

Woodbridge, New Jersey – May 8, 2018

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 May 8, 2018 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 Meehan: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our troops overseas.

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 22, 2017. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregg Ficarra, Nancy Drumm, Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small, Virbhadra N. Patel, Howie Bauer, Cory Spillar, Debbie Meehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyle Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
John Bennett, Business Administrator
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
Dennis Henry, Public Works Director
Dennis Green, Health Director
Michael Gelin, Municipal Engineer
Vito Cimilluca, Recreation Director
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Director
Craig Coughlin, Esq., Municipal Counsel (Arrived 7:15 P.M.)
Eric Lange, Esq.

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

Council Meeting: April 17, 2018

Council President Meehan 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 AMENDING BOND SECTION 1 AND 8 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 16-28) ENTITLED: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,950,000.00 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 BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, “ADOPTED JUNE 14, 2016 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 16-70 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 13, 2016. (18-20)**

Council Vice President Spillar 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 Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously.

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

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

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 22 ENTITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, SECTION 22-19.1 APPEALS BOARD. (18-21)**

Council Vice President Spillar 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 Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously.

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

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

C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-14 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS TO ADD – DEAD END OF NED COURT SOUTH, ADJACENT TO STILES STREET, DEAD END OF STILES STREET NORTH, ADJACENT TO NED COURT. (18-22)

Council Vice President Spillar 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 Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

- D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION – BLOCK 855, LOT 742, 181 AVENEL STREET, AVENEL, NEW JERSEY.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS TO ADD RYAN STREET, WEST, BEGINNING AT A POINT 355 FEET SOUTH OF NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE TO A POINT 25 FEET SOUTH THEREOF.**

Council Vice President Spillar made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in The Home News Tribune on Friday, May 11th, 2018 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby recognizes Municipal Clerks Week, May 6th through May 12th, 2018 and further extends appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, John M. Mitch, for the vital services he performs and his exemplary dedication to the community he represents.
- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby honors and wishes the Sikh American Community Celebration a joyous Vaisakhi.
- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby reappoints Manuel Sanchez as Constable

for the Township of Woodbridge for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2018 and terminating June 30, 2018.

- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby reappoints Eric R. Schwab, Esq. to serve as Acting Chief Municipal Public Defender commencing February 10, 2018 and terminating August 31, 2018.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a settlement agreement with BL Restaurant Operations, LLC.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Sewer User Fees.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and confirms the hiring of Christina Hoffman as Confidential Aide in the Recreation Department and waives the Township's Residency Ordinance.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and confirms the hiring of Brad Sarboukh as Confidential Aide in the Recreation Department and waives the Township's Residency Ordinance.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and grants a waiver of the street opening moratorium at Lord Street in the Avenel section of the Township to Middlesex Water Company so they can install water service for the new Quick Chek Store on Lord Street and expands the required maintenance period to include the remainder of the moratorium plus an additional one-year thereby ensuring that the Township's recently paved streets remain in good condition.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township is an Area In Need of Redevelopment.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Proper section of Woodbridge Township is an Area In Need of Redevelopment.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to re-bid the contract for Concessions at the Cypress Center.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with T. Fiotakis Construction, LLC for the Colonia High School Bleachers and JFK Memorial High School Barrier Gates in the amount of \$4,500.00 increasing the contract amount of \$102,975.00 to a total of \$107,475.00.

- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to execute an agreement with P & A Construction, as a result of an emergency, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the mobilization and repair of the broken water main next to the Township's Public Works Facility in the Keasbey section of the Township on an emergency basis.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to renew the Shared Services Agreement with Fire District #1 for the provision of various services for a one (1) year period in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a renewal of the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Roselle Park for Animal Control Services in the form substantially similar to that annexed hereto for the period May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a renewal of the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the City of South Amboy for Animal Control Services in the form substantially similar to that annexed hereto for the period May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a renewal of the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Township of East Brunswick for Animal Control Services in the form substantially similar to that annexed hereto for the period May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with The VNA Health Group for WIC Services for the community in the form substantially similar to that annexed hereto for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Peak Environmental for professional environmental services for the Bowtie Pool in an amount not to exceed \$12,345.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and International Union of Operating Engineers of New Jersey, Locals 825, 825-A, 825-B, 825-C, 825-D, 825-R and 825-RH in the form substantially to that annexed hereto.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and approves the request of the Colonia Fire Department to host their 75th Anniversary Parade on June 2 2018 from 11:00 A.M. and ending at 1:00 P.M.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make a transfer of the State Fiscal Year 2018 budget appropriations.

- (25) **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 May 8, 2018, the Supplemental Bill List dated April 13, 2018 through May 4, 2018 and the Addendum to the May 8, 2018 Bill List.

Council Vice President Spillar moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously except for a comment from Council Vice President Spillar on Resolution #10 and Council President Meehan on Resolution #1.

Council Vice President Spillar: Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Yes.

Council Vice President Spillar: Can I just ask my fellow Council members for their consideration on Resolution #10. That is going to be for the redevelopment of the new Quick Chek. It a piece of property that kind of hasn't been in such good shape and it's inheritably beneficial that it continue with the article of Redeveloping the Route 1 corridor, so thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments?

Council President Meehan: I would like to just comment on Resolution #1 and just thank the administration for acknowledging our Clerk's Office. They work tirelessly for us and the community and we truly thank them for everything they do so thank you for acknowledging them.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Council President Meehan: We will now go into our public portion of the meeting. If you would like to speak please go to the back microphone in the back. There is a limit of five minutes. Please state your name and where you're from.

Robert Mesce from Perth Amboy spoke about the man who lives across the street from him saying Mr. Mesce tried to kill him. Next Mr. Mesce spoke about Crunch in Woodbridge throwing him out of their establishment. Then Mr. Mesce spoke about going to Holmdel after the meeting where they have a band playing. Mr. Mesce next spoke about Barbara Bush and going to the Patriot's game in Somerset. Mr. Mesce then spoke about an incident he had at Costco. Next Mr. Mesce spoke about his nephew asking him to move to San Francisco. Then Mr. Mesce spoke about going to the Board of Education meeting in Perth Amboy. Lastly Mr. Mesce spoke about people being laid off from their jobs.

Gerard Trabalka from Hopelawn asked for a moment of silence for the residents who are losing their homes due to the PILOT program. Next Mr. Trabalka spoke about Resolutions #8 and #9 in regards to the Confidential Aides and Council President Meehan replied that they were new hires. Senator Bennett further replied that it was a Civil Service title and that the two people are going to be working with the Avenel Arts and have backgrounds in art and will be working with Anthony Wilkinson. Mr. Trabalka then spoke about the cost of \$85.00 for the township's 350th Anniversary at the Community Center. Council President Meehan replied that it was going to be a really nice event with a full evening of

entertainment and food. Mr. Trabalka next spoke about a parking problem by the Dalina Manor. Councilman Bauer replied that he did not receive any emails or phone calls with regards to that. Next Mr. Trabalka questioned why the strip mall across the street from the Town Hall was being taken for condemnation and if it was being done for townhouses to be erected there. Senator Bennett replied that there was no condemnation specifically in the resolution but a recommendation for a study to be done by the Planning Board without the condemnation. Director Darden replied that Senator Bennett was talking about a previous resolution that was adopted and it is not on the agenda and that investigation has been pulled. Then Mr. Trabalka spoke about an article he read in the GM News about Edison approving a PILOT and they were going to mimic our PILOTs. He further spoke about the article saying the article said that a developer comes to the township with a traffic agent and they say that they want to build and they need a PILOT. Mr. Trabalka questioned if that was the way it worked. Senator Bennett replied that they are following us because it is a good thing for the community. Lastly Mr. Trabalka questioned if the Harley Davidsons sold yet and Director of Police Hubner replied that they have not.

Marco Carroll from Port Reading spoke about the house explosion on Vernon Way in Port Reading last month and questioned if the cause had been determined yet. Council President Meehan replied that he would have to contact the County Prosecutor's Office in regards to that. Council Vice President Spillar further replied that several different agencies are conducting the investigation but it is being led by the Prosecutor's Office who had issued a directive that the house not to be touched. Mr. Carroll lastly spoke about the asbestos and fiberglass all on the neighbor's lawns. Senator Bennett replied that Mr. Carroll could speak to the Health Director at the end of the meeting in regards to these concerns.

Joanne Milchak from Hopelawn questioned if there were any new developments with Quincy Place. Councilman Bauer replied that they are in negotiations right now for a Foodtown to replace the old Pathmark. Senator Bennett further replied that the Burger King and the liquor store are both staying where they are now. Lastly Joanne spoke about a parking problem by the Rita's Ice on New Brunswick Avenue in Hopelawn. Council President Meehan replied that Director of Police Hubner is going to check on that.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN/ 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
Breast Cancer Walk

HOLD

Council President Meehan: On May 16th we will be having our Support the Troops Rally. It will be held at 6:00 P.M. in front of the Health Center behind Woodbridge High School. If you know anybody that is on active duty and you would like their names announced to just honor them please reach out to me. We'll be reading a list of the names of anybody from Woodbridge Township that is on active duty. You can reach me at 732-382-0273.

6. Food Pantry
HOLD

7. Reinhard Manor
HOLD

8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad
HOLD

Council President Meehan: They are very excited in Colonia because they will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary. It will be on June 2nd. It will be starting at the top of Cleveland Avenue so if you are a resident of Cleveland Avenue the road will be closed for a short time. The parade is not too long so it really shouldn't interfere too much in your day. We also ask that you take your cars in or move them off the street just for a short period of time. It shouldn't be much more than an hour. It will start at 12 Noon. It will proceed down to Colonia Middle School where we will have a festival, live music, food and things for the kids. It will go from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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

Council President Meehan: We will be doing a Woodbridge Overdose Awareness Walk on May 12th. It will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Alvin Williams Memorial Park in Sewaren. We ask that you come down. There will be a candlelight vigil in memory of those who we've lost from overdose. We ask that you come down and support this crisis that there are so many people that are going through.

Also the Summer Series is out. We are very excited; we have a great lineup this year and it will be starting on June 25th. Mondays will be Oldies, Tuesdays will be Tributes, Wednesdays will be Original Bands, Thursday will be our local bands, Friday we will have jazz and Country Sundays so there's really something for everybody to do the whole summer. We ask that you bring a can of food and all these concerts are free so come down and enjoy this great entertainment we have here in Woodbridge.

- 14. Volunteer Directory
HOLD
- 15. Domestic Violence Response Team
HOLD
- 16. AED Program
HOLD
- 17. Engineering Exploring Project
HOLD

CORY SPILLAR/ 3RD WARD COUNCILMAN/VICE PRESIDENT:

- 1. Avenel Community Day/Port Reading Day
HOLD

Council Vice President Spillar: One of the biggest days in Avenel is upon us. Avenel Community Day will be next Saturday, May 19th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Frank G. Pelzman Memorial Park. All activities take place at the park this year. Just some of the stuff we have this year are face painters, bounce houses, inflatable slides, food and vendor courts, petting zoo and the firehouse will be there with their smokehouse. At noon I have the Avenel Middle School performing on the stage. At 1:00 P.M. there will be check presentation from Investors Bank towards the Summer Jazz Concert Series which will be held in LeGrand Park this year; that's our Friday Jazz Series for Avenel. It's always a great event for the family and residents so come on down.

I have just one announcement the Old Neighborhood Series is back. The Old Neighborhood Down Memorial Lane – Avenel will be on Sunday, May 20th from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Barron Arts Center on Rahway Avenue. If interested you can call 732-428-2403; you can come and listen to lifelong Avenel residents Joseph Frame, Ted Pichalski and Barbara Kuzniak White. Each person will share their recollections of growing up in Avenel during the 1940s to 1960s. It's always a good time and very informative.

- 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 Center/Facility
HOLD
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 propertyHOLD
9. Avenel Fire Department
HOLD
10. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Developmental Center property
HOLD
12. Cedar Meadows – Rahway Avenue
HOLD
13. Cable Commissioner/Renewal
HOLD

NANCY DRUMM, 1ST WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

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

Fishing Derby

Parker Press Concerts – Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursday

HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: Tonight we had a presentation from the Local 290 IAFF Firefighters. They made a donation to the Woodbridge Township Relay for Life. We thank them for that and we would encourage anyone who is interested in supporting the Relay for Life Committee to fight for the cure for cancer. You can go to the website and sign up at relayforlife.org/woodbridge.nj.

3. (DMA) Downtown Merchant Association
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Downtown Merchant Association is having their Car Shows in the downtown Woodbridge area on Main Street. They will be the 3rd of Wednesday of June, July and August.

4. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD
5. Chamber of Commerce
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce Street Fair is on Saturday, May 19th from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Main Street in Woodbridge Proper. We have over one hundred and fifty vendors and we're looking forward to a fun filled day so please come out and support the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses that are there. It's rain or shine. If you have any questions you can call the Chamber at 732-636-4040.

6. Buy Local Program
HOLD
7. Transit Village
HOLD
8. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
9. Main Street & Route 9
HOLD
10. Youth Leadership Council
HOLD
11. Animal Shelter
HOLD
12. Dog Park

HOLD

13. Arts
 - (A) Train Station Mural Project
 - (B) Woodbridge Artisan GuildHOLD
14. Woodbridge Fire Storage
HOLD
15. PACE
HOLD
16. Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge
HOLD
17. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116 is starting their Motorcycle Committee Bike Nights which is also a fun filled night. They are also the 3rd Wednesday of June, July and August and September but they also start this month. May 16th is their first Motorcycle Committee Bike Night. It's a lot of fun so I encourage you to head over to Rahway Avenue and go there and support the Elks.

18. Woodbridge Fire Department
HOLD
19. Woodbridge Center Drive Improvements
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: Project Update – Night milling and paving operations started last night and will last until the weekend. During the paving operations there will be some traffic disruptions but the project is on target and is to be completed by next week. We want to thank the Engineering Department and also the partnership with the county to be able to get this very important pedestrian safety project done.

Some of the residents were affected by kind of a high pitched noise that circulated around West Avenue and Cliff Road for a short time while they were testing the Sewaren 7 Power Generating Plant and I just wanted to let everyone know that the testing is completed and I just wanted to thank all those residents for their patience.

One last announcement, Happy Mother's Day to my Council mates Debbie and Lizbeth and to all the moms out there, we appreciate everything that you do, so Happy Mother's Day.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE (ABSENT):

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

HOLD

2. Job Bank
HOLD
3. Real Estate Database
HOLD
4. Mayor's Trophy
HOLD
5. Township Wide Bulk Pick Up
HOLD
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
13. Tooling Around Program
HOLD
14. Boy Scouts/Camping
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

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

Councilman Ficarra: There are a couple of really cool events coming up at the Woodbridge Community Center. On Sunday, May 20th we have our annual Super Heroes Breakfast for the young folks. You can enjoy a breakfast buffet with eggs, cold cereal, French toast sticks, coffee, tea and milk. Your favorite Super Heroes will be there. It's \$15.00 per person in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Also at the Community Center coming up on Wednesday, May 16th from 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon is our annual Mayor's Senior Wellness Summit. It's very informative. It's a Lifestyle Expo for our seniors 55+ showcasing fitness, travel, healthcare, financial consultants, education, home improvements, music and entertainment. Again it's hosted by Mayor McCormac.

Registration is going on now for our Summer Camps at the Community Center itself and the Highland Grove Swimming area. There is limited space so I highly recommend that you get out and register early.

There is also our general membership. If you haven't been to the Community Center lately and see some of the upgrades and refurbishment that's going on and is still going on you might want to stop by there. It's just a wonderful place with a lot of great opportunities to be healthy.

All of this you don't have to remember. You can check it out at njwcc.com which of course stands for newjerseywoodbridgecommunitycenter.com.

2. Youth Month – April
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative
HOLD
6. Fireworks (Tuesday, July 3, 2018)
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Looking ahead but it's never too early to plan our Fireworks program at Alvin P. Williams Park is on July 3rd. The park opens at 4:00 P.M.

7. Municipal Alliance
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (Wednesday, July 11, 2018)
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Wednesday, July 11 is our annual Pizza Run which is at Alvin P. Williams Park.

Today we had the trifecta of athletics. Before the Council meeting we honored athletes, we honored coaches and we honored an athletic director. Thanks to our Council folks who will probably speak about that. It was a great day for sports. We finished up with even a better honor and that's the folks that are organizing the Relay for Life so it was a wonderful start to our Council meeting.

10. Jacob's Landing
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE:

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Public Works will start installing 2 to 5 year olds playground equipment at the elementary schools next week. The township playground safety inspections are 85% complete. All playgrounds will be inspected and ready for the summer within the next two weeks.

8. Hispanic Heritage Month
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center
HOLD
10. Free Public Libraries of Woodbridge
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: The work of the library ramp is going well. Anyone inconvenienced by the

ramp is encouraged to contact the main office to arrange for assistance at 732-634-4450 Ext. 7153.

11. Greenway Family Success Center
HOLD
12. Veteran's Tax Deduction
HOLD
13. Green Infrastructure
HOLD
14. Girls' Sports
HOLD
15. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp
HOLD
16. Township's 350th Anniversary (1669-2019)
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: The Township's 350th Anniversary kicks off June 1st with the gala at the Woodbridge Community Center and tickets are \$85.00. Please contact the Recreation Department or the Municipal Clerk's Office for more information.

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 Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths
HOLD
7. Electric Vehicle Car Share/Car Changing Stations
HOLD

8. School Projects
HOLD

Councilman Small: Our work continues at School 29, the former St. Cecelia's site. That is where the children from Kennedy Park School 24 will attend in September and Kennedy Park School 24 will become our full day kindergarten hub. At Woodbridge Middle School the additions are set to kick off on May 21st and Ross Street School #11 the ground breaking started Monday so all three projects are going to be in the works very shortly. With these projects come some last minute work that needed to be done and I just want to thank Director Henry from Public Works with Carmine Barbato and Kevin Teehan for all your hard work that you put in last week unexpectedly, we truly appreciate it. To all the guys in the Road Department, Director Cimilluca, George Brew and Bobby Higgins thank you for your efforts to accommodate the school with Pearl Street Park. And last but not least Director Hubner with Pat Kenny, Kevin Holly and your traffic maintenance team thank you for coming over and assisting last week also. It's a lot of work and a lot of effort, team effort, and I appreciate everything you guys do.

One announcement in regards to Ross Street School is that with the construction they lost their playground so we made arrangements through the Recreation Department to Director Cimilluca for the children to go to Pearl Street Park for lunch, recess and gym class. So the park is closed to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. for the security of the children and staff. It's posted in the park and it's closed until June 23rd which is the last day of school. I would just appreciate that the public understanding that the kids need a place to go while their school is under construction.

9. Senior Transportation
HOLD

10. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center
HOLD

11. Port Reading Fire Department
HOLD

12. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for "Property Alert" to Register)
HOLD

Councilman Small: I just urge the residents of Woodbridge to take a look at the Property Fraud county website. I've spoken to many people and I have gone on the website myself and registered. Unfortunately fraud is running rapid today with modern day technology and there are a lot of victims out there so if you are interested it's www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov and search for Property Alert. I urge you to take a look at that.

Lastly the Port Reading First Aid Squad will be holding its annual Mother's Day Flower Sale from May 10th through May 13th across from the Port Reading Firehouse on Port Reading Avenue.

To Debbie, Lizbeth and Nancy Happy Mother's Day and all the moms out there enjoy your day on Sunday.

13. Inspections of Hotels/Motels

HOLD

(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4TH WARD COUNCILMAN:

Councilman Patel: My agenda is in order but I have one announcement. We have a street closure in Iselin on Dow Avenue. We have a sewer improvement project going on now between Auth Avenue and Coakley Street. The streets will be closed from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and the project is going to go for another three weeks. We have enough detour signs and I think police officers are assigned on the site so this project is expected to finish in three weeks.

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

HOWIE BAUER, 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN:

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

Councilman Bauer: The public parking lot requested by the Business Community in Fords is under construction at this time at the Olsen Towers property on New Brunswick Avenue in Fords.

4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: The quarterly meeting of the Brownfield Development Area was held yesterday on May 7th, 2018. We were given an overview and update on the eight sites which are all located in the 2nd Ward off Riverside Drive and Smith Street in the Fords/Keasbey section. For those who don't know a Brownfield is a property redevelopment or reuse of land which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminate. It is designed to empower communities and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, protect, assess, safely cleanup and reuse Brownfields. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protect the environment, reduces blight, increases local tax base and facilitates child growth. One property now on the site is that of Arizona Ice Tea where a second 500,000 square foot manufacturing facility is being constructed adjacent to their current facility and is projected to create one hundred new jobs to their current two hundred. A second site, Morris Properties, located on Riverside Drive is in the process of a pod formation, nature walks and trails and a park for the general public use.

5. Hometown Hero Banners
HOLD

6. Fords Business Community
A. Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
B. Summer Jigsaw Street Fair
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: The 1st Annual Cruise Night will be held on Monday, June 4th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a rain date of Monday, June 18th. It will be located at Siperstein's parking lot at 372 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords. For more information you can contact Jane McLaughlin at 908-930-6160.

I have two announcements, the 7th Annual Emergency Service Cup Charity Ice Hockey Game – Woodbridge Fire and EMS vs. Woodbridge Police will be on Sunday, May 20th at the Woodbridge Community Center from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Come out and support your First Responders. For more information you can go to www.benefitgames.com/emergencyservicecups. All money raised this year will go to the Warriors Sled Hockey Team and the Semper Fi Fund. The festivities will start at 1:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M. for open skate to the general public. At 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. will be the Woodbridge PBA vs. The Warriors Sled Hockey Team.

My last announcement, the Greenway Family Success Center is partnering with the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and the Woodbridge Police for their annual Child Car Seat Installation on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. at the Fords Firehouse, 667 King George Road in Fords. Installation is by appointment only and you must register before May 30th at the Greenway Family Success Center, 535 New Brunswick Avenue or call them at 732-527-3400. Car seats will be installed by Certified Child Passenger Technicians from the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and the Woodbridge Police Department.

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

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:

Mr. Mitch: I removed an item from my agenda tonight. You were supposed to have a hearing but early tonight you approved a settlement agreement so that has been removed.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Birchfield Ventures, LLC t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquor Outlet, 489 Rt. 1 South, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.
 - B. Person-to-Person/Place-to-Place (pocket) Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-066-008 from Food for Thought Restaurant Group, LLC to Nosh Ventures t/a Arooga's Grill House & Sports Bar.
 - C. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-002-009 from Woodbridge Restaurant, LLC t/a Houlihan's to HOP Woodbridge, LLC t/a Houlihan's, 65 U.S. Highway 1 South, Metuchen, New Jersey 08840.
2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
 - A. Zepro Bar & Grill, LLC t/a Ivy Stone
Date of Hearing: 6/13/17 **Postponed:** T.B.D.
3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. Annual retail licensee meeting (May 10, 2018).

Mr. Mitch: Item 3A, the annual retail licensee meeting is Thursday, May 10th at 10:00 A.M. Council members are invited to stop in if you would like.

4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Refund of Surety Bonds (Canvassers).
6. Elections.

- A. 2018 Primary Election – June 5, 2018.
Nominating Petition Deadline: PASSED
Deadline for Change of Party Affiliation: PASSED
Voter Registration Deadline for Primary – May 15, 2018.
Deadline to Apply for Mail in Ballot by Mail – May 29, 2018.
Deadline to Apply for Mail in Ballot In-Person – June 4, 2018 @ 3 P.M.

- B. 2018 General Election – November 6, 2018
Voter Registration Deadline for General Election – October 16, 2018.
Deadline to Apply for Mail In Ballot by Mail – October 30, 2018.
Deadline to Apply for Mail In Ballot In-Person – November 5, 2018 @ 3 P.M.

7. Best Practices.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Senator Bennett: Thank you Madame President, with respect to the Agreement with Conrail this is an agreement to have an At-Grade Crossing on chain for another entrance way on one of our parks. The Drug Free Zone Maps will be presented to you at the next meeting for your approval. Legal Services on ABC matters, that's a professional services contract for someone that helps us with those alcohol beverage control matters. Financial Management Advisory Services is a professional service contract. The Proposal for the Improvements of the Bowtie Park with CME Associates is for the design stage of the Bowtie Park. It's a comprehensive contract for moving forward with that project. And then the purchase of a Senior Citizen Handicapped Van will be on and a purchase of a Mini-Excavator which is another piece of equipment we need and the refund of Tax Court Judgment is housekeeping in nature.

POLICE:

Director of Police Hubner: Thank you Council President, I have an Amendment to Resolution #5 which was adopted on February 6th of this year which was the Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant. At the next meeting we will be proposing time restricted parking in the area of the Avenel Train Station and I have the addition of two handicapped parking spots on Beverly Hills Terrace and Walter Drive both in Woodbridge Proper, thank you.

HEALTH:

Mr. Green: I don't have anything this evening, thank you Council President.

RECREATION:

Mr. Cimilluca: I have one item tonight which is waiver of fee for the Mobile Stage Rental, thank you Council President.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

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Director Darden: Thank you Council President, in addition to our standard biweekly refunds I also have a Resolution for the addition of a public street to our street map and for the next agenda I also have the Affordable Assistance Agreement and the Expenditure of COAH Funds.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Mr. Henry: Thank you Council President, I just have one Bond Release.

LEGAL:

Mr. Lange: Nothing this evening Council President.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Spillar, seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously, Council President Meehan adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Debbie Meehan
Council President

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