

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 22, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: Let's have a moment of reflection for the people that lost their homes and lives over in Hawaii and pray for their recovery. 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: Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Cory Spillar, Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon McAuliffe, Debbie Meehan, 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 Coughlin, Esq.
Gary Clemente, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2023?

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

Council Meeting:

August 8, 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION OF 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE –TO ADD - DARTMOUTH AVENUE AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE EAST. (2023-57)**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening, we have one, listed as Letter A, which is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 with regards to handicapped parking on Dartmouth Avenue and Pennsylvania 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 M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter A.

John M. 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?

Council 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:

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE-TO ADD-WEST POND ROAD.**

- C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COVEYANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 867, LOT 1.0121 AND LOT 1.0123, WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN A REHABILITATION AREA, TO THE WOODBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40:A12a-1ET SEQ.**

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, August 25, 2023 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on September 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request to hold a Block Party on September 2, 2023 (rain date 9/3/2023) at 254 Clinton Street, Woodbridge, from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. closing Grady Street and St. James Avenue, a Block Party on September 9, 2023 (rain date 9/10/2023) at 47 Livingston Avenue, Avenel, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. closing the corner of Lenox Avenue.

- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Avenel Community Day to host Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Tree Lighting on November 26, 2023 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., closing Avenel Street, between Route 1 North and Jansen Avenue and Fire House Square.

- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Mayor’s appointment of Sabriena Tarboush to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Library Board for a five (5) year term commencing August 22, 2023 and terminating August 21, 2028.

- (4) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refunds for overpaid taxes.

- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund for Tax Court Judgements, one refund and one credit, against 4th Quarter Taxes for 2023, to McCarter & English.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund from the Developer’s Review Fund Account to Enterprise Holdings in the amount of \$680.00.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Hemal Raman Patel.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran Dana F. King, Jr.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran Nestor Martinez.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran Zachary Hathaway.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran Calixto Gonzalez.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Woodbridge Township to maintain its bid threshold at \$44,000.00 for the Township’s QPA, Gerald F. Volpe.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to reject the bid received on August 22, 2023 for the Township of Woodbridge Tiki Bar and Uplands Marina Project and is directed to re-bid the contract.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any documents necessary for the purpose of making a contract between Continental Trading & Hardware and the Township of Woodbridge.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the bid in the amount of \$792,504.94, awarded to P & A Construction for Ross Street and North James Street Parking Lot.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the bid in the amount of \$490,880.00, awarded to Apex Development, Inc. for The Club Basketball Court Abatement.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the bid in the amount

of \$6,670,898.00, awarded to Underground Utilities for Carteret/Woodbridge Segment One.

- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase and installation of cameras for the Board of Education from ESS, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$345,727.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 in the amount of \$517,605.00 increasing the contract amount of \$5,846,923.10 to a total of \$6,363,898.10 for Contract #2023-001 Milling & Resurfacing Program, Areas 1,2,3,4 & 5.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with Berto Construction Inc. for Cypress Park Phase II increasing the original bid price of \$2,434,326.36 by \$155,567.00 for a total contract price of \$2,589,902.35.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with C.J. Hesse Inc. for the previously awarded Contract 2021-019 Route 9 and Main Street Roadway Improvements increasing the original bid price of \$12,61,019.62 by \$1,186,617.86 for a total adjusted contract price of \$13,797,637.48.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of a contract modification on the contract with The Vaughn collaborative for professional architectural serves for 86 Green Street in an amount not to exceed \$25,175.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Marc Rogoff, Esq. for legal services for the Township as Planning Board Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with The Aubrey Group for professional Grant Writing Services for the Township in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Two Brothers Contracting, Inc. for Demolition, Disposal, Backfill and Compaction Services for 75 New Street in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Discharge of Mortgage between the Township of Woodbridge and Diane Szymanik (f/k/a Diane Ventura).

- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption license 1225-33-026-009, VI Group, LLC, for the 2022-2023 license term commencing July 1, 2022 to Midnight, June 30, 2023, under Special Ruling.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption license 1225-33-026-009, VI Group, LLC, for the 2023-2024 license term commencing July 1, 2023 to Midnight, June 30, 2024, under Special Ruling.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the amendment of Resolution No. 7 and Resolution No. 8 adopted on June 13, 2023 reflecting incorrect street addresses for Liquor License #1225-33-049-006, Liquor License #1225-33-065-004 and Liquor License #1225-44-063-005.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the emergency temporary appropriations for the SFY 2023 Fiscal Year Budget.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List dated August 22, 2023 and the Supplemental Bill List dated August 5, 2023 through August 18, 2023 and the Addendum to the August 22, 2023 Bill List.

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 now entering the public portion of the meeting. This is where anyone can go up and speak about matter that are on their mind. When approaching the microphone, which is in the back, please state your name and what section of the town or state you live in. You have a one-time opportunity to speak for five minutes. I'll try to give you a one minute warning, not to interrupt you, but to wrap things up. All videotaping must be taken from the rear of the room in the designated area. We ask that you be king to each other. We are now open for the public portion.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any comments from the public this evening?

Aishwarya Devarajan, Edison: Spoke against the proposed plan for another power plant in Keasbey. Mentioned that when she is driving into New Jersey from Maine, the air becomes hazy. Believes that there is no amount of economic benefit that can substitute good quality air. Implored the Council and Mayor to oppose the power plant.

Ester Barcan, Edison: Also spoke against the proposed plan for an additional power plant in Keasbey. Urged the Mayor and Council to either oppose or revamp the plans so that it is a clean energy plant. Spoke about toxic pollutants that the residents are breathing in and the damages we are witnessing to daily to life and property, on a mass scale as a consequence of climate change and burning fossil fuel.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Thanked Council President for the acknowledging the wild fires and the damage that it has caused. Spoke about the climate crisis and that it is leading to more extreme and dangerous weather and that we have experienced consequences of that already in terms of the air quality. Asked if Council could respond to the residents that spoke earlier.

Council President Ficarra: The only thing I can tell you is what I told you the last time you were here. The words that you speak will be heard by the people in Trenton.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Also asked for status update on the waterfront park as to when that will be open to the public.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We are actively working on it now. Parts of it may be open in the fall. The bulk of it will be open next year.

Charles Kratovil: Asked if the site is still radioactive and if the site has been remediated.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It would not be opened as a waterfront park if it's radioactive.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Asked if the site was presently radioactive.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Asked if the area has been remediated.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: As far as I know, yes it has. The spot that is going to be the park, as far as I know, has been remediated.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Asked if there will be a portion that will be a park and a portion that will still be contaminated.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I don't know.

Charles Kratovil, Mayor: Asked about Competitive Power Ventures and their plan for a second gas plant in that area. And asked Council President if the Council has any comments on the air quality violations of this company's first gas plant.

Council President Ficarra: No. I am sure the DEP has to monitor it, so the pressure is on them. We don't monitor the air here in the Township.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Asked if Council President is aware of the nature and extent of the violations.

Council President Ficarra: No. I am personally not.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: I understand if they were self-reported by the company and DEP took several years to take any action. I am very concerned that for years, these violations were kept from the public. And folks were making arguments that this is a great company with a perfect track record but it wasn't true, they had violations. I would like to get to the bottom of that and understand how such a thing could happen and I hope you would share my desire to get to the bottom of that since those violations may have affected the air that we were breathing. The Mayor stated in the past that he's been able to meet with and persuade so called "green groups" that oppose the plant and get them to change their position. Through you, Mr. President, could the Mayor address that and name any of those groups that have decided to support the gas plant?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I don't have any recollection of ever having done that or saying that.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: You don't recall saying that? Ok, well it was in this room, it's on video and I'll follow up to get some more details, but that was said here. I just also have to ask if the Council has any comments on the guilty plea of Braith Kelly, the CPV executive that brought the first plant to Keasbey.

Council President Ficarra: No comments. Council, any comments? I don't have any comments.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Similar to the air quality violations, are you familiar with the nature of the charges?

Council President Ficarra: You have brought it up in the past and I've done a little research so yea. One minute by the way, Charlie.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Just to clarify, he was the person who came to Woodbridge with the offer to bring the power plant here?

Council President Ficarra: I personally wasn't part of that. So I don't know. If anyone else cares to comment? But I wasn't part of that discussion.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Surely the Mayor was involved, perhaps through you, the Mayor could comment and confirm whether Braith Kelly was the person who brought the first plant here, came up with the idea, proposed it.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: He was not.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Can you tell us who did, whose idea it was?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: No, because we don't know or no because?

Council President Ficarra: I don't know.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: There's just a lot of red flags with this project. So, I'd encourage the Council to take another look at it. I know that when we first starting bringing it up, folk's ears perked up and they were interested in maybe sending a letter or doing something about

it. And I think that kind of went away for some reason and I think the discussion needs to continue. Thank you for hearing me out today.

Lenuta Chituc, Fords: Spoke about her concerns with the parking lot at Joy's Dance House on King Georges Road, which is next door to her home and not being able to enjoy time in her yard due to the noise, headlights flashing into her windows at night, late night activity coming from the parking lot as well.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Spoke about results of a Monmouth University poll that noted 77 % of parents in New Jersey believe it's appropriate for middle schools and high schools to notify parents if their children want to identify differently from their gender assigned at birth. Requested that Mr. Coughlin speak tonight as Assemblyman and Council Vice President Anderson to speak as Superintendent on this topic. Also, believes that our quality of air is now cleaner than it was in years past.

Council President Ficarra: I just want to point out two of the obvious things here. Mr. Coughlin is here as our Legal Counsel and Councilman Anderson is here as the Councilman, not necessarily a Superintendent or an Assemblyman. With that said, I'll leave things up to them. But, as you know, only because you're well versed in these things, the Board of Educations have the ability to make these decisions following State guidelines. We recognize it's a very sensitive matter but that needs to be worked out by the Board of Educations.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: I would say the same thing, thank you Council President. Mr. Lund, we can speak about this after the meeting.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the 78 foot billboard near The Club at Woodbridge property, believes it is not safe and is concerned for the safety of the people. Spoke against building another power plant in Keasbey. And asked if the Mayor or anyone in his family owns a liquor license or liquor business.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, what's happening here is there was a static billboard for years. We decided that it could be more lucrative to have a digital billboard. We now own The Club at Woodbridge, which means we own the billboard. Our Zoning Board approved it and the State approved it. It's a very long and difficult process dealing with the State bureaucracy. Mr. Vrtaric, one again, is talking to people who clearly don't know what they are talking about, and neither does he, instead of talking to the people that can answer his questions, which would be the State of New Jersey or the Woodbridge Township Zoning Board. Everything was done 100% according to the law here. There's no point in talking to people. Just call the Zoning Board or call the State and ask the question. Everything was done legally in the past several months and now we have a digital billboard that we can make more advertising revenue on.

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

Vice President Anderson made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Spillar Council and carried unanimously at 6:43 p.m.

Council President Ficarra: We are going to move into our Agendas now. I will start.

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

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

There is a limited amount of time now to register for the Senior Olympics, which will be coming up on September 8, 9 and 10. Woodbridge resident only have to pay \$10 for three events.

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

The Crossroad's Race will be on September 3, 2023. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. You can also go in advance to compuscore.com/woodbridgecrossroads or you can just walk up on that day and register on the same day. There is a 30 mile tour and a 15 mile tour and it's starts and ends at our Community Center. Check-in is at 7 a.m. The start time for the 15 mile tour starts at 8 a.m. and the 30 mile tour starts at 8:15 a.m.

All of this information is up on our website.

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 Vice President Anderson.

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

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

I want to wish both Pop Warner programs in Woodbridge Township the best of luck this year. Registration went very well. The Recreation programs in our Township are doing very well.

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

You can get tickets and submit an ad for the Woodbridge Hall of Fame which is going to be on October 8, 2023. You can contact our Recreation Department and they will be happy to get you a registration.

5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD
The N.A.A.C.P. has been holding occasional meetings. They are doing a rotations where they are holding meetings here in Woodbridge Township. You can go to NAACP.org for more information.
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD
14. Middlesex College
HOLD
There is still time to enroll for classes at MCC. You can go to www.middlesex.cc.edu.
The most prestigious award the Middlesex County College gives out is the L'Hommedieu Award. This year they will be honoring Sherriff Millie Scott of the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office. She is going to be receiving the Lifetime Award on Monday, August 28, 2023.
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

16. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Bauer.

Councilman Bauer: Thank you, Council President. My Agenda is in order. Just a few announcements.

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

School will be starting in a few weeks. Please be mindful of our students and school busses. I would like to wish the students and teachers the best of luck for their upcoming year. God Bless America, God Bless all of our First Responders and all of our Military Personnel. That is all I have today. Thank you.

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.
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: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you, Council President. Just a couple of announcements.

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
The Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held on September 16, 2023 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. right here in front of Town Hall.
9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
The Barron Arts Center is hosting and exhibit “To BEE or Not to BEE” from August 28, 2023-September 27, 2023.
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD
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
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

I also want to wish all of the teachers and school personnel a happy and healthy school year. That is all that I have.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

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

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
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.
HOLD
8. Cloverleaf Redevelopment
HOLD
9. Avenel Fire Department/Fire Prevention Week Open House (**10/14/23**).
HOLD
10. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.

HOLD

12. Cable Commission/Renewal.
HOLD

13. School 4 & 5.
HOLD

14. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.
HOLD

15. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD

16. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD

I want to thank Christine and Barry and there team for the backpack drive today.

The rest of my Agenda is in order. School is starting, good luck and here's to a great year. Everyone please slow down for the kids. God Bless America, God Bless all of our First Responders. Thank you, Council President.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

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

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

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

1. Events:
 - A. Farmer’s Market.
 - B. Relay For Life.
 - C. Fishing Derby.
 - D. Saint James Street Fair.HOLD

Our Farmer’s Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Parker Press Park.

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. - Sewaren
HOLD
10. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Murals.
(B) Gallery on Main.
HOLD
11. Coast Guard – John Eberhardt 732-213-6457.
HOLD
12. Sewaren Library.
HOLD
13. Acacia Center.
(A) Town Events
(B) Youth Programs
HOLD
14. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD
15. Environmental Commission.
HOLD
(A) Green Infrastructure
(B) Community Garden
(C) Trail
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: My Agenda is in order. Thank you.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure Applications under review.
 - A. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-014-008 from McLoone Holding Company, LLC to Woodbridge Spirits LLC t/a Favorites at Woodbridge.
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** General Election: November 7, 2023
Early Voting: October 28 – November 5
 - B. **2024** Primary Election: June 4, 2024
Early Voting: May 31 – June 2
6. Best Practices Inventory.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you, Council President.

I have a tax and sewer overpayment for next Council meeting and I have a parking agreement from 581-585 Main Street. Thank you, Council President.

POLICE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Director Hubner: Thank you, Council President. I have three Traffic Ordinances. Thank you.

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. My Agenda is in order.

LEGAL:

RECREATION:

HEALTH:

On a motion made by Council Vice President Anderson and seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously, Council President Ficarra adjourned the meeting at 6:43 P.M.