

**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 February 7, 2017 at 7:00 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 Dalina: Please remain standing for a moment of silence remembering all our men and women in the Armed Services protecting our country.

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 16, 2016. 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:** Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra, Nancy Drumm, Lizbeth DeJesus, Cory Spillar, Brian Small, Virbhadra N. Patel, Debbie Meehan, Richard Dalina

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Robert Landolfi, Business Administrator  
Marta Lefsky, Director of Planning and Development  
Robert Hubner, Director of Police  
Dennis Henry, Public Works Director  
Michael Gelin, Municipal Engineer  
Vito Cimilluca, Recreation Director  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Administrator  
Eric Lange, Esq.

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

Council Meeting:

January 17, 2017

Council President Dalina asked if there were any comments from the Council.

**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 ADOPTING “KEASBEY 7: WELDON REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”. (17-14)**
  
- B. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING “ROUTE 1 AREA 19 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”. (17-15)**

Council Vice President Meehan 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 Spillar and carried unanimously except for a comment from Councilman Small.

Council President Dalina moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Meehan moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

- C. A SHARED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR USE OF PROPERTY TO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RECREATION AREA AND PUBLIC PARKING LOT AT 69 MAIN STREET. (17-16)**

Council Vice President Meehan 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 Spillar and carried unanimously.

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

Council Vice President Meehan moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-23 TO DELETE ONE WAY STREETS; SOUTH ROBERT STREET, EASTBOUND BETWEEN GEORGE STREET AND WEST AVENUE, BOTH SIDES, AND ADD SECTION 7-19 THROUGH STREETS,**

**SOUTH ROBERT STREET WEST OF REAR DRIVEWAY OF 40 WOODBRIDGE AVENUE TO VALE PLACE. (17-17)**

**E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.2 HANDICAPPED PARKING FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES TO DELETE – WILLIAM STREET, EAST (P1000815), ADD WILLIAM STREET, EAST (P1653611), HARNED AVENUE SOUTH (P1653536). (17-18)**

**F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.5 HANDICAPPED PARKING FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ADD – GOLDEN SQUARE ONE SPACE. (17-19)**

Council Vice President Meehan 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 Spillar and carried unanimously.

Council President Dalina moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Meehan moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

**G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XI ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL”, SECTION 11-5.11 – TETHERING. (17-20)**

Council Vice President Meehan 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 Spillar and carried unanimously.

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

Marge Petrow, Woodbridge: I just want to commend the Council and administration for proposing this Anti-tethering ordinance. It's extremely important to the township and I hope you all vote yes. It's something that we need and down the line if changes need to be made we can do that hopefully.

Council President Dalina: Yes we will definitely look into that. I know we've been getting some of your emails and we're definitely open for more suggestions and maybe tweak it a little.

Marge Petrow: There's always going to be something that you need to tweak down the line here and there.

Council President Dalina: Yes, tweaked a little bit. You know we definitely have to move on this right away.

Marge Petrow: Yes, we have to move on it as soon as possible. And I did have one question, why does

it have to wait twenty days before it comes in affect?

Mr. Mitch: Its twenty days after it's published upon adoption. That's a state law.

Marge Petrow: Okay, it's a state law. Okay, thank you.

Council President Dalina: Thank you Marge.

Council Vice President Meehan moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

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

- H. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MILOS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IN, BY AND FOR THE RECREATION UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,900,000.00 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 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**
- I. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "SCATTERED SITE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN".**
- J. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.5 HANDICAPPED PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ADD GOLDEN SQUARE, ONE SPACE (P1653723).**
- K. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.5 HANDICAPPED PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ADD GOLDEN SQUARE, ONE SPACE (P1449576).**
- L. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREET TO DELETE RUSSELL STREET, EAST.**
- M. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.2 HANDICAPPED PARKNG ON PRIVATE RESIDENCES TO ADD DECKER PLACE NORTH (P1247030).**
- N. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION", SECTION 24-1.12 NO STOPPING OR STANDING – FIRE ZONES TO ADD – C. NO PERSON SHALL STOP OR STAND A VEHICLE UPON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS, PORTIONS OF STREETS OR DESIGNATED AREA HEREIN ESTABLISHING A FIRE ZONE/FIRE LANE: SMITH STREET, #420, KEASBEY, NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE, #349, FORDS, CROWS MILL ROAD, #333, FORDS,**

**HILLSIDE GARDEN APARTMENTS, WOODBRIDGE, AND FLORIDA GROVE ROAD, KEASBEY.**

**O. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 ENTITLED “LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT” – “H” IN SECTION 150-80, FENCES AND HEDGES.**

Council Vice President Meehan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in The Home News Tribune on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

**The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:**

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC for Rent Leveling Board Attorney and Municipal Attorney. Contract awarded for a one year period with an option for a forty-eight (48) month renewal.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with Drill Construction for ADA Lift & Boiler Equipment for Oak Tree Elementary School - \$153,100.00.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request to hold the Avenel Community Day Parade and Picnic on Saturday, May 20, 2017.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of St. John Vianney Parish to hold a Fair on their grounds (church parking lot) on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 through Saturday, July 15, 2017.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund in the amount of \$280.00 to the Port Reading Saints.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks to Canvasser's.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check in the amount of \$5,333.39 to Dennis O'Connell who qualifies as a 100% Disabled Veteran, Block 785, Lot 68, 400 Douglas Avenue, Avenel, New Jersey.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for overpaid taxes.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for overpaid sewer user fees.

- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund checks for Tax Court Judgments.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Inspection Escrow balance from Account No. 7763412796 to Vrajsan, Inc.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Inspection Escrow balance from Account No. 7763412233 to Woodbridge Garden Associates, LLC.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Inspection Escrow balance from Account No. 7760335404 to 1477 Oak Tree Associates, LLC.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge to accept and administer funds from a sub grant award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding and for the Township Chief Financial Officer to amend the Budget and certify the Availability of Funds.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Planning Board of the Township to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Hopelawn Section of Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the Scattered Sites Redevelopment Plan to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution approving the plans for bridge deck replacement on Route 9 Southbound over the Route 440 Ramp in the Township of Woodbridge.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Printing Lab for the Woodbridge Community Center Sign Installation in an amount of \$325,290.95.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes, as a result of the emergency, a Purchase Contract with Herbert Lutz & Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the emergency repairs to the feeder root system at the Department of Public Works Complex in Keasbey.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an purchasing agreement with Schneider Electric Struxure Ware Building Management System to upgrade and control the HVAC equipment for the Woodbridge

Township Municipal Building in an amount not to exceed \$78,594.00.

- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk execute an agreement with The Vaughn Collaborative for professional architectural services for alterations to the American Legion located on Brown Avenue, Iselin, Phase 1 in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00 for the period February 7, 2017 through February 6, 2018.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with CME Associates for professional engineering services for East Green Street Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$83,262.00 for the period February 7, 2017 through February 6, 2018.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Settembrino Architects for professional architectural services for Milos Recreation Center Architectural Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$312,000.00 for the period February 7, 2017 through February 6, 2018.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Peak Environmental, LLC for professional engineering services for Oversight and Clearance Monitoring for Asbestos Remediation for 103 N. James Street in an amount not to exceed \$3,225.00 for the period February 7, 2017 through February 6, 2018.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Milltown for Animal Control Services for the period February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with The VNA Group of WIC Services for the community for the period December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution approving the application for a Tax Exemption and authorizing the Exemption of a Financial Agreement with Cedar Meadows Housing Associates, LLC for a Tax Exemption.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Shaping NJ Healthy Community Grant agreement between the Township and Family Health Initiatives, a grantee of the New Jersey Department of Health for the period February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2017 Budget – Middlesex County Improvement Authority Recycling Grant - \$47,975.00.

- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution for the Emergency Appropriation – Recreation Utility Fund.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby accepts the lowest responsible bid of Amco Enterprises for HVAC for Henry Inman Library, Colonia in the amount of \$132,000.00.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Elizabeth Watson Gramigna, P.C. for outside Council Labor matters for the period February 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 and shall not Exceed \$15,000.00 without the prior approval of the Township Council.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Enabling Resolution to restore and enhance wetlands and terrestrial uplands in current Blue Acres buyout area at a cost of \$219,647.40.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Municipal Comptroller on the Current Bill List dated February 7, 2017, the Supplemental Bill List dated January 13, 2017 through February 7, 2017 and the Addendum to the February 7, 2017 Bill List.

Council Vice President Meehan moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously except for a comment from Councilwoman Drumm on Resolution #22 and Councilman Spillar on Resolution #3.

Councilwoman Drumm: I just wanted to make a comment on Resolution #22. It was an unfortunate situation that was brought to our administration's attention a little less than a year ago and I wanted to thank the administration for all of their efforts in bringing this forward and looking forward to getting this project completed hopefully sometime in the spring or summer, thank you.

Councilman Spillar: On Resolution #3 I just want to ask the Council for their consideration for the Avenel Day community event that we have every year, thank you.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Council President Dalina: At this point we will now go to the public portion of the meeting. I ask that if you would like to speak to go up to the microphone, state your name and address and you will have up to five minutes.

Musleh Haaki from Sewaren spoke about water accumulating on Port Reading Avenue under the bridge between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue after it rains and the traffic has to be detoured or the police have to stop traffic on one side to let the other side go and then vice versa. Council President Dalina replied that they would look into it. Mr. Haaki further explained that he sent a letter on January 25<sup>th</sup> to Michael Gelin, the municipal engineer, but hasn't heard anything back. Mr. Haaki further suggested that they raise the street level and then put a water system around there. Mr. Haaki then read the letter that he sent to

Michael Gelin to the Council.

Gerard Trabalka from Hopelawn questioned if Woodbridge Township was a sanctuary city and Council President Dalina replied that we were not. Next Mr. Trabalka spoke about Resolution #15 and questioned if Heyer Gruel did the investigation on that ten years ago. Miss Lefsky replied that it was a different section than previously studied and it was in the area of Quincy Court and New Brunswick Avenue. Then Mr. Trabalka spoke about the topic of the paying guest houses that he questioned at the last meeting and explained that he was talking about the absentee landlord that own the houses and rent the houses out and turn them into paying guest houses and they have to be cleaned up and it poses security to the township. Council President Dalina replied that the township does respond when they do get calls about possible illegal housing. Mr. Trabalka next spoke about a legal notice from the newspaper he had dated January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on Bond Ordinance 17-01 and questioned what we were going to do with the portable truck weighing station. Mr. Landolfi replied that it was a way to enforce overweight vehicles for the police department to use. Mr. Trabalka then questioned if the county or state did that and if they had a weigh team. Mr. Landolfi replied that it gives us the ability to do it locally. Then Mr. Trabalka asked if we had the weigh station and Council President Dalina replied that we do if we were going to do it. Next Mr. Trabalka question what kind of motorcycles we were getting. Council President Dalina replied that we were getting motorcycles for the police department. Then Mr. Trabalka questioned how many and Mr. Landolfi replied four. Mr. Trabalka next questioned how many Tasers we were getting and Director of Police Hubner replied that he believed it was an additional twelve and all the supervisors and road sergeants will carry Tasers. Lastly Mr. Trabalka questioned what the surveillance camera system was going to be for and question if they were the body cams and Council President Dalina replied that they were not.

Karen Zwonar from Iselin spoke about passing the tethering ordinance and that it was very important.

Robert Mesce from Perth Amboy spoke about going to the Council meeting in Perth Amboy when he got there at 4:30 P.M. and didn't get to speak until 8:55 P.M. Next Mr. Mesce spoke about the Crunch gym and how they threw him out. Mr. Mesce then stated that he got a haircut at Mr. Johns. Then Mr. Mesce spoke about listening to Boyd Baron on the radio and that he had a ball for anyone who wanted it. Mr. Mesce next asked Vito Cimilluca to have some concerts in the wintertime and Mr. Cimilluca replied that he would put it on his agenda. Then Mr. Mesce spoke about a police officer from Perth Amboy who has been harassing him for years. Next Mr. Mesce questioned if he could go into the courtroom and ask the judge if he could take him out to dinner because he never throws him out like they do in Perth Amboy. Lastly he spoke about how the Council meetings in Perth Amboy go on for hours and hours.

Dora Ramos from Menlo Park Terrace spoke about the Anti-tethering ordinance and how important it is. Lastly Mrs. Ramos complimented the township for being on top of any situation the residents might have.

Council Vice President Meehan made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously at 7:20 P.M.

**RICHARD A. DALINA, 2<sup>ND</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN/COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Council President Dalina: First of all I know this meeting is not going to air on TV35 until Thursday

night but Mr. Hagerty will this be on the internet, on our website before Thursday?

Mr. Hagerty: No.

Council President Dalina: All I ask everybody if you could park your cars off the street in somebody's driveway. It helps out the plows, the drivers, because we are expecting I think 5 to 10 inches this Thursday so I would ask that you please if you could remove your cars from the street it would be very helpful to the driver's out there to make their job a little easier.

1. Second Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
2. County Greenway  
HOLD
3. Canvassing Ordinance – No Solicitors List  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Redevelopment Agency  
HOLD
5. New Brunswick Avenue Visioning  
HOLD
6. Do Not Drop  
HOLD
7. State Property – Grass Cutting  
HOLD
8. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey  
HOLD
9. Hometown Hero Banners  
HOLD
10. Snow Shoveling Pilot Program (Hopelawn)  
HOLD
11. Fords Business Community  
(A) Annual Christmas Tree Lighting  
HOLD

Council President Dalina: We have a meeting with our business community leaders in regards to parking for the businesses on New Brunswick Avenue this month. We've been working very closely with them and they have a good organization over there. We look forward to working with them.

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN/COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. Inman Avenue Business Improvements  
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community  
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools  
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center  
HOLD
5. 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 Parade  
Colonia Clean Up  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting  
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank  
Toys for Tots Run  
HOLD

Council Vice President Meehan: The Have a Heart Food Drive is in full swing and it will be ending on Valentine's Day. We are challenging all the township businesses to either donate \$214.00 or two hundred and fourteen pounds of food in an effort to stock every food pantry in Woodbridge Township. There are various sites throughout the township that you can drop off your food or you can call over to Town Hall at 732-634-4500 and they will direct you where you can leave it. It's important that we keep the food banks full throughout the year not just at Christmastime or Thanksgiving.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodbridge Charity Chili Cookoff will take place from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at JJ Bitings on Main Street. You can sample some of the greatest chili in Woodbridge Township; I and Nancy are judges. It's \$10.00 to get in or you can pay \$20.00 to bring your chili and raffle it off there. There are prizes. For 1<sup>st</sup> Place its \$300.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$200.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100.00. All the proceeds we have this year are going to go to a little girl in Colonia who is very sick and a little boy in Avenel so you're going to come out and have a great time and we're going to help some children in our community.

6. Food Pantry  
HOLD

7. Reinhard Manor  
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad  
HOLD
9. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks  
HOLD
10. Veteran's Issues  
HOLD
11. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority  
HOLD
12. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League  
HOLD
13. Heroin Task Force  
HOLD
14. Volunteer Directory  
HOLD
15. Domestic Violence Response Team  
HOLD

Council Vice President Meehan: The Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team will be hosting a comedy night on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Nuno's Restaurant to help benefit victims of domestic violence. Tickets are \$50.00 which includes a buffet dinner and if you'd like to purchase them you can call 732-634-4500 Ext. 2812.

That's all I have and be careful in the snow.

**NANCY DRUMM, 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

1. (A.B.C.) Anything But Cars  
HOLD
2. Relay for Life  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: Relay for Life, which is our annual June event that our community puts out at Woodbridge High School for a big effort to find a cure for cancer, are having a fundraiser on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. It'll be trivia and it will be from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. It's \$50.00 for a six person team and will be at the Iselin Knights of Columbus so they are encouraging your support to come out

and have some fun and play some trivia.

3. Fishing Derby  
HOLD
4. (DMA) Downtown Merchant Association  
(A) Vacant Stores/Building Permits  
(B) Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The county milling and resurfacing Main Street Woodbridge project is scheduled to begin late spring, early summer and while this is being done they will be making crosswalk improvements at the JJ Bitting crosswalk were the people who go on the train cross over for the safety of our pedestrians so we're looking forward to that.

5. Transit Village  
HOLD
6. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.  
HOLD
7. Main Street & Route 9  
HOLD
8. Carteret Sewer  
HOLD
9. Youth Leadership Council  
HOLD
10. Animal Shelter  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Woodbridge Animal Shelter will be having a Valentine's adoption event on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. They're going to be having adoption specials, giveaways, pet baskets for sale and refreshments. The Animal Shelter is located at 195 Woodbridge Avenue in Sewaren. They also asked me to announce Save the Date for the non-profit Woodbridge Animal Group affiliated with the Woodbridge Animal Shelter. They are having a giant garage sale on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. You can email [woodbridgeanimalgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:woodbridgeanimalgroup@yahoo.com).

11. Dog Park  
HOLD
12. Parker Press Concerts  
(A) Woodbridge Wednesdays  
(B) Local Band Thursdays

13. (WCC) Woodbridge Community Center  
HOLD

14. Arts  
(A) Train Station Mural Project  
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Woodbridge Artisan Guild at 101 Main Street is currently having an exhibit called the Pop Up Show in their gallery. Their hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

15. Senior Olympics  
HOLD

16. Woodbridge Fire Storage  
HOLD

17. Buy Local Program  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: Our Buy Local Program, which I always say this Council President, the Fords Business Community was born in there so I'm very proud of that and I've seen so many successes in the last year.

Council President Dalina: It's unbelievable. The job that especially Jane McLaughlin is doing and the rest of her community is phenomenal.

Councilwoman Drumm: There's a strong group over there in Fords. We are encouraging everyone, residents and business, to come to our next Buy Local meeting which is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 P.M. in the mayor's conference room. You can contact myself, Councilwoman Meehan or Jeff Mayerowitz in the mayor's office if you'd like to attend that.

18. PACE  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: PACE is asking that you Save The Date for their annual POAC Walk which is on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Matthew Jago School in Sewaren.

19. Chamber of Commerce  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce in Woodbridge here hosted the annual State of the Township on January 31<sup>st</sup>. It was the largest ever. There were over 410 people that attended and there were over 25 business sponsors. We listened to Mayor McCormac's address and this included ten years

of our town's progress in collaboration with our schools, education, our businesses and community at large. There is a You Tube video on our township website as well as on the Chamber of Commerce website if you'd like to hear that. It's about an hour long.

One more announcement, the Woodbridge Knights of Columbus is having a band fundraiser this Saturday night to benefit their organization. It's \$20.00 per person. It includes beer and wine and the name of the band is Two-Fifths Crazy.

20. Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge  
HOLD

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

Councilman Anderson: The W.T.Y.R.C. will be hosting their Best Practices here in the Council Chambers on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. That is for all of the youth organizations that have turnover in their organizations but they can come and get legal advice creating by-laws, managing your treasury and also tax reporting. It's very important as we know we rely on the volunteers of Woodbridge Township to run these youth organizations but we want to also make sure that we give them the resources that they need to run them successfully.

2. Job Bank  
HOLD
3. Real Estate Database  
HOLD
4. Mayor's Trophy  
HOLD
5. Township Wide Bulk Pick Up  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Councilwoman Drumm mentioned the State of the Township. Out of the State of the Township I do encourage everyone to watch the event on TV35 but on my agenda is the bulk waste pick up and if you haven't already please You Tube our Bulk Waste Pick Up video. It's a rap video led by our mayor, John McCormac, and other employees. It was not only educational but it was extremely entertaining and I applaud our mayor for being able to let his hair down and have fun at the same time informing our township. It was fun and got a lot of great reviews from everyone about that video so continue to watch it.

Mr. Henry regarding the bulk pick up, the details of the bulk pick up you can now schedule one, your own, pick up, is that correct?

Mr. Henry: One large pick up and four of three or less items during a one year period.

Councilman Anderson: Okay and you call the Sanitation Department to set that up?

Mr. Henry: Yes, 732-738-1311 Ext. 3600 and we're scheduled it and let you know when to put it out the night before and we pick up the following day.

Councilman Anderson: 732-738-1311 Ext. 3600.

Mr. Henry: It's also on the webpage.

Councilman Anderson: And it's on our township website which is the best township website I've seen around. We got the best town around and the best website around.

6. Woodbridge Hall of Fame  
HOLD
7. Taste of Woodbridge  
HOLD
8. Charity Raffle  
HOLD
9. Drive-In Movies  
HOLD
10. N.A.A.C.P.  
HOLD
11. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program  
HOLD
12. Independent Club of Colonia  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: As you know February is Black History month and the Independent Club of Colonia will be celebrating Black History month on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. at the Evergreen Center at 400 Inman Avenue in Colonia. The event is free but you can bring a donation of non-perishable food items for the Woodbridge Food Bank. You'll learn about local African American History and also National African American History. There's music, there's spoken word and poetry. It's always a very, very good event and I encourage you to attend. All are welcome.

13. Tooling Around Program  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Tooling Around the Township is April 29<sup>th</sup> and we need volunteers both skilled

and unskilled. Sponsors and donations should please call 732-602-6015 or go to [tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us). You and your organization can really make someone's home a better place for them to live in. Sometimes they are elderly or disabled and they are not able to get out and do some things just as simple as raking leaves or painting a railing. I've participated as many of the Council as participated and it's a very rewarding experience so I encourage everyone to reach out and volunteer and help their neighbors during this spring.

Finally I want to acknowledge the Woodbridge High School facility. As you know there's a young man in town; you see a lot of signs for Barron's for Ben. He's a young man that I've been supporting as has the Council. He has been battling brain cancer since April but he returned to school this Monday. He was welcomed back by his facility and they held a tournament. They had ten TVs, ten Nintendo games and they played a Techmo Bowl which is a throwback totally retro video game with terrible graphics and everything but all the teachers and facility that participated really made Ben and his family's day so I just want to commend Mr. Bader, the assistant superintendent and Mr. Lottman, the principal at Woodbridge High School.

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

1. Woodbridge Community Center  
(A) Senior Recreation and Programming  
(B) Youth Recreation and Programming  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Our weather outside certainly doesn't know if it's winter or summer. It's 60 degrees one day and snowing the next but it's nice inside the Woodbridge Community Center. We have a heated pool in there. You can walk on the indoor track or workout on the cardio or strength equipment. There are many classes including Zumba, Yoga, Boot Camp and Silver Sneakers for senior citizens like myself. There is also roller skating and ice skating and like I said swimming. If you are interested you can check us out online at [njwcc.com](http://njwcc.com) or call our guest services associates at 732-596-4170. For those of us that let our New Year's resolution slip by it's never too late so get out to the Woodbridge Community Center.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD
6. Fireworks  
HOLD

7. Municipal Alliance  
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run  
HOLD

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE:**

1. ESL Classes  
HOLD
2. Housing Authority  
HOLD
3. Affordable Housing Corporation  
HOLD
4. Youth and Government Day  
HOLD
5. History Museum  
HOLD
6. Police Community Relations  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Our Police Community Relations officers will be reading to students at our various elementary schools in the coming weeks.

The 2017 Senior Police Academy flyer is up on Facebook. Applications are already on the township website in the police portion under programs. The classes will be held every Tuesday in May and applications are now being accepted. If you are interested to learn how our police department works and you're a senior in Woodbridge Township please apply at our police department.

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

10. Barron Arts Center  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: As part of the Poet's Wednesdays the Barron Arts Center will be host poet Joe Weil tomorrow from 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and the admission is free.

The Dr. Stephen Kaplan "A Taste of the Arts" Lecture Series features the music of New Orleans. This will be hosted on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at the Barron Arts Center. Through recordings and film clips this session will be cover some of the great artists who came out of this special city like Louis Armstrong and Fats Domino. Please contact the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413 for more information on either program.

11. M&T Bank Loan Program  
HOLD

12. Free Public Libraries of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: The library has launched a new app called BookMyne for the convenience of their patrons. You can access that app at Google Play or iTunes and you can see your account, search for materials, place holds and renew materials online to avoid any fees.

The Board of Trustees will also be hosting for the public library a meeting tomorrow, a strategic plan meeting, at the Fords Branch starting at 3:00 P.M.

The recreation department will be hosting Transition in Autism at Woodbridge Middle School auditorium on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. They will have a professional panel and the topics including Learn of Resources available for Adults with Autism, Learn the rights your children have as the transition from Pediatric to Adult care and it's a question and answer session. So again if you know of anybody that has a child with autism and they're reaching that age where they're going to be 21 or over please encourage them to go or anybody that is interested to learn what happens with their kids after they finish our programs in Woodbridge Township they can go and ask questions. There's a Dr. Novotny that will answer your questions and there will be a lawyer and autism educator there.

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. the Woodbridge Main Public Library will have a representative from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and they will present "How to Become a U.S. Citizen" free naturalization information session for anyone that is interested where they can ask questions and have their questions answered on how to become a U.S. citizen.

**CORY SPILLAR/ 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

1. Avenel Community Day/Port Reading Day  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Avenel Community Day Save the Date will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The parade kicks

off at noon and the annual picnic will be in Pelzman Park from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. I just want to make mention that every year we do a Grand Marshall and Deputy Grand Marshall for Avenel Day. The committee put our heads together and what we're going to do this year is instead we're going to have Avenel Community Day in memory and honor of the late Earl and Marge Runkel. I made mention a couple of meetings ago that Earl was the Santa Clause for the township for twenty plus years. Earl did a lot for not only the township but Avenel so we want to honor them. Starting this year and moving forward we're going to have the Earl and Marge Runkel Avenel Community Day Memorial Scholarship. That will go to one graduating boy and girl that resides in Avenel attending college. More on that as the months come up.

2. Avenel Arts Village/Underpass Mural/Train Station  
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve  
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements  
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Improvements  
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Senior Center  
HOLD
7. Cypress Recreation Facility  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: I'm happy to announce that the mats are now installed at Milos Hall. It's getting used. My son is involved in the wrestling programs so I can attest to that. One side has the cheerleading, one side has the wrestling. They are rock and rolling so the place looks great.

The rest of my agenda is in order. I'd like to thank the St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus. They recently had a few fundraisers and donated \$1,375.00 to Deborah Hospital. I bring Deborah up because if you check [www.deborahfoundation.org](http://www.deborahfoundation.org). they offer many services to members of organizations, the Knights of Columbus being one of them, free of charge so that might be something you want to check out.

8. Route 1 Redevelopment
  - (A) Star/City Motels
  - (B) Americana/Avenel Motels
  - (C) Quick Chek
  - (D) Bud's Hut
  - (E) Big Top property
  - (F) Holiday Inn Express expansion
  - (G) Pier I Imports property

HOLD

9. Avenel & Port Reading Fire Department/Fire House Improvements  
HOLD
10. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station  
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Developmental Center property  
HOLD
12. Prison Warden Site – Rahway Avenue  
HOLD
13. Avenel Street repaving  
HOLD

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

1. Woodbridge News  
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)  
HOLD
3. Prologis Wetlands  
HOLD
4. First Aid Squads  
HOLD
5. Website E-Government  
HOLD
6. Bicycle Paths  
HOLD
7. School Projects  
HOLD
8. Senior Transportation  
HOLD

Councilman Small: The Senior Transportation has been up and running since November. It’s been a huge success. We’re running four fulltime buses a day. Our seniors are really taking advantage of it and if you’re interested please call 732-726-2394. If you are a senior take advantage of this great program.

The Port Reading First Aid Squad is hosting its' annual Valentine's Flower Sale across from the squad on Port Reading Avenue. The dates are Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, February 14, 2017. The proceeds go to the Port Reading First Aid Squad.

9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center  
HOLD

**VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

Councilman Patel: My agenda is in order.

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

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:**

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-36-106-007 from Hersha Hospitality Management Limited Partnership, t/a Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel to Pyramid Woodbridge Management, LLC t/a Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 Route 1 South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
  - B. Change of Corporate Structure of Liquor License #1225-3-018-007 for Ariana's Catering Hall of NJ, Inc., t/a Ariana's Grand, 800 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.

- C. Person-To-Person & Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License #1225-44-078-004 From Shree Jee, LLC (inactive) to R&J Food Stores, Inc., 683 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn, New Jersey 08861.

Mr. Mitch: Item 1B is a corporate structure change for Ariana's Grand and Item 1C is a Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place transfer of a liquor license to go over on to Florida Grove Road in Hopelawn.

- 2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
- 3. Liquor License Renewals.
  - A. Annual retail licensee meeting (2017 Date: TBD).
- 4. Street Closings (Block parties, street fairs, etc.).
- 5. Special Events (carnivals, etc.).
- 6. Refund of Surety Bonds (Canvassers).
- 7. Elections.
  - A. Special Board of Education Election – March 14, 2017
  - B. Primary Election – June 6, 2017 (Registration closes May 16; Party Change deadline April 12).
  - C. General Election – November 7, 2017 (Registration closes October 17).

Mr. Mitch: Item 7, just to point out the special Board of Education election we are working on for March 14<sup>th</sup> of this year.

- 8. Best Practices Annual Meeting.

**MAYOR:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Mr. Landolfi: Thank you Council President I have several items on my agenda tonight a few of which I have to spend a little bit of time and give you some explanation on it. The first one is a cancellation of outstanding checks that is really just a housekeeping issue. We have an agreement with Millennium Strategies on this evening for the Woodbridge Avenue Pump Station that we're asking to award a contract to Millennium that will help us prepare a grant that would actually harden the pump station against future flooding. There's a Resolution accepting and adopting the CJJIF's Safety Incentive Program. We participate in a joint insurance fund. We revised that last year and what this Resolution would do would be to ask Council to acknowledge and participate in the JIF Safety Program. Next is an agreement with Narjarian Associates for FEMA Community Rating System advice and I want to spend a moment just to talk to the Council a little bit about what that means. We've talked about this in the past but the Community Rating System is in affect a voluntary program that municipalities can participate in

with the FEMA that effective if we implement the program's rules and objectives can lower insurance premiums for households that are required to purchase flood insurance. To date we have not actively participated in the rating system. It's a comprehensive approach of public information in an enactment of ordinances that prohibit development in a hundred year flood plan that provides some protection for individuals that live in those areas etc. It's a very comprehensive and very broad stroke. We've made a commitment to attempt to obtain a level of rating that would reduce those premiums. We're going to require some help in doing that so with that we're going to ask you to retain Narjarian Associates and for those of you that have met them, Dr. Joe D. Lorenzo or Joe D. as we refer to them who is one of the foremost experts on the entire issue of coastal flooding and probably the east coast, will be giving us some technical advice. One of the items that isn't on my agenda but really goes along with this through a large extent is we're going to ask you at the next Council meeting to adopt an ordinance that will establish standards in our conservancy and let me go back a second. We've established, and you did it, a conservancy area over by Watson and Crampton where we have a lot of flooding. That conservancy area was the primary focus of the Blue Acres buyout which we think was a tremendous success. We did not get everybody. There are a few homes left there. We would encourage those homeowners to participate, it's not too luck there's going to be another round of Blue Acres buyout, but something we are going to do and we've talked about this previously is ask you to adopt an ordinance that would establish some standards for when homeowners must mitigate against future flooding and that would be triggered by, for example, large renovation projects when property changes hands, when it's sold, perhaps on a change of pendency etc. So we're going to have those zoning standards before you at the next meeting. It's a very important step that we think we need to implement to protect those residents that do remain to protect residents that may be coming into that area and to foster the ongoing goals of the conservancy and that frankly ties back into a very large extent of the community rating system. It's something that is very important. We get a lot of points in that rating system for doing that so we'll have both those on the next agenda. We request an agreement with French & Parello for Geotechnical and Construction Phase for the Milos Recreation Center which I think we are going to rename going forward the Cypress Recreation Center if I have that right. From this point forward it will be Cypress Recreation Center in keeping with our naming of these facilities after trees. An agreement with Triad Associates in conjunction with our Green Acres application to swap land over at Bowtie, this is an issue before Councilman Small has an opportunity to ask me about. I'm going to speak about it. Just to remind Council we are trying to swap land with Conrail that would permit Conrail to construct the switch off of the line in Port Reading that would enable them to stop utilizing the Port Reading yard to park trains. They can switch right on to what they used to call the Chemical Coastline, I don't know what they call it now but I'm going to find out and they no longer would have to back up the Port Reading yards by Rosewood Lane. Councilman Small had several conversations with us on it so that's kind of a personal update. The next step to do in an environmental impact statement we're going to bring Triad Associates on to do that. It's an important component of the Green Acres application so we're trying to move that forward as quickly as possible. At the same time we're still negotiating with Conrail to make that whole thing a reality, a lot of hurdles and bumps in the road ahead. We hope to get it done. We appropriated some minor relocated utilities. We're asking you to move forward with the Environmental Act Impact Statement and there are a lot of I's and T's there to get done but we think we have a real shot at accomplishing that. We have a Change Order for the Community Center Roof Renovation, a couple of Awards of Bid, paint and supplies, lumbar and hardware and a grit chamber and I've taken up enough of your time Council President that's all I have.

**POLICE:**

Director of Police Hubner: Thank you Council President, in addition are the two handicapped parking spaces, one on Grand Avenue in Iselin and the other on Juliet Street in Hopelawn, thank you.

**HEALTH:**

**RECREATION:**

Mr. Cimilluca: I have two items tonight, one is a contract with LaGuardia and Associates for the Mayor's Summer Concert Series and I have a donation to the American Irish Association, thank you Council President.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Miss Lefsky: Thank you Council President, just a standard biweekly refund.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Mr. Henry: Thank you Council President, I have two bond releases. I have a Renewal of Contract with Prevention Specialists for drug and alcohol testing and we have a Resolution to accept the 2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Lange: Nothing this evening.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Meehan, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously, Council President Dalina adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

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Richard A. Dalina  
Council President

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