brian Bontempo, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

**RECREATION:**

**HEALTH:**

Councilman Anderson: Motion for adjournment.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Small, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.