

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on July 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Council President Small: Please rise for our Flag Salute and a moment of silence for our men and women serving in our military.

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 18, 2020. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cory Spillar, Nancy Drumm, Howie Bauer.

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Brian Bontempo, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from July 6, 2021?

Councilwoman DeJesus moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

July 6, 2021

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board.

A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXI, FINANCE AND TAXATION, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES – MEDICAL CANNABIS TRANSFER TAX.

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked what the percentage of tax will be. Mr. Mitch replied 2%. Asked why medical products are being taxed.

Mayor John E. McCormac: We believe it's appropriate to help balance our budget and lessen the burden on our tax payers. The vast majority of people who pay the medical marijuana tax do not live in town, it's a big benefit to the taxpayers of Woodbridge Township.

Councilwoman DeJesus moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-33 ENTITLED "SPEED LIMITS" OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – ANTARES DRIVE.

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman DeJesus moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Mitch: There are no First Reading Ordinances this evening.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the adoption of the FY2022 Main Street Special Improvement District (SID) Budget in the amount of \$266,000.00.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the adoption of the FY2022 Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID) Budget in the amount of \$937,550.00.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for overpaid taxes.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for already paid taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Dustin Lance, in the amount of \$3,408.73.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants permission to William Bovenizer to temporarily close Martool Drive and Elmwood Ave. /Gorham Ave. on September 25, 2021 (rain date September 26, 2021) from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a block party.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Fords Business Community to temporarily close South Brook Street; New Brunswick Avenue to end of South Brook Street from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a Cruise Night on Monday, August 2, 2021 (rain date August 16, 2021).
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the renaming of E. William Street Park in Hopelawn to “Girl Scout Park” and installation of new signage.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Woodbridge hereby authorizes the waiving of fees for the rental of the Township’s portable stage for 2021 India Independence Day event scheduled for August 14, 2021.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk, and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents that may be necessary for the award of Bid to Foam Cycle for Foam Recycling System in an amount not to exceed \$67,600.00.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase, through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Bid #ESCNJ 20/21-01 of supplies for the

Acacia Youth Center from Kreuger International (KI) in an amount not to exceed \$75,777.04.

- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent mark their records accordingly to memorialize that the payments for the lease-to-purchase of eighteen (18) vehicles from United Ford (adopted on February 16, 2021 on Resolution #12) for the Department of Planning & Development through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System gets financed through Ford Municipal Finance and they in turn pay United Ford and that all lease-to-purchase payments shall be made to Ford Motor Credit Company.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Alaimo Group for professional engineering services for Keasbey Interceptor, Segment Five, Phase 1 Bid & Construction Phase Services in an amount not to exceed \$778,000.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for Pole Barn Site Plan at former CP Chemical Site in an amount not to exceed \$41,200.00.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Peak Environmental LLC for professional environmental services for 86 Green Street General Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$600.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Peak Environmental LLC for professional environmental services for Bowtie Pool Demolition Support and Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$13,447.76.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Engineer to execute a Final Change Order on the contract with P & A Construction, Inc. for Contract #2020-001, 2020 Milling and Resurfacing Program, Area 1 to 5 decreasing the contract amount of \$5,312,038.76 by (\$1,616.62) to a total of \$5,310,422.14.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Port Reading Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2 for the provision of various services.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Avenel Board of Fire Commissioners, District #5 for the provision of various services.

- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Fords Board of Fire Commissioners, District #7 for the provision of various services.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby rejects all bids received on November 17, 2020 (Contact No. 2014-011) for the odor and corrosion control improvements to the Port Reading Interceptor and reauthorizing the receipt of bids with revised specifications.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby excuses any absences from Council meetings by Councilwoman Nancy Bader-Drumm resulting from a personal illness.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to sign and execute the grant agreement of the aforementioned Volkswagen Mitigation Grant with funding in the amount of \$2,491,880.00 for (3) BYD garbage trucks in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 and (2) electric shuttle buses for \$1,291,8880.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make a transfer of the State Fiscal Year 2021 budget appropriation reserves.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make Emergency Temporary appropriations for State Grants in Aid (SFY 2022) and State allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make Emergency Temporary appropriations (SFY 2022).
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated July 20, 2021, and the Supplemental Bill List paid July 2, 2021 through July 16, 2021.

Councilwoman Meehan: Mr. Mitch I'll be abstaining from number 26.

Councilwoman DeJesus moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Public Meeting:

Council President Small: At this time we'll go into the public portion of our meeting. State your name, where you live, and you have a 5 minute one time period.

Charles Kratovil, Food & Water Watch: Spoke not in favor of the proposed Power Plant being put in Keasbey. Asked the Council to speak on why they are in favor of it. Asked the Mayor if he had any comments on it. Encouraged the Council to reconsider their decision on the building of the Keasbey Power Plant. Asked why the Woodbridge Redevelopment Agency cancelled their meeting today. Spoke about how the Greens of Avenel was supposed to have synthetic fields but noticed real grass is there, asked who is responsible for that decision and also asked how someone goes about using the field since the gates are padlocked.

Council President Small: I don't have a comment for you sir.

Mayor John E. McCormac: There is nothing before this Council or Administration regarding that Power Plant. Thank you Council President. Replied: We're under no obligation to disclose that Council President. Anyone can call the Recreation Department if they'd like to rent the field or use the field. As far as what was in the plans sometimes things change, we negotiate different aspects of what the developers contribution would be. I don't personally recall a turf field, in any event there's a soccer field and there are other things that were included that the town got the benefit of that weren't in the agreement.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked what's going to happen to School 4 & 5 in Avenel, said he heard it's going to be torn down and turned into a parking lot for the train station. Spoke about the traffic around the Monument in front of Town Hall and asked where the Monument will be moved to. Spoke about the Reo Diner and asked if it's going to be torn down and moved across the street where the Knights of Columbus is. Spoke about the new units replacing Vito Mazza and the other stores and the concern of the small space in proximity to the Reo Diner and its parking lot.

Council President Small: I believe that's a Board of Ed decision but that's not what I believe is going on.

Mayor John E. McCormac: No decision made by the Board yet but it's their decision not ours. There are no plans to move the Monument or alter it in any way. The Reo Diner wouldn't fit where the Knights of Columbus is and its current form and current size and they just spent 1 million dollars fixing it I say 5, 6 years ago. The three stores in what we call the Karate Building. That owner is doing a major face lift of that building including a rooftop garden, changing the entire façade and they're looking for tenants now. There's pictures of what the façade will look like on our Township website if you'd like to look it up.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked the Council if they'd consider putting a podium at the mic for when the public comes up to speak. Spoke about the PILOT program and clarified in the previous meeting he never said there was no tax, knows it's a reduced tax. Mentions the additional income the Mayor said we will be receiving from these PILOTs and asked how much the current taxes in

this town will be reduced or will a cap be put on it so the taxpayers no longer see an increase. Quoted the Mayor who said he paid for the Ross Street School and asked how he did that, mentions the State of New Jersey only allows you to use PILOT Program money in a certain way when drawing from the general fund, it states you have to do something for the betterment of the public. Spoke about the Corporation, run or formerly run by Caroline Ehrlich and Mr. Cimilluca, that now oversees the Avenel Arts facility, mentions an agreement that goes between them and the Township that they would pay the Township all the front end monies that went into developing the Arts Center. Asked how much of that has been paid, how much is still due to be paid, and when will it be paid.

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Read a statement made by Environmentalist Keith Voos that was shared with the Edison NJ Council at their last meeting regarding his opposition with the Power Plant proposal in Keasbey and how it will affect the air quality of Woodbridge and its neighboring towns. Stated the Edison Council will be putting a Resolution on next meetings' agenda to vote on it and asked Council President Small and the other Council members if they would consider putting a Resolution on Woodbridge's next meetings' agenda to be voted on.

Council President Small: I'm not committing to that at this point, no Mr. Dabrowski. We'll consider it.

Councilman Ficarra: Mr. Kratovil brought this up quite a while, over a month, similar to what you brought up Ms. Amber Jarret brought it up. Through Mayor McCormac who gave me some leads for the Department of Environmental Protection in the state I reached out and spoke to someone, I can't remember who but it's in a letter I sent to Ms. Jarret who then forwarded to Mr. Kratovil that we had a group of people come in and express concern about the environment and this Power Plant. And that's the best I can because it's a state issue. But I did express the concerns, I shared the information, and I acted on my own; I didn't do that on behalf of the Council. But I did want to let you know that I discussed it with my Council-mates.

Mr. Mitch: Asked for a motion to close the public portion of this meeting.

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

Mr. Mitch: We will now be going into the public hearing on both the SID Budgets, beginning with the Main Street Special Improvement District Budget in the amount of \$266,000.00. Council be reminded that this is a budget put together by the Downtown Merchants Association and approved. The second is the Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District similarly the members of that district also have approved their budget continues to remain flat as it has for many years.

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on the SID Budgets and carried unanimously.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked the Council to elaborate on what will the money for Main Street produce. Asked if there are guidelines or parameters the way the money can be allocated or where it's allocated to, asked who gets it. Asked the Mayor to explain more clearly where the money comes from and where it goes. Replied asking if that's also applicable to the Oak Tree Road SID

Mayor John E. McCormac: That is at the discretion of the Board that oversees the Main Street SID. It's charged to the taxpayers in the Business District that are covered by the SID, about \$105,000 a year that they pay in taxes. For the last couple years they have not fully spent their budget so they're keeping it in reserve and if they decide between now and next June 30th to spend it they can. Businesses pay tax based on the value of their property, the SID then collects the tax; it pays for anything it decides to pay for on behalf of those businesses. Right now the big expense was marketing the Downtown Business District; anything else after that is up to them. Replied: Their main goal is to buy parking for Downtown Iselin and that's why they've been saving it for a couple years.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if the \$266,000 Main Street SID will just help certain developers that will start to build on Main Street, and what are they really going to do to the business.

Mayor John E. McCormac: They're the ones that will pay the tax. We are helping all of the Downtown Business District. It's not up to me what they're going to do with it; it's up to them what they're going to do with it.

Councilwoman DeJesus moved the public hearing to be closed and the Resolutions be adopted which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Mayor John E. McCormac: If I could I just want to clear something up about the CPV Power Plant. They came to us way back in 2008, it took a long time for the state to decide to move ahead with that process. The whole time we wanted something to happen there because it was simply the most contaminated site easily in the Township, maybe in the County or a larger area. It was radioactive. We're all for environmental justice, but the worst thing that anybody can live near, regardless of their income status or wealth, the worst thing anybody can live near is a radioactive site. We knew that CPV would come in and there would be a second phase of CPV because they were doing it in two phases, and we knew that was good for the Township because it literally cleaned up a radioactive site. Nobody wants to live near that. All these schools that are near the Power Plant, all these homes that are near the Power Plant, were near a radioactive site and that's why we approved the Power Plant. It may not be great, I'm not an environmentalist I can't explain all that stuff. All I know is the worst thing I could come up with anywhere that anyone would want to live next to is a radioactive site. If people have to wear specialized suits to go into a site to clean it up, I'm glad it's cleaned up, and it's still not quite totally cleaned up. We're all for environmental justice we all understand what the rules are. Is it the best thing for some people, no, but it got rid of the worst possible thing that people could live near, which is radiation. Thank you Council President.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

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 search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD

15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD
16. Concerts.
HOLD

Council President Small: Thank you Mayor. At this time we're going to the agendas portion of our meeting. On number 16 a reminder is our Summer Concerts. Again Sunday through Thursday, Woodbridge High School. Every night is an incredible show please take time out and go up to Woodbridge High and visit these concerts you'd be delighted.

17. Light Parade.
HOLD

Council President Small: Again the Light Parade number 17 is coming up, we will have more information out as soon as we get it.

18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD
19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Council President Small: Number 19 American Irish. Halfway to St. Pat's Day is September 19th at Woodbridge High. Again we'll get you times as it gets closer. Just a few comments. As far as our environmental status in this town, I think we are second to none as far as doing environmental stuff. You know Greenable Woodbridge; we win awards every single year; so to say we don't care about our environment is really totally untrue. I'd like to congratulate the three Sergeants that were promoted yesterday in the Woodbridge Police Department. My fellow Council-mates and the Administration we committed to getting up to 215 in officers this year. Director Huber are we going to hit that mark soon? Director Hubner replied Monday. Monday will be up to 215, great job. That's all I have this evening, God Bless our First Responders, God Bless America. Councilwoman DeJesus.

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN (ABSENT)

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
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

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.

HOLD

4. History Museum.
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President. Number 5 Police Community Relations. I'm happy to say that the Junior Police Academy this is the second week for it. I attended a graduation last week and I want to thank our police officers that are involved that make a commitment every year to run this academy. To the parents' thank you and it's something to see the pride in these kids' faces on day of graduation. On Monday they're scared out of their wits and by Friday you see the pride in their eyes. Standing there knowing that they finished the week and went to all the drills and I can honestly say that it's not something I would volunteer to do because I'm scared of the people around the academy. But again thank you and I commend our police department and everyone involved because it is a great program for our youth. And congratulations that signed up their kids and especially to those young men and women who graduated; they persisted, lasted the week, and graduated and I'm looking forward to the graduation this week. Happy to announce that our first National Night Out will be August 3rd from 6-9 P.M. at Woodbridge Community Center and this is a free event for all of our Township residents. I urge you to just come and hang out with our police officers and get to know them as people.

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 8 the Hispanic Heritage Month will be September 18th in Tanzman Park from 12-4 P.M. and that's a Saturday. There will be great food, great music, and it's just a nice time to get to know one another. I went to the grand opening for a new business here on Main Street- Three Brother's Paint and Chill. It was a great grand opening because as a young man 20 years old, graduated from Colonia High School class of 2020, and his mom. It's their business venture and again it's Paint and Chill. So you can have a birthday party, hang out with your girlfriends, hang out with your brothers and just go there, bring some food and something to drink and paint whatever the theme is. I'm urging everyone to support our local businesses, especially those that are owned by our residents in town and this happens to be one of them. Again its Three Brother's Paint and Chill right here on Main Street so I urge everyone to just plan their parties and go there and visit and support. That is all that I have thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD
11. Veteran’s Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
13. Girl Sports.
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.
HOLD
15. Census 2020.
HOLD
16. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD
17. Community Backpacks.
HOLD

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN (ABSENT)

1. Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/28/21) / Port Reading Day (TBD).
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
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

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you. I will go down to my agenda for number 3. Today the Township came out to Reinhard Manor, it's a senior facility in our town and it was a great day. We went out there, there was music, dancing, and food and just a lot of information that were given to the seniors about the many programs we offer here. If you live in any of these senior facilities just kind of keep your eye out we're hoping to get to all the facilities just to show how many great programs we have for our seniors here.

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 Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
Toys for Tots Run.
Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: I'm going down to item number 4. On August 7th from 2-7 P.M. the Mayor's Summer Concert is coming to Colonia they'll be featuring Revolver. There will be face painting and games for the children along with a visit from the Fire Department and there will be food for sale by the Colonia American Legion, and beer and White Claws from the Colonia VFW. All proceeds from this event will go to our Veterans organizations that have really been hurting over the year. With COVID they haven't been getting money in and they really are having a tough time so everything that we collect will go to our Veterans. It should be a great day, bring a chair, a blanket, come out and we could all use a little community and see everybody's face again.

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

10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
12. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD
13. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
14. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Lastly going down to number 14 Domestic Violence. The DVRT is looking for volunteers to join their team in assisting victims of domestic violence. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, complete a 40 hour training course, and attend 10 monthly meetings. If you're interested becoming a member of this very important team you can call 732-634-4500 EXT 2802. If someone you know is a victim of domestic violence please know there's a lot of help here in Woodbridge Township. We have members on call 24 hours, 7 days a week. Please reach out to them. I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy summer. That's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

15. AED Program.
HOLD

NANCY J. DRUMM, 1ST WARD COUNCILWOMAN (ABSENT)

1. Events: Relay for Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
Saint James Street Fair.
HOLD
2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD

5. Buy Local Program.
HOLD
6. Transit Village.
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
10. Dog Park.
HOLD
11. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.
HOLD
12. PACE.
HOLD
13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116.
HOLD
14. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD
15. Coast Guard.
HOLD
16. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD
17. Acacia Center.
HOLD
18. RISE Program
HOLD
19. Sewaren Marina
HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order I just want to make a mention that our Pop Warner Cheer and Football will be starting in 2 weeks. Just want to wish them all good luck this season. We have our Woodbridge Broncos, Port Reading Saints, and Fords Bearcats; good luck to all of them.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

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

12. Boy Scouts/Camping.

HOLD

13. League Consolidation.

HOLD

14. Middlesex College.

HOLD

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.

HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

(A) Senior Recreation and programming.

(B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Moving into my agenda the New Jersey Senior Olympics we're in our 14th year of Woodbridge Township hosting. The event is September 10th, 11th, and 12th. You can go to njseniorolympics.com to register, the deadline is August 27th. Normally it costs \$30 for 3 events; that would be \$10 apiece. Woodbridge residents pay \$5 for each event so there's big savings get out there. [Njseniorolympics.com](http://njseniorolympics.com) or you can call 973-618-1111. Looking over at the Woodbridge Community Center it's a good opportunity to get out and check now until the end of August you can get five sessions for free so you get a little feel for what's going on at the Community Center. If you're looking for some activities to do the outdoor Skyline Mini Golf and Batting Cages are open. I was over there visiting with my wife to play mini golf last week- it was packed, but it was amazing how quickly the play moved along. There is ice skating which seems very nice on a day like today, and also roller skating. In closing just mentioned some of the environmental issues, Woodbridge Township has taken the lead on increasing our charging stations, we have bike sharing, that we're just rolling out now. We certainly have bike lanes; we were one of the first to get involved with solar energy on some of the public buildings. I know we're only in discussion phases but we're considering converting a lot of our public vehicles to energy efficient and energy safe environment vehicles. That's all I have.

Council President Small: Councilman Patel.

2. Youth Month – April.

Senior Month – May.

HOLD

3. Mentoring Programs.

HOLD

4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.

HOLD

5. Fireworks.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: I have a few things, my agenda's all over the place. First let me say I missed the last meeting and I just wanted to extend my appreciation to the Police Department, the Emergency Medical Services, and the CERT team for their incredible job at our July 4th celebration.

6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.

HOLD

7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.

HOLD

8. Annual Pizza Run.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Also the Pizza Run the following week; to be able to get on and off a peninsula with one way in and one way out in a timely and safe fashion certainly does deserve a lot of thank you. It was tremendous and the First Aid Squad's there keeping us safe so greatly appreciated.

9. Jacob's Landing.

HOLD

10. The Club at Woodbridge upgrades.

HOLD

11. Crossroad's Race.

HOLD

12. Mental Health / Wellness.

HOLD

13. COVID-19 efforts.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The Health Center is offering walk-up vaccines now. The next one is this Thursday from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. You can just walk up, they have the 2-dose Moderna or the 1-dose Johnson & Johnson. You can make a reservation at 732-855-0600 EXT 504. You know by

Mayor McCormac's report that the incidence of the virus has increased, and it's mostly in the population of people that have not gotten a vaccine. Follow the science, and vaccines are easily available. Again the next one is this Thursday from 10 A.M to 2 P.M. at the Health Center and that will go on for weeks as we move along.

(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My agenda is also in order, I have one announcement. IBA which stands for Indian Business Association is holding their annual India's Independence Day Parade on Sunday August 8th on Oak Tree Road in Iselin. Oak Tree Road will be closed to two-way traffic during afternoon hours from Wood Avenue to Route 27. This year the party is dedicated to the frontline workers. They're having Police Departments, Fire Departments, hospital, EMT's, nursing facilities participate in this parade. That's all for tonight.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

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. 4th Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:

A. Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # # 1225-33-022-008 from Francesco R. Curatolo, Executor / Estate of Anthony L. Curatolo to Wick Wholesalers, Inc., 106 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).

3. Liquor License Renewals.

A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).

5. Elections.

A. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Mr. Mitch: My agenda's in order thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Hubner.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. I have Drug Free School Zones, I have an Amendment to Chapter 4 for Special Events and Private Property Permits required, and I have a one-point Add-on to my agenda: Change Order for the Fireworks Contract in the sum of \$10,000. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Legal.

POLICE:

Director of Police Hubner: I have a Resolution accepting the Grant for Body Cameras.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Darden.

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Thank you just our Biweekly Refunds thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

LEGAL:

Brian Bontempo, Esq.: Nothing this evening Council President.

On a motion made by Councilwoman DeJesus seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:44 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

John M. Mitch, RMC, CMC, CMR,
Municipal Clerk