

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 October 5, 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: Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Drumm, Virbhadra N. Patel.

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Dennis Green, Health Director
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
James P. Nolan, Esq.
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2021?

Council Vice President Bauer moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

September 14, 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 CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-26 ENTITLED “TURN PROHIBITIONS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (WOODS LANE & NEW DOVER ROAD AND COLONIA BOULEVARD & WOODS LANE – LEFT TURN). (21-55)

Council Vice President Bauer 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.

Christo, Edison: Stated he is against this Ordinance.

Council Vice President Bauer 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 AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1994, BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK AND THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, THE BOROUGHS OF GARWOOD, KENILWORTH, AND ROSELLE PARK, THE CITY OF RAHWAY, THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF CRANFORD, SPRINGFIELD, AND WOODBRIDGE. (21-56)

C. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY. (21-57)

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that these Ordinances 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.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked about the balance of fees from terminating the agreement. Asked who the new agreement will be with.

Mayor John E. McCormac: In B we terminate the agreement and in C we start a new one. With the same people.

Christo, Edison: Stated he is against these Ordinances. Mentioned he didn't see the new agreement that was made, asked the Council if they've seen the new agreement made, and asked where it was available. Asked why the new agreement wasn't included in the hand-out packet for residents to read at the meeting.

James P. Nolan Esq.: We've seen it. It was available you could have seen it. You've had two weeks to read it, you didn't read it, and it was your choice.

Mr. Mitch: It's posted on the Municipal bulletin board, it's online, and it's advertised in the newspaper in full.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Council President. This is the second reading. This has been out there for two weeks. It's been on our website, it was there for anybody to read at the first reading, and ample time for them to see it before your body voted on it for the second reading.

Council President Small: Thank you.

Council Vice President Bauer 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:

- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES – DESIGNATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING SPACES.**
- F. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT THEREON IN, BY, AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$700,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH**

APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS (415 NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE).

- G. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 59.07, LOT 3 ALSO KNOWN AS 415 NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE IN THE FORDS SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A PUBLIC PARKING LOT.**

- H. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 937, LOT 443 AND BLOCK 1009, LOT 287 IN THE AVENEL SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

- I. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF EASEMENT INTERESTS ON REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 238, LOT 3.08, LOT 3.03; BLOCK 239, LOTS 3 AND 4; BLOCK 287.01, LOT 12; AND BLOCK 288.01, LOT 2, ALSO KNOWN AS 306, 313, 321, 345, 346, AND 369 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE.**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, October 15, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on October 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Cheryl Sharkey from the position of Keyboarding Clerk I, Municipal Clerk’s Office.

- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the appointment of Cheryl Sharkey to serve as Deputy Municipal Clerk for a term of four (4) years commencing October 5, 2021 and terminating October 4, 2025.

- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Pennsylvania Avenue School #27 PTO to temporarily close beginning at North Pennsylvania Avenue continue to East Willow Street from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., to host a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 29, 2021.

- (4) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Port Reading First Aid Squad to temporarily close Lee Street between Port Reading Avenue and B. Street from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., to host a Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 25, 2021.

- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that all fees for the rental of the Township's portable stage for the North Brunswick Annual Heritage Day event scheduled for October 2–3, 2021 are hereby waived.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to P & A Construction for emergency repairs to the broken water main at the DPW facility on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to Spectraserv for emergency pumping of the wet well at 201 Woodbridge Avenue Pumping Station due to equipment failure on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the County of Middlesex in connection with emergency repairs to the culvert at Clayton Court in Woodbridge.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to P & A Construction for sanitary sewer repairs and replacement of the sanitary sewer manhole on Route 35 (Amboy Avenue) at Clinton Avenue intersection on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute and submit a Special Foam Project Recycling Enhancement Grant Application Form for a grant from Middlesex County to aid in the recycling of foam packaging material #6 PS.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with James P. Nolan & Associates for legal services for the Township as Director of Law, \$18,000.00 annual salary plus \$190.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$480,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Rainone, Coughlin, & Michello for legal services for the Township as Municipal Counselor, \$18,000.00 annual salary plus \$190.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Rainone, Coughlin, & Michello for legal services for the Township as Rent Leveling Board Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Rogut McCarthy for legal services for the Township as Bond Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Rainone, Coughlin, & Michello for legal services for the Township as Insurance Commission Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Russo & Casey for legal services for the Township as Zoning Board Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Marc Rogoff, Esq. for legal services for the Township as Planning Board Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Genova Burns for legal services for the Township as Labor Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst, & Doukas for legal services for the Township as Property/Tax Appeal Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann for legal services for the Township as Redevelopment Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with DeCotiis FitzPatrick Cole & Giblin for legal services for the Township as Redevelopment Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Florio Kenny Raval, LLP for legal services for the Township as Redevelopment Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Waters McPherson McNeill for legal services for the Township as Wastewater Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Community Grants, Planning, & Housing for professional services for Administrative Agent Services for Affordable Housing, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a contract with ADT Renovations Inc. for home repair services for the Woodbridge Home Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$24,444.00 (Block 935 Lot 343).
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a contract with American Plumber LLC for home repair services for the Woodbridge Home Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$23,450.00 (Block 15.01 Lot 18).
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Blick Law LLC for legal services for the Township as Special Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- (28) **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 Najarian Associates for professional engineering services for FEMA Community Rating System Program (Phase 3) Proposal to Complete Watershed Master Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$39,500.00.
- (29) **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 Indoor Air Quality Services at Inman Library in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00.
- (30) **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 In-Depth Inspection, Testing, and Analysis for the Woodbridge Municipal Parking Garage, in an amount not to exceed \$128,400.00.
- (31) **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 Gabel Associates for professional environmental consulting services for energy on-site meter reads and marketing and sales of solar renewable energy certificates (SREC's) associated with the

Township's solar systems in an amount not to exceed \$800.00 per month plus 4.25% of the SREC revenues from each executed SREC contract.

- (32) **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 Maplecrest Ford, Inc. for Leasing of Marked/Unmarked Police Vehicles for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$1,267,573.62.
- (33) **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 824, Lot 8 (formerly lots 6, 7, 8, 25.02 & 31), 966 U.S. Highway 1 North, Avenel.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of a contract modification on the contract with Najarian Associates for professional engineering services for Firearms Training Facility Renovation and Repair, increasing the previously approved contract modification for an amount of \$79,971.00 by \$8,275.00 to a total not to exceed \$88,246.00.
- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby adopts the Municipal Water Story and Navigational Path to continue enhanced water resources sustainability.
- (36) **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 October 5, 2021, and the Supplemental Bill List dated September 10, 2021 through October 1, 2021.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Public Meeting:

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. We'll now go into our public comment session. Please state your name, where you live, and you have a five minute one time period to speak.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about standing up and respecting the American flag. Asked the Council what company is the insurance carrier for Woodbridge Township. Asked if the coverage was for everything including the fire and malpractice such as sexual harassment. Asked if the Township has insurance if the Township gets sued for sexual harassment.

Council President Small: We are self-insured Mr. Vrtaric. Self-insured through a joint insurance fund.

James P. Nolan, Esq.: Through a joint insurance fund. We have excess coverage. Every licensed professional should have their own private malpractice. Malpractice only applies to licensed professionals. That wouldn't be malpractice but we would have insurance for that, we would

have coverage for that I should say. We're self-insured through a joint insurance fund. A joint insurance fund is a pool where other groups can join and share the risk; it's a shared risk pool.

Frank Trombatorre, Woodbridge: Stated he is happy to hear that Councilwoman Drumm is feeling better. Spoke about people being racist against Italian Americans. Spoke about Christopher Columbus, and Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day.

Amber Jarrett, Woodbridge: Mentioned Jimmy Debrowski proposed that the Council put forth a Resolution to change on the Township calendar from Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day. Asked the Council why they wouldn't consider or respond to that request. Spoke about Christopher Columbus. Mentioned she's all for celebrating Italian heritage with a festival of music and food, but it doesn't have anything to do with Columbus. Mentioned the Woodbridge School District has already not given off for it and the Township should keep up with the times.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about Woodbridge still recognizing Columbus Day instead of Indigenous Peoples Day. Spoke about the past 16 years a controversial Annual Columbus Day Observance and Flag Raising Ceremony. Mentioned this year it's listed on the calendar as the "16th Annual Italian-American Flag Raising" on Sunday October 10th and it's still co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Spoke not in favor of the Knights of Columbus group and what they stand for.

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Debrowski. The Council recently was presented with a request to consider designating the second Monday of October as Indigenous People Day. It is important to note that the office of the President, the United States Congress, nor the State of New Jersey has yet to establish or designate Indigenous People Day as a Federal State Holiday to replace what was traditionally known as Columbus Day; which was officially designated as a Federal State Municipal Holiday with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who first proclaimed October 12th as a National Holiday in 1937. In 1989 Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month was established by a proclamation of the President and the Congress of the United States via public law. The State of New Jersey and the Township of Woodbridge followed a Federal designation recognized as the second Monday in October as Italian-American Heritage Day; which honors achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States, the State of New Jersey, and more specifically, more than 14,000 Woodbridge Township residents of Italian-American descent. It is also important to note that Woodbridge Township follows Federal and State holiday designations which honor and celebrate the contributions of America's past Presidents, the African-American Community through Dr. Martin Luther King, and the legislation recently signed with Governor Murphy which designates the third Friday in June as Juneteenth Day; a State Public Holiday. The contributions of the Irish-American Community, and most importantly the Veterans of our community who served and died in all wars protecting the freedoms of this Nation. This Council and the Administration will continue to recognize official holidays as designated by the United States Congress and the State of New Jersey. Thank you.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked when the Council will be voting on the 2022 Budget. Asked when the Energy Aggregation Program will be initiated and how will the Township residents be notified of it. Asked if the residents will automatically be put into the program and have to opt out of it like

the last time. Asked if the public will be allowed to speak on anything presented at the Health Department Meeting separate from this meeting. Asked if anything has been done to help the Ideal Trailer Park Residents. Asked the Health Department what went wrong with Saint Joseph's in regards to the tragic deaths caused by COVID and what part did they play in doing inspections there. Also asked the Health Department what part they played in inspecting the food quality in the Woodbridge school systems, and asked if the Health Department is responsible for looking at what's going on at the schools with cleanliness and food quality; mentioned the bad food that was served and that the school board is now looking for someone to replace Chartwell Foods. Asked if any part of the Administration been contacted by any Federal, State, or other entity in regards to handling housing illegal aliens or refugees from any other country; Mayor John E. McCormac replied no.

Council President Small: Mr. Maras the Budget was adopted on August 24th. No sir. Mr. Maras the Administration and the Mayor has met with the residents from the ideal Trailer Park and they're making progress.

Mayor John E. McCormac: We don't know yet. We're still are working on a procurement process. We can't predict exactly when that's going to go out. Town residents will be notified the same way they were the last time with a letter to each home in Woodbridge Township. Yes right now that's the state law.

John Masculin, Port Reading: Encouraged the Woodbridge residents to go out and vote on Election Day.

Council President Small: Councilman Ficarra.

Councilman Ficarra: Council President if I may. I would just like to make a point that during the flood, and most recently during the horrific fire this weekend, while some people were out walking around talking to people they wanted to hear news from, Councilman Spillar was rescuing people and saving people and didn't necessarily have time to go out and politic because he was too busy being a firefighter. Thank you Council President.

Christo, Young Republicans of Middlesex County Chairman: Talked about Christopher Columbus. Asked why Councilwoman DeJesus wrote two charges on him for breaking decorum at a Council Meeting.

Mike Szomba, Colonia: Stated for the record he's an Italian-American and he recognizes Christopher Columbus' mistakes, he is not a credit to the Italian-Americans, and the name probably should be changed. Also stated for the record that whether you agree or disagree about the discourse someone chooses to publicly state, it is not okay to berate that person.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

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

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. I’ll start off my Agenda. Number 3 Port Reading Fire and First Aid. Port Reading Day is going to be held this Saturday October 9th at the Port Reading Firehouse from 12 P.M.–3 P.M. All Port Reading residents are more than welcome to come out. It’s also Fire Prevention Day so the Fire Department and Career Department is going to put on some exhibits. There’s food and entertainment and I urge our Port Reading residents to come out. Also Port Reading Fire, First Aid, and Career are hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 25, 2021 6–7:30 P.M. across from the Port Reading Firehouse on Port Reading Avenue and Lee Street. They ask that you adhere to COVID-19 guidelines, pre-registrations for the trunk-or-treaters are required; no walk-ups will be allowed. Email registrations to treasurer@prfas.com. In lieu of any fee we ask that you bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to a Christmas family in need. Prizes for the best trunks will be awarded. Again that is October 25th, 2021 everybody is welcome.

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

Council President Small: National Public Lands Day. At Ernie Oros Park, just short of 50 volunteers from the international martial arts. They always come out strong; they put down new mulch, painted the fences, cleared the pathways, and did some kayaking. It was a wonderful day at Oros Park. I was in the back for the first time, went back there with the Mayor, and I never believed we would have such a beautiful lake back there it's incredible. If you get an opportunity to get out there it's a beautiful lake and there's a lot of people out there kayaking so it's a nice time. At the Iselin Library, the Garden for the Blind, 15 students from Iselin Middle School helped the women from the Garden Club plant new flowers and mulch beds. Down at South Robert and Sewaren Avenue over 100 Girl Scouts planted over 250 trees in the flood area so we're thankful to the Girl Scouts and their parents for coming out.

13. Marine Eight.
HOLD

14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD

Council President Small: I'm happy to announce that Mayor Mac's Café is reopening on October 18th for breakfast and lunch. That is located at the Cypress Center, I urge all residents to go down there and visit it and see it's a great time and great meal and the kids do a great job.

15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD

16. Concerts.
HOLD

17. Light Parade.
HOLD

Council President Small: Our Light Parade is November 27th. It'll follow the Stroll on Main Street. Always a wonderful night and we'll get into that more as we get closer. On October 17th at the Saints Field we are going to dedicate the Saints Field to former Mayor Joseph DeMarino. It will be named the DeMarino Sports Complex, in honor of all the contributions that Mayor DeMarino made to this community and to the town of Port Reading. I remind all our residents that October is Breast Cancer Awareness. Also at Port Reading Day the Port Reading First Aid Squad will be selling Breast Cancer Awareness Shirts and all the proceeds will be going to a foundation. Last but not least Director Hubner, I want to thank the Police Department for the trip to the monuments and remembering the fallen officers of not only Woodbridge but Port Authority and Perth Amboy it was a wonderful day. We have officers that weren't even born yet that're doing these memorials, I counted about 60 or 70 officers out there many of them on their own time. I know you came home early from vacation to be here so I just wanted to commend

the Police Department they did a great job I was very impressed. And I just want to thank all of our first responders. We've lost a very dedicated first responder in Port Reading over the last two weeks Richie Kreuzsch; keep his family in your hearts and God Bless America thank you. Council Vice President Bauer.

18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD

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

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 Treat
HOLD

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President item number 6 Fords Business Community. They're holding their Annual Trunk or Treat Cruise Night on Monday November 1st 5-8 P.M. At Siperstein's Paint parking lot at 372 New Brunswick Avenue in Ford all are welcome. Vendor tables are available if interested and for more information email decorator121@aol.com

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

Council Vice President Bauer: Item number 12 the Hickory Senior Center on Corrielle Street in Fords. We're getting an outside shaded picnic area and a butterfly garden provided by a local Eagle Scouts project. I'd like to thank the Administration for always working with the youth of our community to interact them with the many organizations within our Township. And I have one announcement, the Woodbridge High School marching band's 8th Annual Barron Classic will be held on Saturday October 9th starting at 5:00 P.M. at Woodbridge High School. Woodbridge High School performs at 8:30 P.M. with awards at 9:00 P.M. It's \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children, and ages 4 and younger are free. I'd like to thank all our first responders and God Bless America. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you Vice President Bauer. Councilwoman DeJesus.

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. My first Agenda item is Police Community Affairs. First I'd like to acknowledge that during Hispanic Heritage Festival we honored Detective Bonilla and Officer Bruno as Hispanic officers representing our community. I'm very proud not only of our Woodbridge Police Department but of our Latino officers that serve the entire community. I'm also very proud to announce that Woodbridge Police Department has adopted the Safe Place Program and if you give me a little bit of time I can explain what this program is. Woodbridge Police Safe Place is geared to enhance the relationship between the Woodbridge Police Department, the LGBTQ+ Community, victims of violence incidents, local businesses, schools, and alleys. Woodbridge Police Department Safe Place will provide decals to local businesses, schools, organizations, and alleys encouraging those locations and entities to clearly post at the entrance and publicly visible areas in their premise as the symbol of safe haven for victims of LGBTQ+ crime or anyone that is being bullied. The Woodbridge Police Safe Place decals are designed to be highly visible uniform and recognizable to the entire community, provide designated safe locations for community members to seek services and show support for the LGBTQ+ Community. The decal will be outside the front entrance of your establishment building or room and it allows victims to enter and remain at your premise until Woodbridge Police Officers arrive. Whoever displayed the decal can call or assist victims if there's been a crime that's been committed. If you are in need of assistance and you see that decal you can enter the location and they will assist you. I'm very proud of that program.

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.

HOLD

7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.

HOLD

8. Hispanic Heritage Month.

HOLD

9. Barron Arts Center.

HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Now moving on to item number 9 Barron Fest. I'm happy to announce the Barron Fest will be this Saturday at the Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park in Sewaren. It will be from 12 P.M to 4:30 P.M. this Saturday October 9th its Woodbridge's 14th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival and this is an opportunity for everyone to start their Christmas shopping or just any kind of gift that you may want to give. There are a lot of local artists involved in this program; again Barron Fest will be this Saturday October 9th from 12-4:30 P.M. at Alvin P. Williams Park.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.

HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Now moving on to our Public Libraries. The Fords Branch Library will

celebrate 50 years of service to the community on Wednesday October 13th between 4:30 and 7:30 P.M. Remarks and refreshments will be offered on the patio of the Fords Branch Library at 6 P.M. They've been around as long as Disney World has been around – 50 years. The Woodbridge Public Library Board and Staff would like to express their gratitude to the Evergreen Community Center where the Henry Inman Branch staff will offer some library services, new materials, and takeaways between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. on Fridays. The Colonia Branch has been closed since September 1st because of damage caused during Tropical Storm Ida. Restoration efforts are projected to require that the Colonia Branch remain closed until 2022. Colonia residents are invited to the Main, Iselin, or Ford Branch Libraries during the Branch closure. Woodbridge library cards are also valid in more than 50 libraries in Middlesex and Union Counties. Call the library for more information at 732-634-4450 Ext. 5 or visit www.woodbridgeliibrary.org. Thank you that is all that I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

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

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small. Before I begin, Councilman Ficarra I appreciate the kind words. The residents know how accessible we are, they know we're there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They know we work hard for them, we work for them. Come election time you know misinformation always happens at Council Meetings and we'll see what happens after November 2nd.

John Masculin: Inaudible.

Council President Small: Excuse me sir. Officer remove him from the meeting.

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

Councilman Spillar: Item number 8. The Avenel Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 38 Colonial Gardens next to School 23 for a structure fire. As somebody just said a little fire, no it was not a little fire. 11 families for a total of 32 residents lost everything as the entire building was destroyed by fire, smoke, and heat. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all the residents that were affected. Speaking with Dr. Zega and Principal Short this week, they have a total of 7 children affected as they attend School 23 and Avenel Middle School. Donations can be made via cash, check, or venom to the Woodbridge Community Charity Fund and cash and gift cards to major stores can be dropped off at the Community Center or Town Hall. I'd like to thank and commend the Avenel Fire Department and all the Township mutual aid and County departments that responded. Also Patrick Kenny and OEM, CERT, and once again our community comes together after a tragic situation. Councilman Small, Bauer, Mr. Mitch, Director Brew, myself; we've been in fire service for a little bit. When you roll up to a building like that, that you can't tell where the front door is because it's completely consumed by fire and it's at 4:15 on a Sunday morning where people aren't getting up for work; we're talking about a

different scenario if that resident that drove by didn't stop and start banging on the door and the windows to get everybody out. That went up within 30 seconds, so thankful to her, and again thank you to the job that all the men and women did out there. Still the Avenel Fire Department, you're invited to our annual open house for Fire Prevention Week this Saturday October 9th at the Avenel Firehouse from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. We'll have the fire equipment, the engines, the truck will be on display, we'll have a smoke trailer, ambulance and first aid equipment will be on display, refreshments be served. Avenel Firehouse 346 Avenel Street corner of Route 1. Silly fact if you're ever on Jeopardy and they ask you what is the only firehouse on Route 1 from Maine to Florida, it's the Avenel Firehouse so you should be able to find it. We'll have Sparky so a great day for the kids.

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

Councilman Spillar: Item number 14 Maple Tree Senior Center. I'd like to thank everyone who came out on September 22nd for the Center's Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening. Once again I'd like to thank the Mayor, the Administration, Senior Services, and my fellow Councilmates for letting this dream become a reality. The great thing about this is that it's two blocks from Maple Tree Manor. We have about 40 people from Maple Tree Manor there that day and had over 150 resident seniors. And now the Avenel Golden Senior Circle Club they're going to start having a few meetings there as well so thank you. The rest of my Agenda is in order Council President. Thank you to all emergency responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, and all of our Public Works and Township employees. God Bless America, thank you Council President Small.

Council President Small: Thank you Councilman Spillar. And we all know what this town means to you and it says enough. I'm just going to say there's people out in this audience that are on the other side of political fence and we all know it, but you're respectful and I think we're respectful back. And thank you for not using this meeting as your political platform. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President. I'd like to thank the Mayor and Administration for organizing a meeting in September to help the residents in Colonia that were impacted by Tropical Storm Ida navigate through their concerns and to give them knowledge about FEMA and the Blue Acres buyout program. Also thank you to the panel of our Woodbridge Township experts that were there to answer questions that residents had. Thank you Director Brew, you were there to help our residents and I know it really helped them to be able to talk to you. Last week a letter was sent out to the community impacted by the flood advising all the residents that we will notify them as soon as we get funding from FEMA and Blue Acres and at that time we will hold another meeting to help guide them through their next steps. Also any resident that suffered damages from the storm should apply to FEMA for aid if they haven't done so already. They can file online at www.disasterassistance.gov. There's also additional information on the Woodbridge Township website. We know this is a very difficult time for all those that have been affected by Tropical Storm Ida, but please know that our Mayor and our Administration are working as fast as they can to help your family. And any Colonia resident that needs to talk or has questions they can personally reach out to me, my number is 732-382-0273.

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
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 have two upcoming events I'd like to share. The first one is our 5th Annual Inman Avenue Breast Cancer Walk this year which will be on Saturday October 16th. The walk leaves from Colonia Middle School at 11A.M. and will proceed to Colonia VFW where we'll have a BBQ and gift basket auction. This year the walk will honor Ann Joe, a Colonia mom who's bravely battling cancer. The Joe family has requested that all donations

from the event be donated to a family also battling cancer. So all donations will be donated to another longtime Colonia resident Angela DeCillis, the mother of four school-aged children, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. So grab your family and friends and walk in honor and support of these two Colonia moms who are battling cancer. And also walk in memory of those we have lost, those who have won, and those who continue to fight. There's no pre-registration so you could just show up that day, it is \$10 for the walk and \$10 for the BBQ, so we hope you come out and support these moms. And lastly I'm happy to announce that this year Veteran's Parade is back and will be held on Sunday November 14th starting at 1:30 P.M. from Ross Street School #11. Please come down and support our Veterans; we haven't been able to do that in a couple years now and they deserve our respect, and our honor, and I'm looking forward to walking with them. So please come out, again it is on November 14th. And thank you for everybody that came out to clean the park in Inman Avenue, we had a lot of people come out and they really beautified our town. They spent the morning with us, they cleaned, we cleaned up a memorial garden that we did for victims from COVID from Woodbridge Township. It was just great to see the community come out to help each other, and make it beautiful, and just do something positive. That's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus is going to read Councilwoman Drumm's.

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
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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you, Nancy's Agenda, number 1. The recent St. James Annual Street Fair was a success. A special thank you to the 18 Woodbridge High School students that offered to volunteer; the fair organizer Mike was very appreciative. He said all of the students were very kind and extremely helpful with setting up and breaking down the vendor tables. The Annual Frank Gagnon Fishing Derby at the Woodbridge pond this past weekend was a fun, good weather, well attended event again this year. Thank you to the Recreation Department for organizing this event, and to all of the families that participated.

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 13 the Elks Lodge is holding its Annual Soccer Shootout at Woodbridge High School this Friday night. Registration is from 6-7P.M. and the soccer shoot begins at 7P.M. All kickers under 16 years of age are encouraged to come out for a fun and friendly competition. Winners will proceed to the next level of competition. Thank you to Woodbridge High School for hosting this event again this year.

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: The Haunted Woodbridge Ghost Walk 2021 will be this Saturday beginning at 6:30P.M. from Pearl Street Park near the train station lot, rain date is the next day October 10th. This year there will be many new ghostly performances you don't want to miss this. A shout out to our local Girl Scout Troops for participating in our recent National Public Lands Day. The Township has been extremely successful in removing people and structures from flood risk through the NJDEP Blue Acres Program, and restoring set areas to best endure natural flood plain functions. Our National Public Lands Day Habitat Restoration Plans designed by Rutgers University were implemented to continue these efforts on Sewaren Avenue, Arbor Street, and South Robber Street. Through help from over 100 local Girl Scouts, over 250 native

trees were planted in order to increase ecological uplift and flood storage capacity. Thank you also to Tom Flynn from our Engineers Department and our DPW staff for being an integral part of this planning and planting project. The Rebuilding Warriors Fundraiser event this past weekend raised \$16,000 for our Veterans in need of service dogs due to PTSD. A job very well done by the organizers Nancy and Jeff Mullins. Also to our local Sewaren business Moby's and their staff for once again hosting this fundraiser. All of their work in planning, gathering of the bands who volunteer their time, along with George, and Mike, and gift basket raffles all contributed to the success of this event, thank you. And I'm just really happy to see that Nancy is participating and sending her announcements, and really happy that she's on the mend, and she has all of our support. And while she's not here physically, know that she's watching our meetings and she's participating in every which way that she can, so stay strong Nancy. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. First I'd like to congratulate our Councilwoman Meehan and our Officer Mark Zeno who are going to be recognized by the Patriot Path Council tomorrow for their unwavering support of Woodbridge Township residents, much deserved and I'm looking forward to being here.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: The WTYRC. Newly formed Woodbridge Township Recreation Soccer League kicked off on September 18th and has gotten off to a great start with children as young as 3 and 4 years of age participating. Special thank you to Bobby Timinski, Mike Gibb, and Ryan Miller for bringing this league together. Also, the Woodbridge Township Recreation Soccer kicked off its free training last night under the lights on the turf of Woodbridge High School's soccer field with over 70 kids in attendance. This training program will run Monday – Friday for the next 5 weeks with a different age group training every evening. All 930 kids in the program can take advantage of this great opportunity by signing up for any of the upcoming training sessions on the Department of Recreation's website. The professional training is being conducted by Valencia Soccer Academy.

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: For the Job Bank, Councilwoman Drumm was kind enough to text me over: Mosaic Salon at 410 Amboy Avenue in Woodbridge Proper is looking to hire the positions available now are receptionist, nail technician, hairdresser, and cleaning person. Full and part-time positions are available; please call Katrina who is the owner at 732-770-3280 if you have interest in those positions. Other positions on the Job Bank; UPS is hiring packaging handlers from \$18.50/hour up to \$20/hour. I've been mentioning that the Woodbridge crossing guards are in need, good pay, great part-time job, free training, must be 18 years old or older, to apply please contact HR at 732-634-4500 Ext. 6408 or Eunice Jackson at 732-634-4500 Ext. 2125. There's also a new Pizza Hut in town and their store is at 1236 St. George Avenue in Avenel; no

experience we'll teach you, flexible schedule that's here too, great opportunity. You can go onto their website for Pizza Hut and you can find that on our Township website under employment opportunity center. Amazon is offering \$1,000 sign-on bonus and BAESF and 911 Dispatchers go to the Township website. Substitute teachers are in high demand and Mill Creek is looking for an Administrative Assistant, and FedEx Ground is hiring at \$18.60 to start. You could also look for positions from Dave & Busters, Middlesex Water, Bayshore Recycling, BCB Community Bank, Northfield Bank, and Gem Limousine.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Woodbridge Hall of Fame. Legendary coach from JFK Herb Holloway passed away this past weekend. He happened to be my winter track coach, he was also the 2019 guest speaker for our Hall of Fame. He pushed me to run the 400 meters which I was a little reluctant to do but he saw something in me and my teammates, and at the end of the season we were named to First Team All Middlesex County. He was a man of tremendous respect and took great pride in the student athlete, especially the JFK student athlete that came under his guidance. He will be sorely missed. I also was at the Iselin Library Garden for Blind with the students from Iselin Middle School. Spent about an hour with them while they were weeding and planting. They had members of the Woodbridge Garden Club that were there helping them out. It's a beautiful garden that was my first garden as a kid because that's where I went to school in Iselin, School #18. It has grown tremendously but I remember when that was a garden for the blind and it was one of the first certified gardens for blinds in New Jersey, so just kudos to all of them. Last Sunday we had the tremendous honor of attending the renaming of our firehouse on Kelly Street in Menlo Park Terrace. That was for the honor of our former Mayor Phil Cerria. I went to school with his daughter Margaret, we graduated high school together. It was a fun time to be a kid from Kennedy High School, to be a classmate of the daughter of the Mayor, he made a lot of visits to our school. But he was a true representative of Iselin and he also got my father involved in the town. It was a great honor, I want to thank everyone especially Ed Mullen and his son for calling for that ceremony, and all the men over at that firehouse, and they did a fantastic job. Speaking of the fire, Councilman Spillar thank you very much for your effort and trying to save what right now just really looks like a disaster area and it could've been worse. And as you said if it were not for that passerby, but especially for the men and women of first responders that were called there to help those families. We will be doing a fundraiser from my organization and we're looking to help out in any way we can. But thank you to all the first responders and that's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

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: Thank you Council President. A little bit of the lighter stuff at the Woodbridge Community Center, the mini golf course in the back has been converted into a haunted mini golf course it's pretty cool. It's open Monday through Friday 1-10P.M., Saturday 12-10 P.M., and Sunday 12-9P.M. Also at the Community Center there's a number of events going on involving the roller rink, the ice skating rink, and the swimming pool. You can check out all those activities at www.njwcc.com.

2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
HOLD

3. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD
4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD
5. Fireworks.
HOLD
6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.
HOLD
7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.
HOLD
8. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD
9. Jacob's Landing.
HOLD
10. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Across the street at The Club. Their classes for swimming and sporting events are filling up fast so if you're interested you have to stop by. They have their launch party all day on October 16th and the proceeds from that, there'll be various ways to contribute. We'll support the We Feed Program to feed the folks that need it the most. There's no membership required, you can sample classes over there and get a feel for it. The Club at Woodbridge website is www.theclub.org and it is chock-full with all the information. They also have a Halloween Event on October 22nd from 7-9P.M. it's free to members and there's a \$15 non-member fee and some of those proceeds will go to a specific charity.

11. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD
12. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD
13. COVID-19 Efforts.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: I'd just like to mention going off my Agenda a little bit. October is a lot of things but it's also Pedestrian Safety Month. Just a couple of quick tips to drivers, please drive slow in school zones and also avoid in-car distractions like texting and talking on the phone that's not hands-free. If you're a pedestrian, you're part of the game too so make sure that you pay attention especially around traffic signals and don't walk or ride your bike with headsets on, that's a dangerous thing to do. I'd like to congratulate and thank our Police Department for their

guidance and leadership of the successful Tour de Woodbridge which was on September 26th. We had nearly 200 riders that rode through our streets 30 miles or 15 miles in a safe fashion guided by our Police Department. The way that they guide that, the way that they use their vehicles to protect it, is a science it's amazing. Thank you to Pat Kenny, Jeff Marmelstein who is the Tour Director. Wegmans provided a nice meal, the Girl Scouts were there to guide along the way. We had many chaperones, Mr. Nolan's law firm, Dr. Swan is a new orthopedic, a number of our banks, just a wonderful day. I too would like to congratulate Councilwoman Meehan, I'll be at the event tomorrow where you're honored along with Detective Mark Zeno and we're pretty proud of you guys so I look forward to that. I'd also like to thank Director Brew, I'm glad that you're here because we have our state-of-the-art fitness equipment up in a number of parks. Most recently Ferry Street is about to be completed and it seems like every time you do it you add another ambiance to it, this one's got a top on it, it's absolutely incredible. If you have not seen this, this is modern state-of-the-art fitness equipment that you might see at an indoor facility available outside free to everyone you really should check it out and its right over there by our free bike program where you can get those bikes and ride them around town. I'd also like to point out when it comes to connecting with the community, this past Sunday which was the day that the fire that Councilman Spillar talked about. I was with the Mayor and some other people doing some events going on, and the Mayor had given each of the 11 families, because one of the units was not occupied, his direct phone number and he spent a good part of the day communicating with these people one-on-one, with the unfortunate folks that lost everything. So if that's not public service I don't know what is. That's as good as it gets. I don't think I have the Mayor's cell phone number, I don't know, but he gave it out to everybody. Director Green before I go into anything on COVID I assume maybe you're going to discuss that in your portion? Well would you like to take that I think you're better at it than I am. Alright very good so I'll leave my Council COVID report to the man that provides that wonderful information and does a good job and I think really deserves a lot of credit for getting us through this, Director I mean that sincerely. Thank you Council President I think I've done enough damage tonight.

Health Director Green: I was going to leave most of it for you but I do have a short version. I gave you the longer version. Got it.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small. Just one item I forgot regarding the fire. Director Hubner if you can please thank from all of us the officers that were on scene, they were there within seconds. And you know people say well police officers, firefighters, they do what they're supposed to do. But pretty much every officer while we were running in with gear and air packs they were running in in just their work clothes and they were very helpful. I think some of them are firefighters and they're not telling anybody because they got those ground ladders off so quick, got them up to the second or third floor balconies in the event rescues needed to assist us. From my complete fire department and everyone involved please thank them for us. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

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

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.
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
 - B. Early Voting:
 - Acacia Youth Center 95 Port Reading Ave., Woodbridge (former Hungarian Manor)
 - October 23 – October 31 (Mon – Sat 10 a – 8 p and Sun 10 a – 6 p)
 - Electronic Poll Books to be used.
 - Recommend registered voters to bring their sample ballot so it can be scanned into the voting machine which will save the voter a few steps on the screen.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President I'll just drop down to number 5 Elections. Just a reminder again to the general public that New Jersey has adopted early voting. This will be the first year we're presented with that. We will be a host site in Woodbridge Township at the Acacia Center which is formerly known as the Hungarian Manor on Port Reading Avenue. There will be a 9 day period starting October 23rd and ending October 31st. Monday through Saturday 10A.M. – 8P.M., Sunday 10A.M. – 6P.M. Electronic poll books will also be introduced this year. I always recommend people bring your sample ballot to your polling location if you're not going to do the early voting. And then you'll still have an opportunity to vote on General Election Day November 2nd. A reminder we'll go right into the Board of Health Meeting after this. And one last comment, I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the passing of our Deputy Clerk Jackie Broderick. Jackie worked for me 21 of her last 37 years here so she does have a long tenure with us. I thank you for the condolences of the last couple weeks, she'll sorely be missed her and her wit. And I also thank you for the appointment of Cheryl Sharkey tonight as the new Deputy Clerk to replace her. So thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. Director Hubner.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President just a couple of quick comments before my Agenda. On behalf of the Mayor and Administration I'd like to thank Councilman Spillar, as well as our very own Mr. Mitch, the Avenel Fire Department, our Police Department, as well as all the other First Responders, EMS, along with the folks that helped out and saved the lives of those 11 families. Their swift actions should be commended and praised. For those 11 families that lost their home our prayers and thoughts go out to them. We're doing some outreach to them and to the neighbors for some support. As that comes along we'll pass along to those residents to help them out. So I'd like to thank you for all those actions and with that my Agenda. I have a 100% Disabled Veteran, I have a Tax and Sewer Overpayment.

ADD-ONS:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Add-On's for me I have the Alaimo Engineering Group, the Keasbey Interceptor Segment 5 Phase 2 Proposal for the approval of the design portion. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you.

POLICE:

Police Director Hubner: Nothing this evening thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Brew.

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Recreation I have Social Group Contracts.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Planning and Development I have a Refund from the Current Account.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Public Works Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have a Resolution for a purchase of a High Pressure Sewer Cleaner. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

LEGAL:

Council President Small: Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you at this time we're going to go into the Board of Health Meeting.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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