

**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 August 2, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.**

Council President, Howie Bauer: Please rise for our Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for all our Military personnel serving here and abroad.

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

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 10, 2021. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cory Spillar, Debbie Meehan, Kyle Anderson (arrived at 6:06 p.m.-did not vote), Lizbeth DeJesus, Sharon McAuliffe, Gregg Ficarra, Howie Bauer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Viru Patel, Brian Small

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

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022?

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

Council Meeting:

August 2, 2022

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

- A. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY (THE FORDS THEATRE PROPERTY) FOR SENIOR HOUSING PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,200,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (2022-46)**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – ELLIS PLACE. (2022-47)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening, we will take Letter A, which is a Bond Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property in the amount of \$2,200,000.00 currently known as the Fords Theatre Property.

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 Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that the public hearing be opened.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letter A only.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked how many units will be in the new senior housing building, how much money it will cost, how long will it take to build and who will run the building.

Howie Bauer, Council President: We are placing the same amount of units that are in Olsen Towers so roughly around 55 units. The Olsen Tower was originally built in 1963. Mayor.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Ultimately we are going to own it now and ultimately there will be a transaction where we transfer it to the owner of the senior complex which we believe will be run

by the Housing Authority. We're not quite sure of all the details yet but for now, we are buying it. But we are not going to be the ultimate owner of it.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about most investors of buildings and warehouses being from foreign countries. Asked if we investigate who these people are and where the money is coming from.

John E. McCormac: No we don't. The owner of this project owns Red Oak or built Red Oak. He owns the apartments formerly known as Stern Tower, now called The Park. He is the one who took down The Stern Tower building and built the Red Oak project. He's got other things in town and is a very reputable developer all over Middlesex County. And no, we don't need to do research on him because we know him.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: So you do know who the owner is going to be?

John E. McCormac: Ultimately yes, of course.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other questions on Letter A? Hearing no other comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We will take Letter B which is an Ordinance putting a handicapped designated parking space on Ellis Place in Woodbridge. 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 Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan 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 Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

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

- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – GILL LANE.**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLES "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-21 "MULTI-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS" OF THE REVISED**

**ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – N. WASHINGTON AVENUE AT BEDFORD AVENUE.**

**E. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

**F. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, August 5, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on August 23, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

- 1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a Block Party on Martool Drive, closing Elmwood Avenue and Gorham Avenue, Woodbridge on September 24, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., a Block Party on North Grand Avenue, closing 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Reading, on August 27, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., a Block Party on Linden Avenue, Woodbridge on September 3, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Discharge of Mortgage/Repayment Agreement and record same with the Middlesex County Clerk.
- 3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund for a permit fee.
- 4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Person-To-Person transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-068-011 from Parascondola License, Inc. t/a Casa Giuseppe to Ari and Gio, LLC, t/a Casa Giuseppe effective August 3, 2022.
- 5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Grant of Conservation Restriction/Easement between the Township of Woodbridge and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- 6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Woodbridge and USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service.

- 7) **BE IT RESOLVED BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services between the Township of Woodbridge and the City of South Amboy for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- 8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services between the Borough of Roselle Park for the period May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- 9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Battery Electric Truck Project Management Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and Climate Change Mitigation Technologies, LLC.
- 10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a License Agreement for Facilities Occupation between the Township of Woodbridge and Consolidated Rail Corporation.
- 11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Peak Environmental LLC, for professional environmental services for Remedial Action for Asbestos Abatement at 267 E. Smith Street, Woodbridge, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in an amount not to exceed \$4,200.00.
- 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 Environmental Connection Inc., for professional environmental consulting services for Pre-Demolition Environmental Building Assessment at 458 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords in an amount not to exceed \$17,815.00.
- 13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the designation of certain properties in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township, Block 526, Lot 1.01 65 S. Fulton Street as an Area In Need Of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- 14) **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 Menlo Park Terrace Section of Woodbridge Township is an Area In Need Of Redevelopment.
- 15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the designation of certain properties in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township, Block 287.01, Lot: 12; Block 287.02, Lots 2, 3; Block 288, Lots 1.02, 9.02, Mattison Street Right-Of-Way as an Area In Need Of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.

- 16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the designation of certain properties in the Avenel Section of the Township, Block 846.05, Lot: 18; Block 846.05, Lot 27; Redwood Street Right-Of-Way as an Area In Need Of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- 17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the designation of certain properties in the Avenel Section of the Township, Block 896, Lot: 1, Block 896, Lot: 88 as an Area In Need Of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- 18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the cancellation of unexpended balances of the Sewer Utility Fund SFY 2022.
- 19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the cancellation of unexpended balances of the SFY 2023 budget for Emergency Appropriation.
- 20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to execute the transfer of the State Fiscal Year 2022 budget appropriations reserves.
- 21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List dated August 2, 2022 and the Supplemental Bill Listed dated June 16, 2022 through July 29, 2022.

Cory Spillar, Councilman – Third Ward: Mr. Mitch, I just want to ask my fellow councilmates for their consideration and support on Resolution #17 regarding the redevelopment of certain properties along Route One in Avenel. It's been announced for some time now, the desire of myself, the Mayor and the Administration for some time now, to redevelop the Route One Corridor and this Resolution is a step in the right direction for several of those properties. Thank you.

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

### **Public Meeting:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you Mr. Mitch. At this time we'll go to the public portion of our meeting. Come to the microphone, please state your name, part of the Township or State that you are from. You have a one time, five minute time period. All videotaping must be taken within a designated area in the rear of the room and there will be no shouting out from your seats. Please respect each other and please make sure all signs or posters do not block the walkways or aisles. Thank you.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Thanked Captain Brady for getting back to him to approve a venue where he can hold an Opt-Out and Parental Rights Rally. Spoke about the Acacia Youth Center being semipublic and cannot be used for a rally due to a private interest there, an article about COVID-

19 vaccine reactions pertaining to people especially 18 years of age and under and the side effects. Mentioned a website called nomoresilence.world. Asked who/what the private interest is at the Acacia Youth Center.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The former Hungarian Club had three sections to the building. The big hall in the front which we own. We own the whole building right now. The middle, which is where they had their meetings and that is where the youth center is, and then where they had their bar, we are basically subdividing the building and selling that piece of it to the American – Irish Association. The deal has already been approved by the Council. Everything is moving ahead and we might even close this week. So that's why. They will own the back piece of the building, the back of the parking lot and the grassy area across from that next to the basketball courts. Public property is public property and anybody can use it. But the rally, if there is a better option like Townhall, we would prefer it be there because we don't own a piece of that property. So we don't know if they have an event they might be scheduling. That's why it's better if we can move the public rally to some place that it's not going to be a conflict, that's all.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked the Mayor how much the Hungarian Club was sold for to the American - Irish.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Fifty thousand dollars. It's been before this meeting. You've been at the meetings where we've discussed this. It went through an Ordinance like everything else. It's been public for a long time.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked how much was paid for the Hungarian Club when they decided not to run it anymore.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Zero.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked why fifty thousand dollars and not one dollar.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We had an appraisal for what the land and piece of the building that we sold were worth and we sold it for fair value. It didn't seem like we should give it away for a dollar.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about being hurt that certain people pay for it even if you got it for nothing and they are probably one of the most should be proud of the American-Irish of Woodbridge and it seems like certain people get taken advantage of. And they have a quarter million dollars in the bank. They should have gotten it for the same amount the Hungarians purchased it for and the Hungarians have a quarter million dollars in the bank.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Of course we are but you complain all the time about taxes. Now you want us to give away property for free. It's a little inconsistent. We're not taking advantage! They agreed to the contract. They had money set aside from 10 years ago in a fund because they had been looking for a home for a long time. They raised money for it, they had it in a CD and now they are using it to buy this. We are not taking advantage of anybody the least of who would be The American-Irish Association of Woodbridge which does great things for this town. Not the least of which has run the most successful parade in the area on St. Patrick's

Day. For you to think we are taking advantage of them is absolutely ridiculous. And they had no problem coming to a contract with us at fifty thousand dollars.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Who has a quarter of a million dollars in the bank?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: The Hungarian Club.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: That's yesterday's news. Years ago they moved out. What difference does it make what they had in the bank.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about trees being cut at 64 Fleetwood Road and every time it's talked about it is changed on how or why it was done.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Then let me tell you the story. I went out there today just to see it so I could have it in my head before we meet tonight. The call was in to take a tree down within the Right-Of-Way. It was 8 ½ feet away. I measured it today. It was 8 ½ feet from the curb line.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked the Mayor if he was calling "us" stupid, because we have pictures?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I didn't say anything as such. I just said if you want the facts, I'll give you the facts. It was 8 ½ feet from the curb line and we took it down. And then, we had to take a limb down from the second tree. That put the second tree at risk of falling into the house next door. As I said last time, there were limbs and branches mixed in with the wires and there is a transformer facing the house, which is very unusual, and that was at risk of taking that whole pole down which you said that poles and trees don't come down in storms. I don't know where you've been living but Ida, Sandy and Irene, trees came down all of the time. Let me finish. You asked a question, let me finish. So then the guy in the field, who doesn't know who owns the house or a thing about anybody who lives there, decided that the second tree was at risk of falling in to the neighbor's house and he decided to take that down too. This guy doesn't know who is on the Council, he doesn't know anything about who lives there and he made that decision in the field. So for you to impugn his integrity and say he did something that's not right.... George didn't know it, I didn't know it, Vito didn't know it, the Council didn't know it, and the Councilwoman didn't know it. This guy made a decision in the field to do the right thing and protect the house next door. That's the fact.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Who is this guy?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: You don't need his name. He is a Public Works Supervisor. Is he a supervisor George? A Supervisor made the decision in the field not knowing anything about anybody and you know what, he made the right decision. And you've been coming for five or six meetings now calling this transaction into doubt. It was the right thing to do.

Kirk Dawkins, Iselin: Spoke about rent control for Woodbridge Hills Senior Citizen apartments, how rent control began and why, spoke about the 1987 New Jersey Rent Control Exemption Law



entitled Newly Constructed Multiple Dwellings giving the developers the opportunity to make money for a period of 30 years and that is now expired for Woodbridge Hills. Rent is now being raised by 8% and he will be leaving Woodbridge but not giving up on the fight.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: Thank you Council President and thank you Mr. Kirk for being here. You and I have had several conversations around this issue and as I told you, the process by which we do this. We are in the process of investigating the complaint that you have. And others have come to the Rent Leveling Board meeting a month or so ago and have brought forth other documentation all of which is being evaluated. The way the process would work would be investigating, I would make a recommendation to the Board who would then have a hearing in order for the landlord to present their case and we are going through that process right now. After a hearing, the Board would make a conclusion and would go on from there. As you know and as we have discussed, the funding formula, the financing formula that the landlord undertook was complicated. It consisted of a couple of pieces early on with specific language relative to an amortization period and so we're doing some due diligence around cases that may have evolved under the law relative to that issue. Doesn't seem that there is any. I suspect mostly because the 30 year time period that you were talking about and the statute does talk about less of the initial financing period or 30 years. Those things are just finally starting to come around to conclusion. And remember that 30 years runs from the time of the completion of the project under the statute. We are sorting through all of those things and prepared to meet shortly with the Board for them to be advised of this situation and then to direct me as to whether to go forth with a hearing or not. That will happen in short order. I can't tell you exactly when it is, I've got to reach out to all of the members and see if they are available for a conversation. Things like that. And I know the Mayor has also made some other efforts.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, if you don't mind. Just three quick points. One, we can't do one apartment complex or condominium complex and not do them all. That's not legal. So we can't single out Woodbridge Hills and not do the whole town. So that's impossible. Second, the political party of the people of the complex doesn't matter to us. We don't care what party they are. We treat people the same. We don't ask what party people are. And third, we have had conversations with the president of the association. As you said, there are 800 units so we can't have multiple conversations with multiple different people at our meetings with multiple different people. We are working on setting up a meeting between my office, Attorney Coughlin and Mr. Joe DiGiovanni and whoever he wants to bring. So when that meeting is set, if you would like to talk to him and attend it, you are welcome to but we have to work through the president of the association as the official representation or representative of the association. We can't just meet with other people without going to him first. I will meet you outside if you want as soon as the public portion is over.

Nancy, Iselin: Spoke about living at Woodbridge Hills, voting, paying taxes, asking for the rent increase issue to be looked into at some speed. Spoke about her rent also being raised and not wanting the result of not having rent control being homelessness and the community needs help and they are relying on the Council to help the seniors.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I can assure you that we are looking into it. We are gathering all of the facts and if we can do anything and it might mean a court fight, whatever we need to do. If

we have a chance of being successful we are going to do it. We are on your side to get this done but it takes a long time. We are trying to set up the meeting in the new two weeks with Mr. DiGiovanni and work out Mr. Coughlin's schedule and my schedule. It's a very complicated matter because they did take a mortgage the first day. They got the land cheap and then they took a construction loan and then they financed it and cashed out. So what is the trigger that started the whole 30 years and what's the point where everything begins? And we are still looking at the legal ramifications. If we can come up with a strategy that says we can go after them and say that you can't raise the rent, we're going to do that and we are going to be prepared for a fight after that because they won't take it easy.

Nancy, Iselin: Last night at the Concert you said that the seniors were most important here. I'm going to hold you to that. I don't want to be homeless.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No, what I said was that the dance floor used to be in front of the bus section. Senior citizens sit everywhere but there is a section for people that take the bus because they might be more immobile than others and I made a little joke that we didn't want to block the senior bus people from seeing the stage. And I did make a joke about supporting the senior citizens. Mr. Coughlin and I and the Council are completely on your side for whatever we can do but we have to make sure we can sustain whatever we do. If they're right, they're right. If they're wrong, they're wrong and if they're wrong we are going to go after them.

Eugene Dawson, Iselin: Spoke about him and his wife being residents of Woodbridge Hills and asked about technicalities on Woodbridge Hills documents regarding who is actually the official president of the association. Spoke about the tenant association paperwork not being dated or indicating who the president of the association is and not being aware of any elections of leaders for the community of Woodbridge Hills.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: We would have to look at the documents. There has been elections that presumably that have been held. Obviously I am just getting this for the first time so I don't know the true facts.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Sir, do you have an attorney for the association?

Eugene Dawson, Iselin: I get the same answer that there has not been a vote to hire an attorney to represent the organization.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I remember that Sonny was the president for a long time but he is not the president anymore.

Eugene Dawson, Iselin: The issue is not who used to be the president.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: The answer would have to be that there is multiple questions that you have asked and multiple facts. First of all, there were documents created when the home owners association was created. Presumably filed with the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton. There may have been amendments to that. I don't know what procedurally occurred.

We would have to trace back the history of those documents and find out if they were done properly or improperly.

Eugene Dawson, Iselin: I have to apologize again Mr. Mayor. But you made that statement that you were meeting with the president and I am only speaking about that particular comment. And how do we know that the person you said you were going to be meeting with is the legal president of the association?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I don't know the answer to that. Somebody called me and said that they were the president and I guess I took it at face value. I didn't ask for proof.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about the NAACP convention and his new elected position with the organization and discussions held at the convention and hopes the Woodbridge officials agree to meeting with his chapter of the NAACP to discuss working together to achieve vital civil rights advancements in our community. Spoke about justice for Nijer Parks, Jeremiah Daniels- Porter, Black Lives Matter, stop the Keasbey Power Plant, Anti-racism policies now, this is power.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments from the public this evening? Hearing no other comments from the public, can I get a motion the public comments portion to be closed?

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

**HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2<sup>nd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to our Agendas. My Agenda is in order.

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward road projects.  
HOLD
2. County Greenway.  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Ave.  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park / Keasbey.  
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero banners.  
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.

- A. Cruise Night.
  - B. 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. Human Rights Commission.  
HOLD

17. Concerts.  
HOLD

18. Jazz Fest.  
HOLD

Cub Scout Pack #53 will be holding a fundraiser car wash on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus at the corner of Main Street and Amboy Avenue in Woodbridge. Donations are welcomed and go to our Cub Scout programs.

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

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

Council Vice President Ficarra: Thank you Council President.

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

The Senior Olympics are September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. If you register by August 27<sup>th</sup> and you are a Woodbridge resident, you will pay ten dollars for three events and that is a savings of forty dollars. There is a hotline at 973-618-1111. There are plenty of activities going on at the Community Center and the Club at Woodbridge that can keep you cool during this hot spell. Everyone has to be careful, stay hydrated and try not to do activities outside during the hottest part of the day.
2. Youth Month – April.  
Senior Month – May.  
HOLD
3. Mayor’s Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.  
HOLD
4. Fireworks.  
HOLD
5. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.  
HOLD
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

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:**

1. Woodbridge News.  
HOLD

2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).  
HOLD

3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.  
HOLD

4. Website E-Government.  
HOLD

5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.  
HOLD

6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.  
HOLD

7. School Projects.  
HOLD

8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).  
HOLD

9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.  
HOLD

10. Property Fraud ([www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov](http://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. Marine Eight.  
HOLD

14. Mayor Mac Café.  
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival.  
HOLD
16. Light Parade (**11/26/22**).  
HOLD
17. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
18. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.  
HOLD

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Small is excused. Councilwoman DeJesus.  
Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

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

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.  
HOLD
12. Girl Sports.  
HOLD
13. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.  
HOLD
14. Youth Leadership Council.  
HOLD
15. Community Backpacks.  
HOLD
16. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.  
HOLD
17. Safe Place  
HOLD
18. Women's Month  
HOLD
19. Mentoring Programs  
HOLD

**CORY S. SPILLAR, 3<sup>rd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/27/22**) / Port Reading Day (TBD).  
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.  
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.



HOLD

4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.  
HOLD
  
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.  
HOLD
  
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.  
HOLD
  
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
  - a. Star / City Motels.
  - b. Americana / Avenel Motels.
  - c. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
  - d. Bud's Hut.
  - e. Big Top property.
  - f. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
  - g. Pier I Imports property.HOLD
  
8. Avenel Fire Department.  
HOLD
  
9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.  
HOLD
  
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.  
HOLD
  
11. Cable Commission / Renewal.  
HOLD
  
12. School 4 & 5.  
HOLD
  
13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.  
HOLD
  
14. Maple Tree Senior Center.  
HOLD

Mr. Cimilluca, I noticed this towards the end of the day and didn't have a chance to document it. The Sansone property at Rahway Avenue and Randolph Avenue crossing over towards the DMV, can we notify Rahway and Engineering that the crosswalk is completely gone. I noticed a

car was trying to make a turn on red where it was permitted and the person had the white hand to cross over and they were kind of at odds.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: We'll reach out to them tomorrow.

Stay cool and hydrated, don't overdo it. Thank you to our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT and all of our Public Works and Township Employees. God Bless America. Thank you Council President Bauer.

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> 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: Taste of Colonia.  
Have a Heart Food Drive.  
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.  
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.  
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.  
Support the Troops Rally.  
Colonia Pride Day.  
Colonia Clean Up.  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.  
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.  
Toys for Tots Run.  
Breast Cancer Walk.  
HOLD
5. Food Pantry.  
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.  
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.

HOLD

8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.  
HOLD
9. Veteran's Issues.  
HOLD
10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.  
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.  
HOLD
12. Volunteer Directory.  
HOLD
13. Domestic Violence Response Team.  
HOLD
14. AED Program.  
HOLD
15. Springwood  
HOLD

I just want to thank everyone that came out this weekend for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wiffle Ball Game, the American Legion and Colonia VFW.

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.  
HOLD
2. Job Bank.  
HOLD

The Raritan Bay Y is hiring pre-school teachers and teacher assistants. Please check out their website if you are in that category and are looking for work.

3. Mayor's Trophy.  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.

HOLD

5. Taste of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.  
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.  
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*).  
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.  
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.  
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.  
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.  
HOLD  
The Boy Scouts Camporee starts September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> at the Scout Pavilion on Omar Avenue in Avenel.
13. League Consolidation.  
HOLD
14. Middlesex College.  
HOLD
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.  
HOLD

**(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Road Projects.  
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.  
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.  
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.  
HOLD

**SHARON MCAULIFFE, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Patel is excused. Councilwoman McAuliffe.  
Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

1. Events: Relay for Life.  
Fishing Derby.  
Parker Press Concerts.  
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.  
Saint James Street Fair.  
  
HOLD
2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).  
HOLD
3. Chamber of Commerce.  
HOLD
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
9. Dog Park.  
HOLD
10. Arts.
  - A. Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
  - B. Gallery on Main.HOLD

The Gallery on Main on August 7<sup>th</sup> is having a DIY workshop for African Accents on Handbags Inspirations. It is ten dollars for the class. Please log on to [cultureexpressions.com](http://cultureexpressions.com) for details.

11. PACE.  
HOLD
12. Woodbridge Fire Department.  
HOLD
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

Local Band Thursday resumes. This week on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Shaman will perform. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. at Herbert Rankin Park across the street from Moby Dicks.

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

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

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

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

A. Change of Corporate Structure of Liquor License #1225-33-064-005 Viswasha Foods LLC, t/a The Yellow Chili, 1447 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin.

B. Application for a “New” Club ‘31’ Type Liquor License for American Irish Association of Woodbridge, Inc.

C. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-44-038-005 from AASHIV Inc. t/a House of Wine & Liquor to WB 875 LLC t/a House of Wine & Liquour, 875 St. Georges Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

D. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-018-010 from Ariana’s Catering Hall of NJ Inc. to Sapphire Banquet, Inc., t/a Sapphire Banquet 800 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

E. Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License #1225-44-011-007 Li 88 Liquor Inc., t/a Outerbridge Liquors from 45 West Pond Rd. to 306-360 Rt. 9 No., , Suite 8.

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

2. Liquor License Renewals.

A. Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

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

4. Elections.

A. 2022 General Election: **(11/8/22)** Early Voting: **(10/29/22 – 11/6/22)**.

B. 2022 Primary:

Just a couple of comments, thank you for approving Casa Giuseppe Liquor License transfer this evening. I’ve also added on a new item which is going to be a location change of a liquor license

in Hopelawn and I will also be adding on this week a change in ownership of the managing member of the LLC that operates Joe Canal's.

**MAYOR:**

**POLICE:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I am standing in for Director Hubner he is at the National Night Out. Under Director Hubner's Agenda he has a Traffic Ordinance Amendment. Thank you.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have one item. A Multi-Party Traffic Signal Agreement for Route 9 and Main Street.



**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a couple of items tonight. A Tax and Sewer Overpayment, a Parking Refund and a 100% Disabled Veteran Resolution. Thank you.

**LEGAL:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

**RECREATION:**

**HEALTH:**

Council President Howie Bauer: A motion for adjournment.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Ficarra seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

