

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 September 13, 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: Debbie Meehan, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small (*arrived at 6:10 p.m. did not vote*), Sharon McAuliffe, Gregg Ficarra, Howie Bauer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cory Spillar, Viru Patel

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.
Gary Clemente, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from August 23, 2022?

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

Council Meeting: August 23, 2022

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF MUTTON HOLLOW ROAD AND ANTARES DRIVE, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (2022-53)**

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE (GVWR). (2022-54)**

- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY. (2022-55)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with Second Reading Ordinances this evening we are going to take Letter A first which is an Ordinance approving Traffic Installation at the Intersection of Mutton Hollow Road and Antares Drive. 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 Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on this Ordinance only.

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

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

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter B is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, which is our Traffic Ordinance for the Revised Ordinances for the Township of 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 Councilman Anderson 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 comment portion 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 Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter C is an Ordinance amending the 2021 Revised Agreement between the Member Municipalities and the RVSA. 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 Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – LICENSING OF CATS.

E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP

OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – HANDICAPPED PARKING – LORETTA STREET.

- F. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 563.17, LOT 185 ALSO KNOWN AS 525 VESPER AVENUE IN THE WOODBRIDGE PROPER SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

- G. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 419, LOT 1.01 IN THE COLONIA SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

- H. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 1079.15, LOT 11 AND TAX BLOCK 1079.06, LOT 1 LOCATED ON PORT READING AVENUE, PORT READING TO THE WOODBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

- I. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “AMENDED PORT READING AVENUE – AREA 2 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et. seq.***

- J. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “WOODBRIDGE CENTER MALL – AREA 1 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et. seq.***

- K. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 106 MAIN WOODBRIDGE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.**

- L. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH AMARNATH AT FORDS, WOODBRIDGE URBAN RENEWAL LLC.**

- M. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND THE CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

- N. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY DONATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY (NJTA) OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 182, LOT 1.02 LOCATED IN THE FORDS SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

Councilwoman McAuliffe abstained from **Letter K**.

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, September 16, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on October 3, 2022.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- 1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's appointment of James DePola to serve as Constable for the Township of Woodbridge for a three (3) year term commencing August 29, 2022 and terminating August 28, 2025.
- 2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's reappointment of Jenny Perez to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Housing Authority for a five (5) year term, commencing September 20, 2022 and terminating September 19, 2027.
- 3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that all fees for the rental of the Township's portable stage for the Woodbridge Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Picnic scheduled for October 1, 2022 are hereby waived.
- 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 Chief Financial Officer to issue credits for tax judgements.
- 6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refunds for overpaid sewer user fees.
- 7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund of permit fee.
- 8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refunds from the Developer's Review Fund.
- 9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, John Mackintosh.
- 10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Roberto Semidei-Velez.
- 11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Nina Knight.
- 12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Robert Polsunas.
- 13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Camillia Taylor.

- 14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the Main Street Special Improvement District - \$262,402.00.
- 15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District - \$558,774.00.
- 16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary for the Avenel Street Guiderail Repair from M.L Ruberton Construction Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$63,700.00.
- 17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with T & M Associates for professional environmental services for Up Smiths Creek Community Complex in an amount not to exceed \$195,550.00.
- 18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Alaimo Group for professional engineering services for Sampling Plan and Updated Sulfide Contribution Assessment, Forcemain and Gravity Interceptor Sewer System in an amount not to exceed \$84,500.00.
- 19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary for the purchase of GIS Maintenance Renewal for the Township's Engineering Division for the period 7/30/2022 through 7/29/2023.
- 20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a settlement check in the amount of \$192.00 payable to Bruce Banko in full settlement of the matter entitled Banko vs. Township of Woodbridge, Docket No. MID-SC-271-22. Renewal, LLC.
- 21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute an Amendment to License Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and NJ Transit.
- 22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the adoption of the Amended Port Reading Avenue Area 2 Redevelopment Plan.
- 23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the adoption of the Woodbridge Center Mall Area 1 Redevelopment Plan.
- 24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a contract with A-Plus Construction, Inc. for home improvement repairs at the home located on Block 593, Lot 36 in the Township of Woodbridge, in an amount not to exceed \$17,700.00.

- 25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund in the amount of \$25.00 to MSK Holdings LLC t/a Woodbridge Brewing Co.
- 26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Person-To-Person/Place-To-Place transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-44-038-005 from AASHIV Inc. t/a House of Wine & Liquor to WB 875 LLC t/a House of Wine & Liquor.
- 27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute and the Clerk to attest to the agreement with *Kofile* for professional services to preserve marriage records in an amount not to exceed \$42,675.00.
- 28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the State Fiscal Year 2022 budget appropriation transfer.
- 29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Current Bill List dated September 13, 2022 and the Supplemental Bill List dated August 20, 2022 through September 9, 2022.

Council Vice President Ficarra: Mr. President, I just want to point out that **Resolution #2** is the appointment of Jenny Perez Rosado, a member of the Housing Authority for a number of years. She served with great distinction on that Board and I would like to recognize that she is in the audience tonight. Please join me in giving her a round of applause.

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from **Resolution #29**.

Council Vice President Ficarra moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson 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 the 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.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments from the public this evening?

Kathy Kuchie, Woodbridge: Spoke about an increase of box truck and trailer traffic on Cutter's Dock Road, trucks, cars and busses recently being stored at next to a new building. Cars are speeding and there are children in the neighborhood.

Council President Bauer: Director Darden, do you have any answers to these questions? Is there a limit on gross vehicle weight on that street? What is it zoned at in the area of Cutter's Dock?

Director Darden: I don't believe there is such a limit but we will certainly review all of Ms. Kuchie's comments as we always do and we will see what we can do to get as many answers as possible. That's what we can do.

Shirley Almeida, Hopelawn: Spoke about Dalina Manor and believes that there should be more of a police presence in the evening, the building smells of marijuana and incense and she concerned that would be a fire hazard, the parking lot doesn't have any space. Welcomed Council President Bauer's presence at Dalina Manor as there a lot of residents are home bound and would like to discuss certain things.

Council President Bauer: That is actually my Ward and this is the first time I am hearing about it. I did write down all of your complaints and we will look into it. I grew up on James Street. Thank you.

Kathy Tanko, Hopelawn: Spoke about having only one choice of cable as a resident of Dalina Manor and Xfinity/Comcast it is too expensive for the seniors. Also questioned when Hopelawn can have their own zip code.

Council President Bauer: Mayor, Councilman Spillar is on the Cable Commission but he is not here tonight. I know they go out to bid every so many years on the cable.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Yeah, we've gone every three years and the only responder is always Comcast.

Council President Bauer: So the issue is when we do put out for bids, the only one that bids on it is Comcast. I can reach out to Councilman Spillar and get back to you and see why we are not getting any other bidders. Before you leave can I have your phone number or email address?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We've been trying for the zip code for many years. It's probably not going to happen but we do try. We are actually working with the Department of Banking and Insurance in the state so that we can have them notify every insurance carrier for homeowners and auto insurance so they know that you can have an 08861 zip code but you do not live in Perth Amboy, you live in Hopelawn, which is a different dynamic and a different demographic and we're trying to make them have a way to tell that you live in Hopelawn and therefore your rates for both home and auto insurance will be cheaper. If the zip code changed then that would be it. It would be over. But I don't see that happening. Hopelawn is not that big. It's just like Menlo Park Terrace that shares a zip code with Metuchen and I don't see that changing either. We do want to try and help you financially and we have been back and forth with the State and they have not been terribly responsive. Just today I talked to Craig's office and said we are going to go to the Governor's office next.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about the Environmental Justice Rally at Town Hall, not in favor of any additional power plants in Keasbey, against the bulldozer that showed up at the

Indian Day Parade. Asked if the Mayor had a statement denouncing the hatred against our Muslim community members. Justice for Nijeer Parks, Justice for Jeremiah Daniels-Porter, Black Lives Matter, stop the Keasbey Power Plant, anti-racism policy now, Hate has no home here, Council President Bauer: Mayor, do you have comment?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No. Thank you.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke about the last meeting where it seemed that everyone on the Council denounced that the bulldozer was there and what a sad event it was, spoke about Ross Street school parking lot being turned into a building and he is not in favor of it, mentioned that he hopes the monument near Town Hall does not get relocated, we are one nation and issues from outside countries should not show itself here. Addressed Councilman Anderson on how he responded to Mr. Lund's question and comments made about the new sex education standards in the schools at the previous council meeting.

Councilman Anderson: It is a part of his argument. Council President, I am not going to continue to argue the comprehensive and physical education health that should be handled at a Board of Education meeting. However, my comments to Mr. Lund were actually quite appropriate. Mr. Lund's immediate response was sarcastic. And as you pointed out, you were surprised that Mr. Debrowski is a teacher. Mr. Lund's comments and sarcasm is about what, slavery? When you have a teacher like that and if that's how they're feeling toward another student of a diverse background, yeah I'm concerned about that. When it comes to comprehensive and physical education health, it is one in one, those are which your arguments. You don't want to hear about CRT. You don't want to hear about that. You don't want to hear about our feelings. So when I bring that up to him and that was his response that was what I was seeking. And I got the response that I was looking for.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Spoke about not coming from a sarcastic and snarky stance, spoke about having rallies in order to defend parental rights, gender identity and children no longer needing parental consent to be recognized as a different gender. Spoke about systemic racism and our Country being divided by it.

Councilman Anderson: I just want to say Mr. Lund I accept your apology that you gave to me three times out in the hallway. However, I was at the barber shop the other day and I found your notes for your last tirade at that meeting and it was actually scripted.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the bulldozer being at the Indian Day Parade, the worst is yet to come, these things should not be happening in the United States. Also spoke about contaminated soil, road, traffic, overcrowded schools and we are not ready to handle the overcrowding.

Kayla: Spoke about abortions, air pollution and not being in favor of additional power plants. She observes homelessness in the community and believe the police should be defunded. Also mentioned Critical Race Theory teachings.

Nina Knight, Woodbridge: Spoke about vehicles speeding and traffic accidents on Green Street, Amboy Avenue and St. George near the train station. Concerned and feels there should be some type of speed bumps or patrol cars.

Howie Bauer, Council President: Thank you. We will look into your request. Have they reached out to you at all about this issue or is this the first you are hearing about this?

Sharon McAuliffe, Councilwoman-First Ward: That whole intersection and everything there is all in process to get redone and that whole program for 2023 that is going to redo the whole thing because is a big issue in that area. That is not something that is going to happen tomorrow but I know they are working on it.

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

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

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

1. 2nd 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
Halloween Trunk or Treat is October 27, 2022 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Highland Grove Youth Center in Fords.

The Fords Business Community Trunk or Treat Cruise night is Monday, October 24, 2022
from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Siperstein's Parking Lot at 372 New Brunswick Avenue

in Fords.

7. Fords / Hopelawn / Keasbey Fire Companies.

HOLD

Fords Fire House Fire Prevention Open House will be on Monday, October 10, 2022 and Tuesday, October 11, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

8. Fords V.F.W.

HOLD

9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.

HOLD

Open House is Thursday, 9/22/22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Fords Middle School

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

Our upcoming makeup concerts will be at Woodbridge High School starting at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, 9/13/22 - Best of The Eagles, Wednesday, 9/14/22 - B Street Band, Monday, 9/19/22 – Beetle Mania, Tuesday, 9/20/22 – ELO Tribute Band, 9/22/22 – Black Rose at Herbert Rankin Park across from Moby Dicks at 7:30 p.m.

18. Jazz Fest.

HOLD

Our Jazz line up is coming up starting on 9/15/22 with Acadian Spring at 7:00 p.m. at Woodbridge High School, 9/22/22 - The James Austin Jr. Quartet, 9/29/22 - The High

and Mighty Brass Bank and the LAO Tizer Quartet on 10/6/22 at 7 p.m.

19. 988 LIFE LINE
HOLD

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

There is an opportunity to take a tour of the state-of-the-art facility for their upcoming Fall season. Pickleball will return and will be included with the WCC membership. We had over 300 participants in Pickleball at the Senior Olympics this past weekend. Roller skating lessons begin this Saturday as well as swim lessons. We continue to keep mini golf open through October with the haunted mini golf season. A lot of fun family activities at the Community Center. Congratulations to the over 1500 Senior Olympians that participated, the Police, EMS, the organizers and everyone that made it possible this weekend.

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

There is a skin cancer screening on Friday, September 30, 2022 at the Woodbridge Health Department. There is a mobile health unit coming out that is affiliated with St. Peter's Hospital. Appointments are required. You can check in at our Health Department at 732-855- 0600 ext. 5024. Thank you Council President. That is all I have.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Small.

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President.

1. Woodbridge News.

HOLD

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

HOLD

3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.

HOLD

Port Reading Day will be on October 8, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Port Reading Fire House.

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 (9/24/22).

HOLD

National Public Lands Day will be on September 24, 2022. It will be held at the Ernie Oros

Wildlife Sanctuary on Omar Avenue in Avenel from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a free event with food and music. Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., if you are interested please call the Recreation Department – Eileen Caggiano at 732-596-4047.

13. Marine Eight.

HOLD

14. Mayor Mac Café.

HOLD

15. Light Parade (11/26/22).

HOLD

16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.

HOLD

17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.

HOLD

God Bless our First Responders, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, EMT’s and all of our Township workers. God Bless America. That is all I have Mr. President.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President.

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.
HOLD
4. History Museum.
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD

I would like to congratulate Deputy Director Nisky for his heroic act and leading by example.

Also congratulations to Officer Murdock, Officer of the Quarter. I would like to welcome Officer Henriquez to the department. Thank you for serving our community.

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.
HOLD
The Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held this Saturday, September 17, 2022. We will be celebrating right here on Main Street. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022 recognizing all of the contributions that Hispanics have made in the United States and throughout the world.
9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD
ESL classes are available for 12 weeks beginning in September and ending in December. English Conversation skills and digital literacy at the library. Please register with Literacy New Jersey at 732-906-5456.

The Main Library will also hold a discussion on Hispanic Heritage Month on 9/22/2022 at 7 p.m. with Kim Ruiz, Director of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development. The Library will also host a program called “Pay for College without Going Broke” on 9/29/22 at 7 p.m.

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, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN:

1. Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/27/22) / Port Reading Day (10/8/2022).
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

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Spillar is excused tonight. Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.

HOLD

The poles are up on downtown Colonia on Inman Avenue. They really look beautiful. We are going to have a clock put down on the center of town over by the Walgreens and it will have the emblem of Colonia high school on there. We are going to get some new pole hangers and it's just going to be a really nice improvement for downtown Colonia which we have been waiting for. It needs a little love down there and it's going to look great for the holidays.

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

The Sixth Annual Inman Avenue Breast Cancer Walk will be October 15, 2022. We will be

leaving from Colonia middle school and proceed down Inman Avenue over to Springwood Swim Club. We will be walking in support of Caren Brock. She is a Colonia resident who is battling breast cancer and fighting very hard. And in memory of Joanne Walker another Colonia resident who passed away last month. We invite you and your family to come out and support our cause and all women that are fighting breast cancer and those that we lost to breast cancer. Immediately following that, we are going to have an Oktoberfest.

The walk starts at 12 p.m. and the Oktoberfest will be from 12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Springwood Swim Club. There will be live music, beer and wine, face painting, games, pumpkins for the kids to decorate and a lot of good stuff. All of the proceeds will go to support 13 year old Savannah Bona of Colonia to buy a specialized bicycle. She is in a wheelchair a lot of the time and one of the things her family wants is a bicycle so she can get some exercise with her family and that's our cause this year.

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

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Anderson. Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

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

I want to congratulate our Fall sports for getting off to a great start this week. My Agenda is in order. I want to remind everyone about the Zair Robinson Memorial 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. This is in memory of Zair Robinson who was an aspiring coach in our community and also former great student athlete. All proceeds will be donated to the family of Zair Robinson and a college fund for his 3 month old son Zane. It's a one day event on October 1, 2022 at the outdoor courts in Woodbridge. There will be a high school division and an adult men division. We are asking for teams to register by contacting our Recreation Department at 732-596-4048.

Also on October 12, 2022, The Patriot Path Council Scouts will be honoring our past Councilwoman Nancy Drumm who unfortunately passed away recently. This will be at the Pines Manor. You can RSVP online at www.ppcbsa.org/special-events.

Lastly, I just wanted to mention the passing of former Woodbridge high school coach. Coach Frank Capraro was a long time staple in Woodbridge Township and also a great coach.

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

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).
HOLD
2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID).
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field and Building Improvements.
HOLD
4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization.
HOLD
5. 4th Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.
HOLD

SHARON MCAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

Council President 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

The Fishing Derby will be held at the Woodbridge pond located on North Park Drive on October 8, 2022. This is a free event for all individuals that are 16 years of age and under.

Log in to the Township community pass and scan the QR code to register.

The St. James Street Fair is this weekend, September 17, 2022 on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be crafts, food, music, stage demonstrations and kids' games.

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD

On September 30, 2022, starting at 8 a.m. at the Avenel Arts Center, the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 22nd Annual Mayor's Breakfast. This year's topic is Business

Investing in Our Downtown. The Chamber of Commerce main event of the year will be on October 19, 2022. The event is the 58th Annual Chairman's Award Dinner. This prestigious

fundraiser honors individuals and businesses for their contribution and dedication to creating

a better quality of life in and around Woodbridge Township. I am proud to announce that this year and every year going forward, an individual will have the honor of receiving the Nancy Drumm Spirit of Woodbridge Award in memory of late Councilwoman Nancy Drumm. Please visit the Chamber website for more information.

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 will have extended hours on 9/17/22 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. They will

have art demonstrations, giveaways, interactive projects, and many other things. Also the one year anniversary of the Autumn Artists will be on 10/20/22 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

11. PACE.
HOLD
12. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD
13. Coast Guard.
HOLD
14. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD
15. Acacia Center.
HOLD
The Barron Arts Fest will be held at the Acacia Center on 10/8/2022 from 12 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Gallery on Main will have an art display there.
16. RISE Program.
HOLD
17. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD
18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.
HOLD
19. Earth Day Event.
HOLD
20. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
The Township's dual port electric charging Stations are fully operational. There are two located on New Street and one on Eleanor Place and up to 6 vehicles can be charged at one time. You can download the Chargepoint APP on your mobile phone.

Lastly I want to welcome Santori restaurant to Avenel. This Mediterranean style restaurant is located on 109 Woodbridge Avenue and are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. You can visit them on Facebook for more information. Than you. That is all I have.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you, Mr. President.

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. 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 & Liquor, 875 St. Georges Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
- C. 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.
- D. Change of Corporate Structure for WB489 Beverages LLC t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquors, 489 Route 1 So., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
- E. Place-to-Place (Expansion of Premises) Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-069-009 for MSK Holdings LLC t/a Woodbridge Brewing Co., 33 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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. 2023 Primary:

Under Number 1, Letters A and C still remain on hold. Letter B, I will be noting this evening that you approved the liquor store owner change. Letter D is still under review by the Police Department. The rest of my Agenda is in order. Thank you.

MAYOR:

POLICE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Director Hubner: Thank you Council President. I have one traffic ordinance.

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 a Final Change Order for 2021 Milling & Resurfacing Program. Release of Surety Bond for 245 East Iselin Parkway in Iselin and a Release of Surety Bond for 249 East Iselin Parkway in Iselin. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you. I have a Tax and Sewer overpayment. I also have an agreement for various recreational, social & cultural groups and organizations. Thank you.

LEGAL:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

Gary Clemente, Esq.: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

RECREATION:

HEALTH:

Council President, Howie Bauer: 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 7:00 P.M.

