

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 March 7, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Greg Ficarra, Council President: Can we have a moment of reflection for the men and women thank are serving our Country and also for people that are dealing with natural disaster and the folks in Ukraine? Thank you.

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 November 25, 2022. 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: Lizbeth DeJesus, Sharon McAuliffe, Debbie Meehan, Cory Spillar, Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howie Bauer, Viru Patel, Brian Small

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

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2023?

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

Council Meeting:

February 21, 2023

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

A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION FROM THE WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 1079, LOT 2 KNOWN AS SPURCE STREET PARK AND LOCATED IN THE PORT READING SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (2023-15)

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening, we will begin with Letter A which is an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Property Known as Spruce Street Park, located in the Port Reading Section of The Township. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter A.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked why the Township is acquiring the property and what the monetary value is.

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: I don't have the specific answer to that. But I believe it is a swap for Green Acres.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: You are correct Council President. It's a swap for the Board of Education for Green Acres for a land swap that we are doing over at Port Reading where the new railroad spur is going in. We need an extra piece of land and this is going to accommodate that. They are just deeding it to us. We are going to swap the land for Green Acres. We need a certain parcel of land for our commitment with Green Acres so they are going to deed it to us and we are going to put it in that agreement.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other questions or comments on Letter A? If there are no other questions, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “535-537 & 555 NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (2023-16)

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter B is an Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of the “535-537 & 555 New Brunswick Avenue Redevelopment Plan”. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter B.

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

Councilman Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-17 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – VARIOUS STREETS. (2023-17)

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter C is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 Entitled “Traffic” of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Woodbridge. And this is with regards to residential permit parking. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

Councilman Spillar: Mr. Mitch, I would just like ask my fellow Council mates for their consideration and support on this Ordinance. Out of town commuter parking for the Avenel Train

Station has become an issue again for our residents and this Ordinance will now include the remaining streets that aren't permit parking. Thank you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter C.

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

Councilman Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – LOCKWOOD AVENUE. (2023-18)

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We will take Letter D which is an Ordinance also Amending Chapter 7 Entitled “Traffic” Section of Woodbridge. This is with regards to designating handicapped parking on Lockwood Avenue. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter D.

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

Councilman Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously.

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

E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIGE – POLICE ADMINISTRATION. (2023-19)

Council Vice President Anderson 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, March 10, 2023 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 21, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s appointment of Robert Scott LaMountain, Esq., to serve as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor commencing March 7, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refunds for overpaid taxes.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of The Fords Business Community to sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. (rain date April 1, 2023).
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Woodbridge Downtown Merchants Association to host their “Woodbridge Downtown Cruise” on Main Street, Wednesday, June 21, July 19 and August 16, 2023 (rain date Wednesday, June 28, July 26 and August 23, 2023).
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of The St. James Catholic Church to host their “Street Fair” on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (rain date September 23, 2023).
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the Stigma-Free Zone for Mental Health Awareness.

- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, or his designee to execute a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between Santander Consumer, USA, Inc. and the Township of Woodbridge.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of his designee to execute a Bike Share Software Agreement.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement for improvements to the Springwood Swim Club.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the contract amendment with Najarian Associates for engineering services for Construction Administration/Inspection Services at the Woodbridge Firearms Training Facility increasing the contract price of \$129,000.00 by \$15,997.60 for a total adjusted contract price of \$144,997.60.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement with Pyrotechnico for the Woodbridge Township's July 4th celebration scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2023 (rain date Wednesday, July 5, 2023) in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Whirl Construction for playground equipment installation services for Cypress Park II in an amount not to exceed \$257,839.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary with ESS, Inc., for the purchase of cameras for Cypress Recreation Center, Highland Grove Childcare Center, The Club at Woodbridge, Woodbridge Municipal Building and Woodbridge Community Center in an amount not to exceed \$847,497.30.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract for professional planning services with Triad Associates for professional Community Development Block Program Consulting services for Technical Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with PKF O'Connor Davies for professional accounting services for the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement in connection with the sale of Bond Anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00

- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the contract awarded to P & A Construction for the repairs of an 8” sewer line on Menlo Avenue on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of the Final Change Order on the contract with Daskal, LLC for the Woodbridge Firearms Training Facility Renovation and Repair Contract decreasing the contract price of \$2,195,700.00, by (\$89,579.17) for a total adjusted contract price of \$2,106,120.83.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. 92 dated December 13, 2022 authorizing White Rabbit of Woodbridge, LLC to operate a Class 5 Retail Cannabis License and acknowledges that Cannabis Business License applicant, Mad Hatter Dispensaries, LLC has proposed a type of Cannabis Business that is permitted within the Township and would not exceed an Municipal License limit.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$261,930.05 for the NJDEP Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$104,000.00 NJDEP eMobility Project Grant.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historical Preservation Trust Fund Grant.
- (22) **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 March 7, 2023 and the Supplemental Bill List dated February 18, 2023 through March 3, 2023.

Councilman Spillar: Mr. Mitch, I would just like to ask my fellow Council mates for their consideration and support on **Resolution #18**. It’s basically just a name change which continues with our vision for the Route 1 Redevelopment Corridor, specifically Area 14 where Plaza 35 and the Old Pier One Imports was. Thank you.

Council President Ficarra: I just want to point out **Resolution #6**. The Administration along with our support has done a lot of work in the mental health area. And I think this is just a nice icing on the cake to honor the good work that we are doing. Thanks to them for putting it forth.

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

Public Meeting:

Council President Ficarra: We are going to move to the public session. I think everybody here is somewhat familiar with the way things work. The microphone is in the back of the room. When you come up, if you can let us know your name, where you are from in Town or the State. If you are doing any videotaping there is a designated area in the back. In the public session you are allowed to speak for five minutes. I will try to give you a one minute warning, if you will, so that you have the opportunity to close things up. Ultimately the goal here is to speak your mind but to be respectful of everybody. With that said, the mic is now open.

Tom Maras, Fords: Congratulated the Colonia Hockey Team for setting a new record in the State of New Jersey, played an audio clip for Council.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: The purpose of an open public portion of a meeting is to allow the public to come in and speak to the Council, ask questions and address concerns that they have that are relative to the community, not grievances they have relative to each other. So, I would just caution you, going forward. The essential purpose is for people to come in and address the Council with matters that are relative to the community.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked if there is a website that he can review regarding Mental Health Stigma Free Zone. Spoke about the Power Plant and the pollutants spreading everywhere in the air and not just one particular neighborhood. Spoke about being concerned for the welfare of children regarding the teachings of gender identity at a young age while they are still developing mentally.

Council President Ficarra: It's not against mental health, it's a Stigma Free for Mental Health. It's a Resolution that I saw come up that I thought made sense. Administration, is there anywhere we can go to for a website on that?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I will find out Mr. Council President. We got this from Bordentown. So a lot of towns are, it's a standard Resolution that is going through the State and we got it from Bordentown. One of our employees has a family member that lives there and heard about it. They brought it to us and we liked it and so we passed it. I would imagine it has something to do with the League of Municipalities. If you want to send me an email, I would be happy to find out the exact answer and get back to you.

Council President Ficarra: In my opinion it doesn't appear that you are intending to do that. You are expressing your opinion. However what is a need for one person is different from another.

It's difficult to answer that question but apparently your intent is not to stigmatize anybody. Thank you for your time.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the Dog Park and is concerned that people outside of Woodbridge will be able to use it and that the Town gets \$900,000 per year for using the Sayreville Pumping Station for the Power Plant and that it is greywater that comes from human waste water.

Made mention of the Keasbey Pistol Range. Spoke about where the water will be coming from for the Power Plant and the upcoming school election and he supports the bond for the school.

Council President Ficarra: Mr. Vrtaric, the \$900,000 goes to the Middlesex County Utility Authority. Greywater is not water that comes from human waste or toilets. Forgive me for bringing this up in public. The greywater comes from residential and business sinks, not from toilet bowls.

John E. McCormac: Council President, some of the things that are being said are so unbelievably inaccurate, I feel the need to correct them. First of all, the Green Acres Grant is not a County Grant, it's a State Grant. It's to build a Dog Park behind the current Dog Park off of Cliff Road. It has nothing to do with the use. Our parks are open to the public and the County can use our Dog Park now. Any resident in the State can use the dog park. If someone visits somebody in Sewaren from Indiana they can use the Dog Park. All of our parks are public parks. It has nothing to do with this whatsoever. The Keasbey Pistol Range is not public and is split between the Township and the County of Middlesex. Any town in the County can use it for their police officers, the County itself can use it for the County police officers and it is for our Town police officers. That has absolutely nothing to do with Green Acres Dog Park. The two are completely unrelated and I have no idea why you would bring that up. Greywater is water that has already been treated by the Middlesex County Utilities Authority Plant. It's been treated. And rather than dump it in the water, they pipe it back to the Power Plant and get paid for that. And the Power Plant uses greywater instead of clean water to operate the Power Plant. It has nothing to do with steam and I have no idea why you are putting steam into this. But you throw a lot of things out there all the time that have no bearing at all on what you are saying. So that is what is going on here. People are not involved and no one is drinking the greywater or cooking with the greywater. No one is washing their cars or watering their lawns with the greywater. It is water that has been treated at the Plant and now they are making money by selling it back to the Power Plant to operate it. That is all that is going on and it's an amazing deal because that's \$900,000 that we don't have to pay when we dump everything into the Power Plant. So every resident of Middlesex County including Woodbridge pays a lot of money because of this arrangement. That's all this is. So, you've got this conspiracy theory mentality like something is wrong and that we are trying to pull something over on people. We are doing something that is very sensible for our residents. Thank you Council President.

Ed Sofield, Fords: Spoke about many people not coming to Council meetings because they support the Council and the Mayor and believe they know what they are doing.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments from the public this evening? Hearing no other comments, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed?

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

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

Council President Ficarra: We are going to go into our Agendas. The Club at Woodbridge has their Spring brochure out so keep an eye out for it.

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

On March 15, 2023, at the Community Center, there is a bagel and coffee seminar on financial matters called Outlook and Opportunities Geared Towards Seniors with hosts, Edward Jones and Alan Tennant.

Also at the Community Center, on April 4, 2023, there is an open house from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. It's a good opportunity to stop in and see what they have.

The Woodbridge Township Youth Services is collecting recycled tabs to support the Raritan Health Medical Center by providing tabs for temporary homes away from homes for families with serious illnesses. The tabs are on soda cans, energy drinks, vegetable and soup cans. You can drop those tabs off at the Acacia, Evergreen and Highland Grove Youth Centers. It's a nice effort that the youth in Town are putting together.

There are a number of leagues getting ready to start in the summer including bocce ball, volley ball and kick ball. Also, there is a trip to see the Broadway show, Wicked, on May 4, 2023 and you can check in with our Recreation Department for more information.

2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
HOLD
3. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD
4. Fireworks.
HOLD
5. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.

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6. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.
HOLD
 7. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD
 8. Jacob's Landing.
HOLD
 9. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.
HOLD
 10. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD
 11. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD
 12. COVID-19 Efforts.
HOLD
 13. Mobile Health Unit.
HOLD
 14. Senior Services Directory.
HOLD
 15. Human Rights Commission.
HOLD
 16. Concerts.
HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Ficarra: Council President Anderson.
Council Vice President: Thank you Council President.

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

Please contact our Recreation Department if you are looking to register for little league baseball and softball.

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

We have a few additions. Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas has a number of positions that are available and there is a slideshow on our Employment Opportunity website. Also, there is a new addition to our website that includes information for new Woodbridge Township Police Officers. The public has been asking for some time to be made aware of when the Civil Service Exam would take place. The application for the Civil Service Exam is open until March 31, 2023. You can go on the Township website into the opportunity area and scan the QR code for more information. The New Jersey Defense Manufacturing Company and FEMA are hiring. Shell is also looking for a terminal worker in Sewaren and you can find all of their information on our website. Fedex is hiring and starting pay is at \$22.25 per hour and there is tuition assistance up to \$5250. We also need substitute teachers in our schools. You can get certified in my office at the County but you can get to work right away. New Jersey Transit has several positions open and Middlesex County has their Elite Youth One Stop Center for those of you looking for summer employment with Middlesex County. You can find all of this information on our website.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD

5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD

6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD

7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD

8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD

10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD

They had the conclusion of the Black History Month at the Acacia Center. It was very well done. We honored a few of our local officials and also some people that are employed in our Township. We had a number of performances from students, music, dancing and food.

I want to commend the Independent Club of Colonia, Mr. Phil Hall and Glenn Morgan for putting on a good event for our town.

11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD
We are backed up because we did have a hiatus due to the Pandemic. We are looking for volunteers and any companies that are willing to donate. You can visit the Township website if you want to get on the list. This year it will be done on April 29, 2023.
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD
14. Middlesex College.
HOLD
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD
16. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

I would like to congratulate the Colonia Boys Varsity Basketball Program. They were sectional champs this year and made it to the group semifinals. I believe they finished with a 22 and 9 record and there were three seniors on that team. I don't think they anticipated to go as far as they did but this was actually a repeat of their sectional finals. They were sectional champs last year. I know that Mr. Maras made mention of the Colonia Hockey Team. Our hockey program is actually a combined program of the three high schools and this is allowable by the NJSIAA. So, I would like to congratulate all the boys because there are boys from J.F.K, Colonia and Woodbridge that participate on that team. There were four over times and they lost 5 to 4. So congratulations to them, Coach Rotella and Coach Rodriquez.

HOWIE BAUER, 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/Trunk or Treat
HOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property.
HOLD
11. Brownfields.
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.
HOLD
13. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD
14. Highland Grove Swim Pool.
HOLD
15. Little Libraries.
HOLD
16. 988 LIFE LINE.
HOLD

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Woodbridge Fire Fighters Local #290.
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge P.B.A. / S.O.A. #38.
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 (9/24/22).
HOLD
13. 2-3-8 Marine Fire Rescue.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Light Parade (11/25/23).
HOLD

16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
18. Autograph Signings.
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Ficarra: Councilwoman DeJesus.
Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President.

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.
HOLD
4. History Museum.
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.
HOLD

9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
The Barron Arts Center is hosting Woodbridge Treasures, Preserving the Past at Woodbridge Public Library. Our local history captured in documents, pictures and objects from the Archives at Woodbridge Public Library. This will be on display from March 3, 2023 – March 24, 2023. You can contact the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413 for more information.
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD
The Free Public Library is hosting computer classes with a new schedule of opportunities to learn new skills. March is Makers Month at Woodbridge Public Library and there is a coding class for children ages 9 – 13 years old and craft classes for all ages this month. On March 30, 2023 you can join us as Carol Simon Levin portrays Lillian Moller Gilbreth, motion study pioneer and “Cheaper by the Dozen” mother of 12 and shares the stories of other overlooked women innovators. For more information you can call 732-634-4450.
11. Veteran’s Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Girls Sports.
HOLD
13. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.
HOLD
14. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD
Today we celebrated Women’s History Month and we raised the flag. One of the honorees is Diya Nair, a high school Youth Leadership Council member, for her commitment to bring nutritional literacy to both the youth and seniors of Woodbridge Township. Diya worked with dieticians from the Raritan Bay Medical Center to create a nutrition literacy workshop for the youth at the Evergreen Youth Center back in November and for 29 Woodbridge senior citizens at the Five Branches Senior Center in February. Diya was passionate about an idea and put her passion into action. We would also like to thank the Division on Aging for helping Diya make her idea a possibility. Any high school student interested in learning more about the Youth Leadership Council can contact Youth Services at www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us.
15. Community Backpacks.
HOLD
16. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.
HOLD

17. Safe Place.
HOLD
18. Women’s Month
HOLD
We celebrate Women’s History in the month of March and everyone should celebrate the women in their lives.
19. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD

Also Noches de Colombia opened a few weeks ago. If you are looking to try some Latino cuisine, especially that of Colombia, I highly suggest that you visit Noches de Colombia. It’s been packed every day since they opened. That is all that I have. Thank you Council President.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.
Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Ficarra.

1. Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/26/23**) / Port Reading Day.
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
Colonia’s very own Comedian, Jim Palumbo, returns to APAC this Saturday at 8 p.m. for his comic performance. With over 100 television and film credits, Jimmy Palumbo has been performing since 1989. His extensive experience in television includes his most recent guest appearances in The Michael Che Show, Katy Keene, Gotham, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Orange Is the New Black, The Jim Gaffigan Show, Boardwalk Empire, and many more. You can see Jimmy by visiting the online box office at www.avenelarts.com or by calling the box office at 732-314-0050.
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/Fire Prevention Week Open House **(10/14/23)**.

HOLD

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

HOLD

10. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.

HOLD

11. Cable Commission/Renewal.

HOLD

Woodbridge Township Television is happy to announce the launch of our Video Channel TV-35 in High Definition on channel 1077 on the Comcast Cable System. The HD channel is a result of years of negotiations between Comcast Cable and The Woodbridge Cable Commission. The Bulletin Boards, channel 36, will cease operation on March 28, 2023. However, Bulletin Board notices will be incorporated into Channel 35-1077 lineup.

12. School 4 & 5.

HOLD

We have the Special Bond Election coming up this Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Polls will be open from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Woodbridge Board of Education's plan to construct a new School 4 & 5 at 1299 Rahway Avenue in Avenel on the former site of Premier Diecast, a cost of \$35 million. Shortly after the voters approved the Referendum to allow this project to proceed on March 10th the COVID Pandemic swept the country and plans were put on hold. Our national economy then went in to a tailspin and the price of a new school climbed to more than \$45 million dollars due to inflation and supply chain issues. The Board decided to use the balance of the original funds to build the new School 4 on the existing site and to renovate School 5 instead of us going to voters to approve the higher amount through a new Referendum. It's almost going to be exactly like what we did with Ross Street School and Woodbridge Middle. Because this location changed and the original Referendum specifically spelled out the Rahway Ave address, a new Referendum is still necessary to change that address back to the current site. Voters can cast their ballots at their usual polling place. Please remember that there is no additional

funding being requested for this project, no taxation, just a change of address. It's the same exact thing as it was on March 2020.

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.
HOLD
14. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD
15. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD

The rest of my Agenda is in order. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, all of our Public Works and Township Employees. God Bless America. Thank you Council President Ficarra.

Council President Ficarra: Thank you Councilman Spillar for clearing that up. During the public portion of the meeting, someone alluded to the fact that there were a bunch of mistakes. There were no mistakes. A small little thing like the Pandemic got in the way.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

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

HOLD

On April 8, 2023 we are holding our Colonia Cleanup that will be at 9 a.m. at Charlie Shaughnessy Park We ask that you come on over and help us clean up Colonia. Bring some work gloves, a rake and shovel and join us to beautify our town. If you have a big group that wants to come, you can reach out to Dan Harris at 732-754-5970. After the cleanup we will be holding our Colonia Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and egg hunt from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Evergreen Center. There will be crafts, games, prizes, hay rides with the bunny and an Easter Bonnet Parade.

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

This Friday, March 10, 2023, the Colonia V.F.W will be holding a Fish Fry fundraiser. It is from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. located on Inman Avenue in Colonia across from the library. We ask that you come out and support our Veterans and have a nice dinner that evening.

9. Veteran's Issues.

HOLD

10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

HOLD

11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.

HOLD

12. Volunteer Directory.

HOLD

13. Domestic Violence Response Team.

HOLD

14. AED Program.

HOLD

15. Springwood

HOLD

I want to thank Councilwoman DeJesus. She put out a really beautiful program tonight and you really are a champion for women and I know a lot of our young girls look up to you. That is all I have tonight.

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

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

SHARON McAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President. I have a few announcements this evening.

1. Events:
 - A. Relay for Life.
 - B. Fishing Derby.
 - C. Parker Press Concerts.
 - D. Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
 - E. Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).

HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.

HOLD

There will be a St. Patrick's Day networking event at Blu Ale House from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Also on March 29, 2023, come and meet the local artists at the Gallery on Main from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. These events are great ways to network and meet others for details on these events, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 732-636-

4040.

4. Buy Local Program.

HOLD

5. Transit Village.

HOLD

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

HOLD

7. Main Street and Route 9.

HOLD

8. Animal Shelter.

HOLD

There will be a Kitten Baby Shower, located at the Animal Shelter on 195 Woodbridge Avenue on March 18, 2023 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Please help bring kitten food, wee wee pads, old newspapers and your support is very much appreciated and needed to help get these kittens adopted or fostered.

9. Dog Park.

HOLD

10. Arts.

(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.

(B) Gallery on Main.

HOLD

The Gallery on Main will have their Spring Art Reception on March 23, 2023 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

11. PACE.
HOLD

12. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD

I would just like to take a moment to congratulate Mike Balog as the new Chief of The Woodbridge Fire Department Company #1 and wish him all the best as he takes on his new role.

13. Coast Guard.
HOLD

14. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD

15. Acacia Center.
HOLD

16. RISE Program.
HOLD

17. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD

18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.
HOLD

19. Earth Day Event.
HOLD

20. Green Infrastructure
HOLD

St. James Church has a few things going on. On March 18, 2023, St. James will be hosting their Pasta Dinner and Powerball Drawing in the church basement. For tickets please contact noteworthy76@comcast.net.

Also on March 25, 2023 St. James Church will be holding their Craft and Flea Market Extravaganza from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the school parking lot. For details on this, contact www.sj-school.org. That is all I have today. Thank you very much.

Council President Ficarra: Council Vice President. Do you have a hidden Agenda?

Council Vice President Anderson: Yes I do. I wanted to mention that March is Read Across America Month. I wanted also make sure I mentioned this because we won't have a Council Meeting to mention this. Also, if there are any parents that are looking for different types of camps, we offer camps here in Woodbridge and there is plenty of opportunities for camps here. But Middlesex College does offer some great specialized camps. So I just want to mention that they offer camps for ages 5 and 17 for general camps activities. And for ages 7-13 they have arts and crafts camp, sports camp, science camp, black rocket camp where you learn how to create your own AI Rabbit Robot and design a fortnight style video game or a code languages like HTML, JavaScript and CSS. There is computer camp, cooking camp, theater camp and literacy in math. If you go to the Middlesex College website, you can see all of this information their camp Open House is Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. in Crabiell Hall. Thank you.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Council President, I would just like to remind everyone that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is this Sunday, starting at 1:30 p.m. from Woodbridge High School.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you. My Agenda is in order.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure.
 - A. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-052-005 from Maria De La Rosa to Angelina's Woodbridge Liquor License, LLC t/a Angelina's Kitchen, Inc., 6000 Vermella Way, Building G, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
 - B. Place-To-Place Transfer (Expansion of Premises) of Liquor License #1225-33-057-004 Sewaren Associates LLC t/a Moby Dick's 351 West Ave., Sewaren, NJ 07077.
 - C. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-44-003 Liberty Tavern of Fords, Inc. to Jolly Rogers Bar & Grill, LLC 631-633 King Georges Rd., Fords, NJ 08863.
 - D. Change of Corporate Structure for MSK Holdings, LLC t/a Woodbridge Brewing Co., 33 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095 (1225-33-069).
 - E. Change of Corporate Structure for Li 88 Liquour Inc., t/a Outerbridge Liquors, 306-340 Rt. 9 No., Suite 8, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
 - A. 2023 Special School District Election: March 14, 2023

 - B. 2023 Primary: Election: June 6, 2023
Early Voting: June 2 – June 4

 - C. 2023 General Election: November 7, 2023
Early Voting: October 28-November 5
6. Best Practices Inventory.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President.

I have two items on my Agenda this evening. I have a tax and sewer overpayments and I have a parking refund.

POLICE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Director Hubner: Thank you Council President. Nothing this evening.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Council President. Nothing this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council President.

I have several items. The first one is with the Alaimo Group. Its the proposal for surveying, engineering design, environmental permitting, administration and construction management. And that is for services for Streambank Stabilization & Stream Channel Cleaning for portions of South Branch Rahway River, Heards Brook and Camel Creek.

The second one I have is with Colliers Engineering and it's a Design Proposal for surveying portion of Fords Park.

Number three is also with Colliers Engineering & Design Proposal for boundary & topographic survey of Ross Street Parking lot.

Number four Agreement with County of Middlesex for installation of pedestrian actuated rectangular rapid flash beacon at the corner of Inman Avenue & Beekman Avenue.

Number five is the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Proposal for Blue Acres and the Neighborhoods for continued monitoring & maintenance for Blue Acres property.

HEALTH:

LEGAL:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Legal.
James P. Nolan, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

RECREATION:

On a motion made by Council Vice President Anderson seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously, Council President Ficarra adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.