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 31, 2021 at 6:00 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 Small: Please rise for our Flag Salute and a moment of silence for our men and women serving in our military, especially the 13 service personnel that we lost in Afghanistan.

Councilman Ficarra: Mr. President can we add Stu Brandow WWII Veteran to our list of thoughts please? He's got a broken shoulder he's in rehab.

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 18, 2020. 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, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel,

Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Drumm.

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator

Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development

Robert Hubner, Director of Police

John Hagerty, Communications Director

Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator Craig J. Coughlin, Esq. (Arrived 6:14 P.M.)

Michael Kim, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from August 17, 2021 and August 24, 2021?

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

Council Meeting: August 17, 2021 Budget Hearing: August 24, 2021

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.

Mr. Mitch: There are no Second Reading Ordinances this evening.

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHNG SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.
- C. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A RAPID FLASHING PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL AT PORT READING AVENUE AND DANIEL STREET, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, September 3, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves and consents the Mayor to appoint Qiana Davis to serve as a member of the Library Board fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2024.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that all fees for the rental of the Township's portable stages for the St. James Street Fair scheduled for September 18, 2021 are hereby waived.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that the Saints Field in the Port Reading Section of Woodbridge Township be renamed "*Joseph A. DeMarino Sports Complex*".

- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge to adopt the "State of New Jersey Domestic Violence Policy for Public Employers".
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge to adopt the MEL/JIF "Model Policy Addressing the Protection and Safe Treatment of Minors".
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge to adopt the goals and objectives as outlined at the community sustainability visioning meeting held on May 25, 2021.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Right of Entry License Agreement approved by Resolution #19 on September 22, 2020, between the Township of Woodbridge, Woodbridge Police Pistol Club, and Praxair, Inc. be extended for an additional year, terminating on October 31, 2022.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Woodbridge hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute and submit a 2020-2021 Childhood Lead Poisoning Sub-Grant Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the County of Middlesex.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants permission to Iselin Volunteer Fire Company #1 to temporarily close West Kelly Street and Menlo Ave. & Ford Ave. at the jughandle on September 26, 2021 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. for a block party.
- (10) BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to direct and execute any and all documents that may be necessary for the purpose of making or completing a contract between the Middlesex County Improvement Authority and the Township of Woodbridge for a yard waste recycling and marketing contract for a period of three (3) years commencing September 1, 2021 and terminating August 31, 2024.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$15,000 to the WTYRC for the Broncos spring season.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to T & M Associates for the inspection and assessment of the Municipal Parking Deck on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Final Change Order on the contract with Dee-En Electrical Contracting for The Club at Woodbridge Electric Service Upgrade, decreasing the amount of \$264,600.00 by (\$2,302.04) to a total of \$262,297.96.

- (14) **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 60-month lease of 25 Conducted Energy Devices and accompanying equipment and supplies for the Police Department from Axon Enterprises, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$80,647.53.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with The Vaughn Collaborative for professional architectural services for Schematic Level Design services for Renovated Kitchen/Bar Area and Adjacent Spaces for the "Core/Entry" Space at The Club, in an amount not to exceed \$9,650.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby contracts with *Kofile* to provide services to the Township in regard to the preservation of marriage records in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release Maintenance Bond No. 0224126M from the Berkley Insurance Company to North American Pipeline Services LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$35,180.17.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for Woodbridge Community Center Annual Landfill Compliance 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$53,750.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby amends Resolution #30 adopted June 22, 2021 with the proper budget "Current" Fund noted in the body of the resolution.
- (20) BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of \$84,054.00 as a special item of revenue which is available as a revenue from Middlesex County Department of Public Health & Safety as additional funding for a Childhood Lead Poisoning Sub-Grant into the SFY 2022 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make a transfer of the State Fiscal Year 2021 budget appropriation reserves.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated August 31, 2021, and the Supplemental Bill List dated August 13, 2021 through August 27, 2021.

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

Councilman Spillar: Mr. Mitch, on Resolution #3 I'd just like to thank Council President Small and the Mayor for sitting down and coming up with the idea for the Joseph A. DeMarino Sports

Complex. It certainly does not need to be mentioned what Mayor DeMarino meant to Port Reading, it's a very nice tribute for him and to his family so thank you.

Public Meeting:

Council President Small: At this time we'll go into our public session. Just a reminder you have a five minute one time period to speak, please give your name and where you live thank you.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if Ordinance A regarding salaries of public employees meant all the workers, or school or municipal employees. Encouraged the Mayor to give the good employees a secure stay to have a future working for the Municipal Government.

Tom Maras, Fords: Thanked the Council for remembering Stu Brandow and wished him the best and a speedy recovery; mentioned they served together as an Honor Guard at some funerals for our fallen Marine Corp brethren. Spoke about the Energy Aggregation Ordinance passed at the last meeting and asked when that will be implemented and how. Spoke about the Woodbridge Arts Alliance and the money they owe. Mentioned The Club at Woodbridge and the Woodbridge Community Center taking a hit due to COVID and asked how much of a financial hole they are in and asked how they plan to get out of it. Asked when the Budget Hearing will be to adopt the 2022 Budget. Spoke about James Debrowski's behavior at past meetings.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Spoke about the Keasbey Power Plant and its proximity to homes, churches, schools, libraries, and parks. Quoted the Mayor from a previous meeting talking about the Zoning Ordinance of cannabis businesses and how they have to be a certain distance away from homes, churches, schools, and parks. Asked what protections there are in the Zoning Ordinance with how close a gas power plant can be to those same places. Asked if the Township has been in touch with the new owners of the company and are plans still in the works to build this power plant. Asked if Peter Galbraith Kelly, who used to work for CPV and was involved in bringing the first power plant here, was involved in bringing this new one here.

Council President Small: Marta do you want that? Okay. Mayor?

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: That's not really a function of a Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor John E. McCormac: There's nothing before us on that power plant. That's not information we intend to disclose. We're not at liberty to disclose.

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

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 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

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. At this time we're going to the agendas portion of our meeting. Number 3 on my agenda Port Reading First Aid Squad. Once again I'm proud to say that the Port Reading First Aid Squad, which I've been a member of for 41 years, is running a fundraiser event that doesn't benefit the Port Reading First Aid Squad, it benefits Breast Cancer Awareness. They're having a shirt and sweatshirt sale, pink and navy blue hoodies and shirts, if you want to obtain a shirt or a hoodie you can go to treasurer@PRFAS.com or call Michael at 908-337-1728 or Erica at 732-754-8782. All the proceeds will be donated to the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation, you can order up until September 10th.

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 search for "Property Alert" to Register).

HOLD

11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.

HOLD

12. National Public Lands Day.

- 13. Marine Eight. HOLD
- Mayor Mac Café.
 HOLD

Council President Small: Number 14 on my agenda Mayor Mac's Café. I'm happy to say it's going to be reopening in mid-September. It's a fantastic place to grab breakfast or lunch, I encourage you all to visit Mayor Mac's Café on West Avenue in Port Reading.

- 15. Jazz Festival. HOLD
- 16. Concerts. HOLD

Council President Small: Number 16 the Summer Concerts coming to an end there's still a couple left so if you have an opportunity go see a concert or two.

17. Light Parade. HOLD

Council President Small: Number 17 again mark your calendar for the Light Parade November 27th. It's a great night and I'm sure it will enjoyable to all. Just an announcement I want to congratulate my fellow council-mate Lizbeth DeJesus. Sunday she had her backpack event, it was bigger and better than ever. The crowd was terrific, the children got a lot of gifts and prizes and you should be very proud of yourself along with Vice President Bauer and his town of Keasbey. Kudos to you guys and it was a great event I'm glad I attended. That's all I have, just want to say God Bless America, and God Bless all of our first responders. Vice President Bauer.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you.

- 18. Human Rights Commission HOLD
- 19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge. HOLD

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President my agenda is in order I have two announcements. Big shout-out to my Council-mate Lizbeth DeJesus and my 2nd Ward Liaison and Board of Education member Dan Harris for another successful Backpack Drive for the children of Woodbridge Township. Thank you to our Mayor and Administration for supporting our agendas and programs. To our sponsors, donors, members of the Keasbey and Hopelawn Fire Departments who contributed to this great cause, and wishing all the students and teachers a

successful upcoming school year. Let's remember all our service men and women for protecting our freedom here and abroad; God Bless them and God Bless America. That's all I have tonight Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

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

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.

14. Highland Grove Swim Pool. HOLD

15. Little Libraries.

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

8. Hispanic Heritage Month.

HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you. Item number 8 the Hispanic Heritage Festival will be celebrated in Woodbridge Saturday September 18th from 12-3 P.M. in Tanzman Park. Remember Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated throughout the United States from September 15th – October 15th.

9. Barron Arts Center.

HOLD

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.

HOLD

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.

- 12. Green Infrastructure. HOLD
- 13. Girl Sports. HOLD
- 14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park. HOLD
- 15. Census 2020. HOLD
- Youth Leadership Council. HOLD
- 17. Community Backpacks. HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 17 Community Backpacks. I'm pleased to announce that we had three successful Backpack Drives in our community this past week. We were able to help families in Jacob's Landing, Hopelawn, and Keasbey. When we in government and companies that operate out of our Township join forces to help our children then we are doing good work. I would like to thank the Mayor and Administration as well as my Council-mates for their support in this endeavor. My partners Howie Bauer and Board of Ed Dan Harris, this was our seventh year distributing backpacks; our first time in Hopelawn, our first time in Jacob's Landing, and our seventh year in Keasbey so it was a huge success. Director Hagerty for sending out the flyers, Director Hubner and the Woodbridge Police Department, especially Community Affairs Detective Zino and Officer Manzini, along with Officers Minsal, Harris, and Romatowski who helped pack backpacks. Director Brew and the department of DPW, without them we wouldn't have had access to everything we did – the tables and the chairs for everyone that was there. Director Green at the Health Department who were at all three events, and in Keasbey we were able to provide vaccines for quite a few people. Director Eppinger and the Woodbridge Public Library not only for collecting donations but also for being at all three events, giving free books, and signing kids up for library cards. Director Molnar and the Woodbridge Community Center staff that attended, also Shirley Genty and her staff for bringing youth services information to all three events. The Hopelawn Fire House Officials and the Fire Personnel for allowing us to use their facilities and for participating. I had wanted to go to Hopelawn last year but because of COVID we couldn't do it and I am so thankful to the Hopelawn Fire House because they opened their facilities and allowed me to bring not only backpacks but the library and a ton of other information for the residents there. And the Keasbey Fire House Officials and Fire Personnel for their support and participation each year. All the volunteers who helped at all three events, the staff at Hackensack Meridian and their mobile clinic, Catholic Charities, Christina Armstrong and her staff from Greenway Family Success Center, New Jersey Family Cares, the Department of Human Services, Dr. Jacqueline Hernandez of Star Life Pediatrics in Hopelawn. Port Reading School 9 Principal Fitzgerald, Ross Street School 11 Principal Giordano, Ms. Acheson, Ms. Toth, and Ms. Strickland, Lafayette School 25 Principal Braunsdorf, Ms. Jen O., and Ms. Rivera.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors – we had Staples, Super Fresh, Christ AJ Church, Woodmont, Woodbridge Public Libraries, George Gundry, Troop 53 and Pack 26, DVRT Walter and Louise, PSE&G, AJ Serin, Anthony Terebetsky, Colonia High School Ms. Davidson and the Black Student Union, Ms. Rachel Sanchez, and Pastor Leslie Samuel and his Congregation at the Evangel Church of Woodbridge. And I would like to give a special thanks, especially to Megan Kushpa and Kelly Mitch, with them joining our backpack team we were able to exceed our expectations. I really appreciate everyone that understood the need to support our students here in Woodbridge Township who will be going back to school next week after a year and a half of uncertainty. I would like to wish all of the school administrative staff and students a successful and healthy school year. This wouldn't be possible without all 9 of us sitting here; I know that we each have special items on our agendas that we're passionate about but your support means a lot to me so I want to thank everyone. Thank you that is all that I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small. I would just like to echo my fellow Council-mates sentiment and congratulate and thank Councilwoman DeJesus, Council Vice President Bauer, and their team; as usual great job and we'll see you in Avenel next year.

- Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/28/21) / 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
- 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

Councilman Spillar: Item number 9 the Avenel VFW will be hosting their Annual Labor Day Picnic in conjunction with their 75th Anniversary Celebration this Sunday September 5th from 12- 6 P.M. at The Post located at 60 West Park Avenue. For tickets please contact The Post at 732-636-9615; come on down and have a great time and help support our local veterans.

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

Councilman Spillar: Item number 14 Maple Tree Senior Center. The Maple Tree Senior Center will be opening starting September 7th, their regular hours will be 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Must be 60 years of age or older and a current resident of Woodbridge Township. On September 22nd will be the grand ribbon cutting; join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon, the event is from 11-2. There'll be food, festivities, tour the Senior Center, local community vendors, giveaways, and a lot more. You can RSVP to the Grand Opening by contacting Henry at henry.haidacher@twp.woodbridge.nj.us or call 732-259-0910, there's also a link on the Township site. The rest of my agenda is in order Council President just a few announcements. I'd just like to wish all the kids and staff going back to school next week best of luck and here's to hopefully somewhat of a more normal school year. Also we should always be careful on the roads but especially be aware there'll be drivers and kids, school buses will be on the road more now. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, and all our Public Works and Township employees for all the great job they do. God Bless America, thank you Council President Small.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President I'd also like to congratulate Lizbeth and Howie on such a great event. I know you put a lot of work into it and I'm sure that you really made a difference to these kids that can't afford school supplies. It was a really nice event and you did a wonderful job so congratulations to you and I'm sure it's going to get bigger and better every year. My agenda is in order I just have a Save the Date for September 10th. The office of Mayor, the Municipal Council, Woodbridge Township Interfaith Clergy Council, will host a Township Remembers, the 20th Anniversary Interfaith Memorial Service and Salute to our First Responder Community on Friday September 10, 2021. On the fateful day of September 11, 2001 nine Woodbridge Township residents fell victim to an act of terrorism never to return to their families again. They were Commander Patrick Dunn, Edward Allegretto, Marilyn Bautista, John Adam Larson, James Lynch, Charles Mauro, Tonyell McDay, Narender Nath, and Sankara Velamuri. This year the 9/11 remembrance service will offer recognition and salutes our first responder community; Woodbridge Township Police, Woodbridge Township Firemen, First Aid, Emergency Management, and CERT Personnel. For outstanding service to our community in the 20 years following the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Please join us as we re-remember the sacrifice of the nine Township residents who perished in the attack that day and to honor our emergency service first responders who respond to crisis, not just in time of disaster, but every day in every way we need them. The remembrance service is scheduled to get underway at 6 P.M. Again it's on September 10th and will be held on the concert stage behind Woodbridge High School. I'd just like to wish all the kids, the teachers, and the parents a safe and successful year this year and hopefully everything is back to normal. That's all I have this evening, thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Drumm's Agenda to be read by Councilwoman DeJesus.

- Inman Avenue Business District Improvements. HOLD
- Green Houses Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools. HOLD
- 3. Evergreen Senior/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. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.

HOLD

13. Volunteer Directory.

HOLD

14. Domestic Violence Response Team.

HOLD

15. AED Program.

HOLD

NANCY J. DRUMM, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN (ABSENT)

1. Events: Relay for Life.

Fishing Derby.

Parker Press Concerts.

Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.

Saint James Street Fair.

 (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association. HOLD

3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).

HOLD

4. Chamber of Commerce.

HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you. I just want to say that we gave out 450 backpacks to kids in our community this past week. For Nancy, item number 4 Chamber of Commerce. September 17th is the annual Mayor's breakfast, if you want more information go to the Chamber of Commerce website.

5. Buy Local Program.

HOLD

6. Transit Village.

HOLD

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

HOLD

8. Main Street and Route 9.

HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 8 Main Street and Route 9 intersection. Improvements are on their way to control traffic to this area. This is a tremendous undertaking involving the state, county, and our municipality. I'd like to thank our Mayor and Administration for all of their diligent work to get their project started.

9. Animal Shelter.

HOLD

10. Dog Park.

HOLD

- 11. Arts.
 - (A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
 - (B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.

HOLD

12. PACE.

13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116. HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 13 Woodbridge Elks. There will be a Rolling Thunder Fundraiser breakfast at the Elks on September 19th from 8-11 A.M. Come for breakfast and watch them put their kick-stands up at 10:30 A.M. and proudly represent their Elks #2116 in Rolling Thunder. All are welcome, please come and support them.

14. Woodbridge Fire Department.

HOLD

15. Coast Guard.

HOLD

16. Sewaren Library Programs.

HOLD

17. Acacia Center.

HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 17 the Acacia Youth Center. The center will open its doors in September. This will be a great place for our youth to go and socialize. Thank you to our Mayor and Administration for making this happen.

18. RISE Program.

HOLD

19. Sewaren Marina.

HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 19 Sewaren Marina. The marina is undergoing an expansion, there also will be a new dog park established. I will update you as details unfold. Just one announcement the West End Avenue Bridge roadwork in Sewaren has been delayed. Weather permitting the new schedule is as follows: September 7th milling, September 9th paving, and striping to follow. That is all that I have, thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

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

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President item number 1 the WTYRC. Our recreational basketball program is actively registering players. Outdoor basketball recreation the deadline for registration is Wednesday September 8th. This is for boys and girls for grades 3-12,

the league is September through October, all games are played on the weekends. Come and play in a positive and fun environment, the cost is \$25 for township residents and \$35 for nonresidents. This will be played on the new courts off of Port Reading Avenue at the Acacia Center. You can contact 732-596-4048 or you recreationdepartment@twp.woodbridge.nj.us. On that note I'd like to acknowledge the Recreation Department of Perth Amboy for their acknowledgement and their recognition and dedication of a court at Washington Park in the name of Brian Taylor. Brian Taylor is a graduate of Perth Amboy High School, he was a Perth Amboy state champion, went on to Princeton University, and was taken in the draft in 1972, he was ABA Rookie of the Year with the NY Nets, also played with the LA Clippers. What he's done since his career has ended is also commendable as an educational leader and community leader as well. He has foundations BT Express and Brian Taylor Foundation. I did have an opportunity to go down there, I know Councilman Ficarra had mentioned the event to me. They had a basketball clinic prior to that, and after that they honored him at the Community Center and they did a very good job. So the courts at Washington Park are now known as the Brian Taylor Courts, so congratulations to him and his family. I did have an opportunity to meet him, he's a pleasure to speak to, I'm planning to actually have him come and speak at one of my County Brown Tables to speak to some of the educational leaders that we have in our Middlesex County. And he has various presentations that he's performed, so congratulations to the city of Perth Amboy for that. I would also like to congratulate Woodbridge High School as they traveled down to Ocean City this past weekend on Sunday and they bared the elements. They were playing in the Battle of the Beach, Ocean City High School which is located right next to the boardwalk in Ocean City NJ, had over 26 teams come to compete and they were all at really high level competition, and teams coming from as far as Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Woodbridge drew Winslow Township who is the number 15 team in the state, and Woodbridge came out of that game victorious with a 26-14 win. And I would like to acknowledge Alexander "AJ" Bosh as he scored three touchdowns and was the game MVP and had a very exciting game there. On a personal note, my son Brian who was a freshman, he actually got in for one play on defense, and he got an interception on that play in the end zone, so it was actually a big moment for him as well. This Friday is the big game, the big cross-town rival Woodbridge vs. Colonia at Woodbridge High School. I would like to acknowledge the quarterback from Colonia Joshua Oluremi who has secured a Division I scholarship from LIU, don't know if he's accepted it yet. He's a great young man and I wish him well and wish them all good luck this Friday night.

2. Job Bank. HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Regarding jobs I'm going to move on to our local employment opportunities. UPS is hiring package handlers beginning at \$18.50/hour up to \$20/hour. If you go onto our township website just click right on the link and it'll bring you right into the hiring site. Again, we're advertising for our crossing guards, we definitely need some crossing guards as we open up our school year. Children will be walking to and from school so there is a need for that. Crossing positions are open, please contact 732-634-4500 ext.6408 or Eunice Jackson at 732-634-4500 ext.2125. There's a new store coming in town, Pizza Hut and they are hiring, that's 1236 St. George Avenue. They're looking for pizza makers, team members, manager; no experience, we'll teach you, flexible schedule, and growth and opportunity. They offer competitive pay, food discounts, uniforms are provided, advancement benefits, paid training,

tuition discounts as well, and flexibility and bonus potential; so go to www.jobs.pizzahut.com. Then I'll move on to Dimi Delivers; high quality driving position available starting on September 12th, and they are starting at \$17.50/hour. Call or text 551-404-5130. And again I mentioned Amazon at the last meeting; they're offering a \$1,000 sign-on bonus. All these jobs are available on the township website just go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us. And that is all I have, thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

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

13. League Consolidation. HOLD

14. Middlesex College. HOLD

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change. HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. Councilman Anderson great trivia question: what two brothers were Rookies of the Year in their respective leagues?

Councilman Anderson: Would that be Brian and Bruce Taylor?

Councilman Ficarra: Yes, Bruce was Rookie of the Year for the 49ers in the NFL in his inaugural season and Brian was Rookie of the Year for the ABA Nets, so that's a good trivia question for the future. And by the way Brian is speaking to our Brian Molnar of our Recreation Department about a similar program here in Woodbridge so hopefully that'll go through.

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

Councilman Ficarra: Jumping into my agenda. Just like to mention at the Woodbridge Community Center summer vacation is coming to a close for our youth and students but the youth hockey in-house league is beginning September 19th. There's an evaluation period and that is an affiliation of the New Jersey Devils for those aspiring ice hockey fans. There's also lessons for roller skating, ice hockey, and swimming lessons. You can check it all out at www.njwcc.com or call 732-596-4170. Those are all activities that go on through the fall. Also Senior Olympics begin on September 10, 11, and 12 it's right around the corner next weekend. I know that we are looking for volunteers, we need volunteers with the seniors at the various events. Please call the Mayor's office if you're interested in being a volunteer.

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

- 7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway. HOLD
- 8. Annual Pizza Run.

HOLD

9. Jacob's Landing. HOLD

10. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades. HOLD

11. Crossroad's Race. HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Special events coming up in the month of September; this coming Sunday, the Sunday before Labor Day at 9:00 A.M. is the Crossroad's Race. There is registration at the event; the race starts at 9:00 A.M. and you can register at 8:00 A.M. so you can actually register there which is a little unusual these times. You can call Rob at the Runner's High at 732-549-9440 or Eileen in the Recreation Department at 732-596-4047. The Tour De Woodbridge comes up at the end of September, that's Sunday September 26th. There's a 30 mile ride, this is not a race this is a tour that begins at 8:00 A.M. and then there's a 15 mile Tour that begins at 5:15 these are police escorted tours. And the only way to register for these is to go to www.raceroster.com/50675. If you forget that website you can always just do a google search for Tour De Woodbridge.

- 12. Mental Health / Wellness. HOLD
- 13. COVID-19 Efforts. HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: And finally on my bi-weekly COVID reports from Director Greene. Woodbridge Township as of today has 12,417 people have tested positive. There have been 76 clinics, 10,062 doses administered. There was a pop-up clinic as mentioned by Councilwoman DeJesus this weekend over at Keasbey at Clinton Avenue; 13 vaccines were distributed there. Keeping a total count for adults in Woodbridge Township with completed two doses is 72%, adults with at least one dose is 80% in our town. Future clinics coming up at the Woodbridge Health Center and these are all walk-in, we do have one this Thursday 3-6 P.M. and then next Thursday the 9th from 3-6 P.M.; these are all walk-ups. And then they are expanding in September to Sunday clinics, Sunday September 12th, Saturday September 18th, and Sunday September 26th 9:00A.M. – 12:00 P.M. to give people more opportunities to get their vaccines. Our next vaccination clinic will be with the Pfizer vaccine which is available for children now 12 - 17 years old. As well as Moderna and J&J. As we move forward depending on where you work or activities that you do, they may require to show proof of your vaccines. The NJ Health Department has what's called Docket App if you go to the Health Department website. Just google search that, it'll direct you to the app and you can have the app on your phone so if you're somewhere and they require proof that you've been vaccinated, you can use that app so you don't have to carry the card around. That's all I have Council President, thank you.

Councilman Anderson: Council President I'd be remiss if I didn't congratulate Councilwoman DeJesus. I attended on Friday; great event, nice music, kids were out and had fun. It was hot but it was nice. Also just wanted to wish all the students a happy and healthy school year.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My agenda is also in order I have a few announcements. Woodbridge Township is opening one more Senior Center in the Iselin section of the Township. We wholeheartedly thank our Mayor, the Administration, my Council colleagues, Director Michele Morgan of the Department of Senior Services, her staff members, and the administration of the Knights of Columbus for their hard work and dedication to open another Senior Center which is called Oak Tree Senior Center in Iselin. Bhumika Patel is designated as the person in charge of the facility and the daily operations. You may call Bhumika Patel at 732-259-2008 to inquire about the memberships and activities. Any senior who already belongs to a senior group will be able to enjoy all the great daily activities. The center is going to be open from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. starting next Tuesday September 7th. The center is located at 571 Lincoln Highway, Iselin; which is the home of the Iselin Knights of Columbus. If you need transportation services you may call senior transportation of Woodbridge at 732-726-2394. To get these services the person should be 60 years and older and resides in Woodbridge Township. We strongly urge all seniors who live in Woodbridge Township to register for this senior center. Also our Mayor invites you to attend the Grand Opening of this Senior Center which is going to be on Monday September 20, 2021 from 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. During the Grand Opening that day at 12:00 P.M. there'll be a ribbon cutting ceremony by our Mayor. You may take a tour of the center, there's going to be some local community vendors, some good food, festivities, municipal services giveaway, and much more. Also in Woodbridge Township schools are opening for in-person studies starting next Tuesday September 7th; there is no option for studying remotely from home unless the student or person is sick or needs to be quarantined for a specific reason. We request all parents, students, teachers, administrative staff members, transportation team, crossing guards, school maintenance staff, custodians, nurses, and coaches to take extra precautions to make sure everyone stays safe and healthy. Students and parents congratulations to you all and best wishes for the upcoming year. Wishing you all a Happy Labor Day, thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus you had something?

Councilwoman DeJesus: Yes, I apologize. I found the flyer for the 21st Annual Mayor's Breakfast. It will be Friday September 17th at the Colonia Country Club. Registration begins at 7:30 A.M., breakfast is at 8:00 A.M., and the program begins at 8:30 A.M. The topic is a discussion of mental health in the workplace, the speakers are Amy Spagnolo, PhD., Associate Professor Rutgers Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling professions, and Jeanne Barbet, Owner of Mise En Scéne, LLC Business Environmental and Interior Design for Optimal Mental Health, and again if you have any questions contact the Woodbridge Chamber of

Commerce. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

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

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

- 1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # # 1225-33-022-008 from Francesco R. Curatolo, Executor / Estate of Anthony L. Curatolo to Wick Wholesalers, Inc., 106 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President just two comments. 1A will be before you at our next meeting for approval or consideration.

- 2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
- 3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
- 4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
- 5. Elections.

A. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Mr. Mitch: And just one more comment on the election. I mentioned last meeting that we're working on the early voting here for the General Election still working on the logistics with the County. When I get more information I'll provide that for you. That's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Hubner.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Administration & Finance I have a 100% Disabled Veteran. I have a Tax & Sewer Overpayment.

ADD-ON:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: As an add-on I have a Shared Service Grant Writer for the Board of Education in Woodbridge Township. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Legal.

POLICE:

Police Director Hubner: Thank you Council President I have one Traffic Ordinance. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Darden.

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Thank you Council President nothing this evening.

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

LEGAL:

Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.: Nothing this evening Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Woodbridge, New Jersey – August 31, 2021

Brian Small,
Council President

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Municipal Clerk