

**Minutes of the Municipal Council and of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on April 22, 2025 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 Spillar:** Good Evening, we will stand for the Pledge and a moment of silence to honor our military personnel serving abroad and keep Stuart Brandow, whom had passed away and served in 2 branches of government, and his family in your prayers.

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 January 10, 2025. 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:** Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Brian Small, Sharon McAuliffe, Cory Spillar,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Viru Patel, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
George Brew, Director of Public Works  
David Kologinsky, Director of Health  
Meghan Kushpa, Deputy Director of Communications  
John Hagerty, Director of Communications  
Brian Murphy, C.L.E.O.  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Craig Coughlin, Esq.  
James P. Nolan, Esq.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from April 1, 2025?

Council Vice President McAuliffe and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

April 1, 2025

**The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinance by Title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinance was posted on the Municipal bulletin board.**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:**

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO DELETE – CAMELOT DRIVE, SOUTH – HANDICAPPED PARKING. **2025-25**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – MARINA VIEW DRIVE – HANDICAPPED PARKING. **2025-26**
- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – KEEPING AND CONTROL OF NONDOMESTIC ANIMALS. **2025-27**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – ESTABLISHMENT; PERSONNEL. **2025-28**
- E. 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 MAZZA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC. **2025-29**
- F. 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 ACCU RE WOODBRIDGE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC. **2025-30**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We are going to take Letters A and B by consent. These are all with regards to Chapter 7 Traffic Ordinances and handicap parking. The first is to delete a space on Camelot Drive and the other is to add a space on Marina View Drive.

Can I get a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

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

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter C is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 titled “Animal Control” with regards to keeping control of non-domestic animals.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: 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 McAuliffe made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

Council President Spillar: Mayor, I believe you have a statement.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Tonight we would once again like to state the reason behind our proposed Ordinance to amend an Ordinance passed in 2007 entitled “Keeping and Controlling Non-domestic Animals. The original Ordinance was a response to residents harboring farm animals on their properties before SeaQuest ever moved to Woodbridge Center. It was never intended to apply to commercial entities but once SeaQuest opened we realized it did. Upon further legal review, we also realized that a local municipality cannot enact Ordinances that override the authority of a high governmental body, such as, the NJDEP or the USDA, both of which oversee what is now the Woodbridge Aquarium. We have no overlapping jurisdiction over these governmental entities. Quite simply, our existing Ordinance is not legal and must be amended to eliminate any oversight on our part of a commercial entity subject to a higher level of governmental review and oversight. We also cannot assume approval authority over any of the attractions of the Woodbridge Aquarium because we have no legal right to do so. We cannot tell restaurants what meals to serve or department stores what clothes to sell or what type of clients a professional firm can accept. We simply cannot tell the new owners what animals or what attractions they can offer and we will not do so. If a business is operating legally with appropriate building and zoning approvals, we will not interfere in its operation. Attempting to exert that kind of control over a private business entity would likely lead instantly to litigation and in the opinion of our attorneys we would lose that case without question. We are not willing to spend thousands of dollars defending ourselves against an action that we believe is inappropriate and we will not amend tonight’s Ordinance or take any action to effectuate any suggestion to the contrary. Finally, regardless of the regulations in place, we do not belong in the business of regulating farm animals for which we have no specific education, training or experience. A few months ago when we agreed to check on these animals at SeaQuest, we had to hire a veterinarian at a cost to our tax payers. Since we have no lead jurisdiction, we have no intention on doing this in the future. We have been asked to revoke the SeaQuest farm animal permit dozens of times over the last several months and we chose not to for many of the reasons I highlighted herein. Now, we have decided to not issue a permit to the Woodbridge Aquarium, which would seem to be consistent with the request to revoke the permit of SeaQuest, but we are met with confusing

and inconsistent responses to the actions we have taken or not taken over the last several months. In summary, while we again respect the passion and advocacy of people who are interested in the wellbeing of animals, we are not the entity that can offer any solutions to ensure this wellbeing. The NJDEP and the USDA are the entities that have control of this matter and they should be contacted with any concerns or questions. We stand by the Ordinance amendment we are considering tonight. Thank you.

Council President Spillar: Thank you Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to say thank you for the clarification again on exactly what the townships roles and responsibilities are. I want to thank legal, administration, health and all my fellow councilmates.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any public comments on Letters C?

Jay Nasha, Piscataway: For the revised Ordinance what does it mean for the animals that were under this permit? Changing the Ordinance to only be for residential, so what would it mean for the animals that were in SeaQuest under this permit?

James P. Nolan, Esq.: It would mean nothing. We came to the conclusion that we didn't have the jurisdiction to be involved in this area anyway. It was designed for residential use not commercial use. All this is going to do is eliminate the process. They will not get a permit because we don't believe we had the jurisdiction to issue the permit in the first place for that specific purpose. Those animals always have been under the jurisdiction of the NJDEP and USDA.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Wanted clarification on what type of non-domestic animals the Ordinance is referring to.

James P. Nolan, Esq.: Farm animals. Not cats and dogs.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other public comments on Letter C? Hearing no other comments 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 McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter D is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 administration of the General Revised Ordinances of the Township of Woodbridge with regards to personnel.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: 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 McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any public comments on Letter D? Hearing no comments 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 McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letters E and F will be taken by consent. These are Ordinances approving the application for a long-term tax exemption. The first being for Mazza Urban Renewal, LLC and the second being for Accu Re Woodbridge Urban Renewal, LLC.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President McAuliffe abstained from Letter E.

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any public comments on Letters E and F?

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Can Councilwoman McAuliffe explain why she is abstaining for Letter E?

Council Vice President McAuliffe: I am a business owner on Main Street and I do not want to be involved in that because it could affect my business based upon which businesses are put in there and the residents that are coming in there.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: #2 on your agenda is the Main Street SID.

Council President Spillar: Mr. Gardner we are speaking of Letter E, not #2 on the agenda.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Were talking about why she abstained.

Council President Spillar: She answered you.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I'll talk about it at the public portion if you don't want me to talk about it during the Ordinance. Does anyone know how long Vito Mazza was on Main Street before they moved?

Council President Spillar: No

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: It's a very successful business, I don't know why we would be giving a tax abatement to a business that has been successful for years but other businesses aren't getting it. In addition, from talking to residents, its common knowledge that residents are overwhelmingly opposed to apartment building so giving tax abatements to build apartments just doesn't make any sense. Letter F is the property at Woodbridge Center, correct? President Spillar answered, yes. The property is located next to Route 1 and 9 and has great access to all the major roadways. We are giving a tax abatement instead of selling our town and being good salesman for the benefits of our town. So giving a business a 30 year tax abatement when residents are paying their full property tax is unfair. I assume that the council will support both E and F and I would ask that those Ordinances be amended or a Resolution be passed so that any money coming in from the PILOT program be set aside for a tax cut. Thank you.

Council President Spillar: Thank you.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other public comments on Letters E and F? Hearing no other comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

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

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-22 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – AVENEL STREET EXTENSION WESTBOUND PRIOR TO E FIFTH AVENUE.
  
- H. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED "MAIN STREET REHABILITATION & TRANSIT VILLAGE PLAN" PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et. seq.*
  
- I. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE #2025-13 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OPTING INTO THE GARDEN STATE C-PACE PROGRAM TO FACILITATE AND FINANCE C-PACE PROJECTS".

**J. AN ORDINANCE OPTING INTO THE GARDEN STATE C-PACE PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THE FINANCING OF C-PACE PROJECTS.**

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, April 25, 2025 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

**Council Vice President McAuliffe abstained from Letter H.**

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

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes that Resolution No. 11 approved on January 21, 2025 is hereby amended to change the original event date of Sunday, May 11, 2025 (rain date: May 18, 2025) to Sunday, May 18, 2025 (rain date: June 1, 2025) due to Mother's Day.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Block Parties.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the request of the Woodbridge Fire Department to host their annual Open House on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 beginning at 5:00 P.M. and ending at 8:00 P.M.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Appointment – Chasmar Mckoy to serve as Resident Housing Commissioner of the Woodbridge Housing Authority for a five (5) year term commencing April 22, 2025 and terminating April 21, 2030.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes that Darren Crocker, Human Resources Director be designated as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator for the Township of Woodbridge.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund – Overpaid Taxes.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund – Overpaid Sewer User Fee.
8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund – Current Account – SunRun Installation Services, Inc. – Permit Fees - \$152.00.
9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran – Jeffrey Rhams.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran – Michael Rozycki.
11. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran – Mike F. Soto.
12. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran – Jason Michael Sullivan.
13. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran – Kathleen Wroblak.
14. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran for 119 North Hill Road, Colonia, NJ.
15. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing and approving the Place-To-Place transfer (Expansion of Premises) of Liquor License 1225-33-015-007 for Dia Foods, LLC t/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s Restaurant.
16. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the release of Surety Bond No. 1013220 to SJP Properties in the amount of \$1,325,562.84.
17. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes competitive contracting for Concession Services at Barbell restaurant located at The Club.
18. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Bid – Fizer Plumbing and Heating LLC for Plumbing Services.
19. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Turtle & Hughes, Inc. for the purchase of lighting for the Iselin Branch Library in an amount not to exceed \$76,788.00.
20. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Nielsen of Morristown for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Special Investigations Unit in an amount not to exceed \$44,942.46.
21. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – C&M Door for the purchase and installations of doors at the Sycamore Senior Center in an amount not to exceed \$52,737.35.

22. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Ace Telecom Consulting for professional telecommunications consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.
23. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – *The Land Conservancy of New Jersey* for services to advance its flood mitigation and open space program for the period April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.
24. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Adorama Camera, Inc. to purchase TV35 lighting equipment in an amount not to exceed \$52,737.35.
25. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – T & M Associates for professional planning services for the Township Master Plan Housing Element and Fair Share Plan – 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.00.
26. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Remington & Vernick Engineers for professional Zoning/Planning consulting services for the Township’s Planning Board and Zoning Board.
27. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Continuity Operations Group, LLC for Disaster Recovery Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the period April 14, 2025 through April 30, 2026.
28. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – T & M Associates for professional engineering services with the design, bid and contract administration and construction services of the improvements associated with the Leachate Pump Station Reconstruction in an amount not to exceed \$125,500.00.
29. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – T & M Associates for professional engineering services to bring the entrance walkways/ramps at the Woodbridge Community Center into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in an amount not to exceed \$73,750.00.
30. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Whirl Construction for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Merrill Park in an amount not to exceed \$107,250.00.
31. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – BCI Burke Co., LLC for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Merrill Park in an amount not to exceed \$293,203.50.

32. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes referring the amended Main Street Rehabilitation & Transit Village Plan to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
33. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2025 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge - \$12,500.00 Safety Incentive Award.
34. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Bill List.

**Councilwoman Meehan abstained from Resolution # 34.**

**Council Vice President McAuliffe abstained from Resolution #32 and #34.**

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously. Council President Spillar opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

**Public Meeting:**

Council President Spillar: We will now go into the public comments portion of the meeting. When approaching the microphone, please state your name and what section of town you live in. You will have a one-time opportunity to speak for up to five minutes. All videotaping must be taken from the rear of the room in the designated area. Please be respectful of each other and make sure that there are no signs or posters in the aisles or walkway. There will not be a line, everyone will be heard. Once Mr. Mitch asks if anyone would like to speak, that is when you get up and approach the microphone. Although it allows for five minutes, I will give you a one minute warning.

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

Glen Morgan, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, Independent Club of Colonia member and National Action Network member: I am here to talk about DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion). This is one of the last times you'll hear me refer to DEI as an acronym because we have outside forces trying to turn it into DIE. Pushing their own agenda in order to keep our society fragmented as opposed to what it actually is. I'm here to talk about diversity, equity and inclusion. I don't know if you're aware but scholars and the National Bureau of Economics Research indicate that white woman and veterans have benefitted the most from diversity, equity and inclusion. Diversity is the presence of difference. It is one of the things that is contributed to Woodbridge being the best town around. Our neighbors are black, white, Hispanic, South East Asian and more. We are republican, democrats, independents, rich, poor, middle class, straight, gay, blue collar, and white collar. When you say you're against diversity, be honest, which one of these groups are you against. Being against diversity means you are against the presence of

difference. Equity is the meaning of individual needs like sidewalk ramps for our neighbors in wheelchairs, small class sizes for students with learning disabilities, tutoring programs for students who under achieve, gifted and talented programs for students who need an extra challenge, meal accommodations in recognition of religious practices, translation for those who need it, providing bussing for those who live far from their school or can't get to walk to it, and ensuring all students no matter their background or identity has a chance to see themselves in what they study and who has contributed to making this country great. So when you're saying you're against equity please be honest, which are you against? To be against equity means you are against meeting the specific needs of our neighbors. Last we have inclusion. Inclusion is a practice ensuring individuals regardless of background or identity feel valued, heard and included in the decision making which benefits everybody. Looking at course offerings to make sure that electives offered include things that students are actually interested in. Developing the cultural competence of the people teaching students and leading schools which can lead to better relations with students, parents and the community. Inclusion is having this meeting here in person, but also streaming it live and posting it for playback so that community members can view or participate in a way that works for them. Things such as speaking, no matter if they live here or have children in the district, at this meeting. So when you say you're against inclusion, be honest which of these things are you against? Being against inclusion means you're against assuring our neighbors, regardless of their background or situation, are heard and valued. So no I do not believe that most people are against diversion, equity or inclusion. Even the ones who are most vocal rallying against it. So I challenge you to learn for yourself what it is and what it looks like in our schools and community because if you did, you would be fighting to keep it, not lobbying to make it DIE. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion, these are my feelings, not the Human Rights Commissions feelings. Our meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup> come and we can discuss it further.

Semeetah Bhai, Edison: Happy Earth Day council members. The last time I was at the Woodbridge Council meeting I was unable to speak, but I am here again because this issue is too important to stay silent about. Our environment is under a major threat and I am here representing the generations that have to live through the future that you're shaping today. We are in an emergency, our planet is in trouble and the signs are everywhere. Micro plastics from the air and water are already in our blood, organs and in babies. Sperm counts are declining, climate change is accelerating and biodiversity is plummeting. Toxic forever chemicals are showing up in our water and soil. These aren't just far away issues, they are happening here in New Jersey too. What good is a thriving economy when you're living off of poisoned food and water? I know that as members of this council, you care about the environment because you spend hours each month tending these meetings and that is something we are all grateful for. I am here today to ask you to take a stand and endorse a state constitutional amendment that would put the right to clean air, water, healthy habitats and a safe climate on par with the right to assembly, free speech and other rights on the New Jersey constitution. I urge you to join Metuchen, Franklin Township, Somerset County, Burlington County and many other towns to pass a resolution endorsing the Assembly Bill SCR43/ACR119, nicknamed "The New Jersey Green Amendment." This bill has bipartisan co-sponsors and I have physical handouts to pass around with more detailed information. The Green Amendment can be a ballot resolution in the upcoming election if both the New Jersey Senate and Assembly hold a hearing and approve it

with enough support before the summer recess. It is no longer a small request, it's now a necessity. Not only are people paying the price but voiceless creatures that have nothing to do with our economy are suffering the consequences of our actions. New Jersey, the Garden State, has been a leader in so many ways like passing the Environmental Justice Law so let's be the state that prioritizes a livable planet for the future and sets the example for the country. I know there are many environmental regulations out there but this amendment puts protection at the highest level, the State Constitution. Rules and regulations can be rolled back with nothing more than a signature. Our trees, our lungs, gone with the stroke of a pen. Prioritizing the environment is so important now since the federal government is actively dismantling environmental protections that took decades to establish. I am a member of the New Jersey Student Sustainability Commission, which is a group of high school students throughout the state and we have been working to build support for The Green Amendment constantly for over 5 years. Everyone my age who pays attention to environmental news feels paralyzed watching critical protections being sacrificed. My question to you is, did you have to experience this when you were in high school? I like that the Green Amendment can prevent harm before it happens and this could even be something your grandchildren would look up to you for knowing that you took the opportunity to show that you care about New Jersey's youth and wildlife. New York passed the Green Amendment in 2021 with over 70% of voters. Having this amendment on the NJ ballot would bring people who care out to vote. We deserve to vote on whether a healthy environment is a constitutional right. Ultimately, we are the generation that learns about climate disasters in classrooms and walks out to find them at our doorstep. We are the generation growing up with wildfires in our headlines and smog in our skies. Show us that you will take bold action now when it matters most. This is Woodbridge's moment to build on to the legacy of being a leader in sustainability and to show you care not just about policies and numbers but about us, the people, the youth and the generations of New Jersey that will inherit this planet. Let tonight be the moment where Woodbridge takes a bold stand to lead, protect and preserve by endorsing the NJ Green Amendment. Thank you for listening.

Rachel Davis, Manalapan: I am speaking today in my role as public policy and justice organizer full time for Waterspirit, an eco-spiritual nonprofit organization based in Monmouth County, and also as a resident proposing these 2 items. Amplifying what Semeedah just shared, the first is an ordinance aimed to reduce waste and promote sustainability within our community. The second, a resolution in support of the NJ Green Amendment. I respectfully urge the council to pass an ordinance to "Skip the Stuff." Rachel went on to show an example of "stuff" and explained that it gets stuck in our waterways and businesses are spending money on the "stuff." Having studied economics at Rutgers, we don't want to waste money, we want to be efficient all around. The "Skip the Stuff" Ordinance would incentivize consumers to bring their own reusable items. It would implement measures to basically minimize unnecessary plastic use such as straws, utensils, chopsticks and to go containers. Through fostering a culture of sustainability, as Woodbridge has done for a long time, would not only improve Woodbridge's Ecological footprint but it would reduce the impact on our beloved waterways and align with New Jersey's statewide environmental goals. Not only would Woodbridge continue to lead in sustainability, but would lead the way for other municipalities and New Jersey as a whole state. I am also here to urge the council to pass the resolution in support of the New Jersey Green Amendment. I emailed you all

this morning the sample ordinances about the “Skip the Stuff” and the New Jersey Green Amendment Ordinances as well as the Red Bank case studies that shows tremendous improvements. Businesses are not wasting money, consumers are not needing the stuff and our waterways are not suffering, it is a win. In addition to that, young people like Semeedah have been vying for this protection at the state level for 5 years or more and they are seeking leadership from adults like you who are in positions of power. The New Jersey Green Amendment gives the right to clean air, pure water, a stable climate and a healthy environment for future generations. I have been wanting these rights for 20 years and no law is ever going to be strong enough, including the New Jersey Environmental Justice Law, to actually uphold every level of government. If this is passed, local government municipalities could take hold of their constitutional right. Woodbridge would join a growing movement to secure environmental justice ensuring that every person regardless of their socio-economic status or geographic location has the right to live in an environment to not harm their health and wellbeing. The late Pope Frances with his encyclical Laudato Si urges to all people of faith or not of faith “We must regain the conviction that we need one another that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. We have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty.” This resolution would not only reflect the values of your beautiful community but would place a premium on environmental protection and sustainability. It would send a powerful message to the state legislature and highlight Woodbridge Township’s leadership in advocating for policies that prioritize public health and the preservation of our natural resources which are foundational to any local economy that could be thriving and quality of life. The Green Amendment is a vital step towards ensuring that future generations inherit a healthy environment. Everything I’m working on is centered on water, Pope Frances said, “Access to safe drinking water is a basic, fundamental and universal human right, because it is essential to human survival.” Thank you for your attention and commitment to a healthier and greener sustainable New Jersey. I look forward to connecting with you all.

Councilman Ficarra: A number of years ago, we passed a Resolution called “Health in All Policies.” Our directors that are all sitting over there all had a say in whatever proposal, resolution or program that was being proposed. Health is being considered and environment is part of the health. That was 2 years ago when we did that and we will continue to do that. The points that have been made are very well taken. We have our recycling program with foods and restaurants, so I think we are in the right direction and are a step ahead in the state.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Thanked Councilman Small for the part he played in getting the metal detectors in the highs schools and would like to see metal detectors in all of the schools. Asked about Keasbey Park approvals and opening date.

Council President Spillar: The DEP is not ready, Mayor?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Correct, it doesn’t look like it will be open in 2025 and is out of our control. It is in the hands of the DEP and the Federal EPA.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I left off with asking Councilwoman McAuliffe about the Main Street SID and the Transit Village listed on her agenda.

Council President Spillar: This is not a question and answer session. She answered you under the other ordinance. This is a council meeting so direct all your questions to the Council President.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: This is where the public comes to ask questions to elected officials.

Council President Spillar: You are absolutely right and I answered you.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I am asking how it's a conflict for her to not vote on the biggest issue in the ward which is the development of all the apartments, but she can include on her agenda, the Downtown Special Improvement District? That's the question.

James P. Nolan, Esq.: An agenda is not a vote. The nature of the conflict would be not to vote and but be able to speak about it.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: So you can speak about it but not vote on it, so can Councilwoman give me her opinion on Ordinances E and F.

Council President Spillar: No.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: She abstained on those 2 items so she doesn't care to give her opinion. The attorney said she's allowed to give her opinion.

James P. Nolan, Esq: She doesn't have to.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: To the chair, are you in favor of these 2 tax abatements which gives businesses 30 year tax abatements and are you in favor of building the apartments on Main Street?

Council Vice President McAuliffe: It is a conflict for me to answer the question, so I am not going to answer the question. I abstained on it because I didn't want to voice my opinion and that's where I stand.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Mr. Nolan just said it is not a conflict for you to discuss the items.

James P. Nolan, Esq.: That's not what I said but if she doesn't want to discuss the question she doesn't have to.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: If she doesn't want to talk about it that is fine but you said it wasn't a conflict so I am giving her the opportunity.

Council Vice President McAuliffe: He said it was a conflict to be on the SID and for me to give you my opinion. Your mixing the two together, so don't mix the SID and the ordinance. They are two different things.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I was bringing up two separate points. First, I said you have SID on your agenda and it's something that benefits, or your business participates, your business is taxed as part of the SID and the other item was after Mr. Nolan said that you're able to discuss items, I was asking you for your opinion, being it's one of the biggest issues in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward.

Council President Spillar: Who says it is the biggest issue in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward?

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Is this a question and answer period between you and I Mr. President? I am happy to answer your question.

Council President Spillar: Exactly, we know why you are asking, but go ahead Mr. Gardner. The attorney offered comments to Council President Spillar.

Ken Gardner asked what the attorney spoke about with Council President. Council President Spillar mentioned that that comment was between himself and the attorney. Ken Gardner asked that private discussions should not be during the public portion of the council meeting.

Council President Spillar: Stop making generalizations about what is the biggest issue in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward. I am sure we are going to hear about it over the next 6 months from you.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Mr. President, Councilman Ficarra at the last meeting identified me as a council candidate in a disparaging way I thought.

Council President Spillar: That's your opinion.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Yes it was my opinion and that is why I am speaking. All of you here have been candidates. I don't think it is a bad thing to be a candidate. That is part of America. You know a lot of things about me. He knows I've been fire chief, Irishman of the Year, an active church member, and many great things.

Council President Spillar: I know you keep telling us that every meeting and your time up have a great night.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Try being a little nicer.

Council President Spillar: That is me being nice, trust me.

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Mr. President, I would like to make comments on what Mr. Gardner said about the PILOTS. He uses the term abatement, mostly on purpose because he wants to give the impression that these companies don't pay taxes. We all know since we did our first PILOT agreement in 1999 that these companies all pay a very significant sum of money in taxes to the town. A better word would be discount, typically a warehouse would pay 85% of the normal taxes for the first 10 years, 90% for the next 10 and 95% of the next 10, but it is a fixed percentage so sometimes that percentage can go way higher. All that money comes into the town budget not with any specific purpose attached to it, although we use that money specifically to pay the debt service on the school projects that we have done. One referendum in 2017 for \$87 million, one in 2020 for \$58 million and one we are planning on now in 2025 which won't be a referendum but we are still going through the numbers. It started at \$78 million, but with tariffs we don't know what it will wind up being, we will have to make some adjustments to it. For example, Accu Reference in Woodbridge Center, which by the way Woodbridge Center is far and away the

biggest issue in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward and the biggest issue in the township by far. It was a \$220 million dollar loan that was bought for \$80 million dollars, now the whole future of that mall is decided by the new owners and by us and it dwarfs a couple of apartments on Main Street so if you want to know the biggest issue, not only in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward but in the entire township, it is Woodbridge Center. Accu Reference Lab which took over the Lord and Taylor building is going to pay 18.5 million dollars to this town over the next 30 years. That is a lot of money. The other project is Vito Mazza is going to pay 13.2 million dollars over the next 30 years, so those are very significant numbers to our budget. We will have, in 2 years, \$35 million dollars from PILOTS in our budget. Right now we have about \$28 million and a whole lot of stuff coming on board including Sprouts and Metropark. \$35 million dollars is \$800 per house that residents don't have to pay because businesses are paying them. These PILOTS are so good for us, yet Mr. Gardner continually disparages them, probably because he doesn't understand them and probably because he uses the term abatement to deliberately mislead the people of Woodbridge Township. This money comes in and it's dedicated first to the debt service and after that it pays for everything else. Mr. Gardner doesn't like to admit it but for 2 of the last 3 years, we have had a zero tax increase. He constantly points to the McAuliffe McCormac team and says his taxes went up 10% over 3 years. They did, 10% over 3 years is not terrible. While he was Council President, councilman for 4 years, his taxes in his house went up 21.6% in the 4 years he was on the council where he had the ability to effectuate changes in those numbers but he didn't. Would you rather have your taxes go up 21.6% over 4 years or 10% over 3? He was on the council with a vote and the taxes went up 21.6% in 4 years, so for him to now use a 3 year period randomly because that's the three budgets that Sharon McAuliffe voted for. Why doesn't he use the 18 years that Greg Ficarra was on the council and say the Ficarra McCormac team or the 13 years that Kyle Anderson and say the Anderson McCormac team? No because he is doing politics left and right and for this whole meeting he read his resume for the 10<sup>th</sup> time this year. Council meetings are not the point for politics. You are running against Sharon, we get it. She doesn't vote on an issue, I respect that. She can talk about anything but everything that happens on Main Street potentially can have an impact on her business. She is doing the right thing and recusing herself from the vote and he finds fault with that. He can try to defend why there was a 21.6% tax increase while he was a voting member of the council. Thank you Council President.

**CORY S. SPILLAR, COUNCILMAN PRESIDENT/ 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Council President Spillar: My agenda is in order.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting.  
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village / Train Station / Eric LeGrand Believe Park.  
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch / Oros Nature Preserve.  
HOLD

4. Woodbridge Golden Saints / Saints Complex.  
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.  
HOLD
6. Sycamore Senior Center.  
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.  
HOLD
8. Cloverleaf Redevelopment.  
HOLD
9. Avenel Fire Dept. / Fire Prevention Week Open House.  
Congratulations to the newly appointed fire captains sworn in by Dean Manente.  
Thank you to the Avenel Board of Fire Commissioners for their constant commitment to the residents, businesses and motorists of the 5<sup>th</sup> Fire District to maintain the highest level of staffing and manpower.  
HOLD
10. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus / Columbian Club, Avenel VFW.  
HOLD
11. The Morris Properties @ Rahway Avenue.  
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

Thank you and God bless America.

**SHARON McAULIFFE, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT / 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Council President Spillar: Council Vice President McAuliffe

Council Vice President McAuliffe: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. Events:
  - A. Farmer's Market.
  - B. Relay for Life.  
June 7<sup>th</sup> at Woodbridge High School.
  - C. Fishing derby
  - D. St. James Street Fair.HOLD
2. Main Street SID.  
HOLD
3. Chamber of Commerce.  
April 29<sup>th</sup>- Sip and Swing event- Golf outing at the Colonia Country Club.  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Comedy show at the APA Hotel.  
May 17<sup>th</sup>- Annual street fair.  
HOLD
4. Buy Local.  
HOLD
5. Transit Village (Downtown Main Street).  
HOLD
6. Blue Acres / F.E.M.A.  
HOLD
7. Main St. & Rt. 9.  
HOLD
8. Animal Shelter.  
HOLD
9. Dog Parks – Sewaren.  
HOLD
10. Arts:
  - A. Woodbridge Murals.

B. The Gallery on Main

This Thursday will be the annual Spring Reception.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Annual Music and Art Festival. NJ Transit will be offering free train rides between Avenel, Rahway and Woodbridge for the event. For more details go to WoodbridgeNJMusic.com.

HOLD

11. Coast Guard.

HOLD

12. Sewaren Library.

HOLD

13. Acacia Center:

A. Town Events.

B. Youth Programs.

HOLD

14. Sewaren Marina.

HOLD

15. Environmental Commission:

A. Green Infrastructure.

B. Community Garden.

C. Trail.

HOLD

April 26<sup>th</sup>- Parker press will hold the half way to Halloween celebration from 4pm to 9pm.

May 8<sup>th</sup>- Woodbridge Fire Company will hold their Community Night from 5pm to 8pm.

Anchors Tiki Bar is open. The Woodbridge Community Center will offer one free miniature golf game with the purchase of one child's admission game for to all moms on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the Environmental Commission, the Sustainable Team, the Township Team and all the amazing vendors for another incredible Earth Day festival.

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

Council President Spillar: Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

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

HOLD

2. Job bank.

- HOLD
3. Mayor's trophy.  
HOLD
  4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.  
HOLD
  5. Charity raffle.  
HOLD
  6. Drive-in movie.  
HOLD
  7. N.A.A.C.P. (NAACP.org).  
HOLD
  8. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.  
HOLD
  9. Independent Club of Colonia.  
HOLD
  10. Tooling Around program.  
HOLD
  11. Boy Scouts / Camping.  
HOLD
  12. League Consolidation.  
HOLD
  13. Middlesex College.  
Junior Chef Camp is available this summer to children ages 11 years to 17 years. Starts June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> and will go through till August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
HOLD
  14. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.  
HOLD
  15. Geo Baker Clinics.  
HOLD

16. Concerts.  
HOLD

One of our biggest events is “Tooling Around the Town”. We have all of our sites picked out but we are still in need of volunteers, call the Mayor’s office if interested in volunteering.

Casey Wagner mentioned that there are 21 houses lined up this year and we pray for good weather.

If you’re looking for a building and maintenance certification, it is offered at our Carpenters Technical Center in Raritan Center. Contact our local NJ Carpenters Union Center for more details.

I don’t always like to invoke my day job, but as County Superintendent, I do get exposed to what a lot of towns are going through. Many towns have asked me to stop talking about what we are doing here in Woodbridge Township because of how successful the PILOT program has been. They’ve all looked around and seen that we are building schools and adding to our athletic facilities. We’re the only township in Middlesex County to have 3 high schools that we have to maintain along with all the athletic fields for each one. Edison is larger than us and they have 2 high schools. We are one of the few municipalities that share PILOT money with their school districts. There are towns that are really struggling because they are developing but their municipality is not sharing some of the money that is being brought in through the PILOT program. So I just want to commend our council, mayor, administration and school board for the use of our facilities. Our facilities hold many games at one time within 10 feet of each other. Our facilities hold conference championship games in Woodbridge Township. Our facilities not only improves our home values but brings more people to Woodbridge Township. I want to commend Councilwoman McAuliffe because of the support she gives to our local high schools through her business and for her insight being a business owner, resident and council member.

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Council President Spillar: Councilman Ficarra

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
  - A. Senior recreation and programming.
  - B. Youth Recreation and programming.HOLD
  
2.
  - A. Youth Month – April.
  - B. Senior Month – May.HOLD
  
3. Mayor’s Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.

HOLD

4. Fireworks.

HOLD

5. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.

Last week was the end of the year celebration for Heroes and Cool Kids where High school students mentor middle school students and then Sidekicks where middle school students mentor elementary students.

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. Mobile Health Unit.

HOLD

13. Senior Services Directory.

HOLD

14. Human Rights Commission.

Mr. Morgan I commend you for stepping up to the plate today and talking about diversity, equity and inclusion. I remember when that was something to be proud of and now it's almost like your using bad language when you say DEI, so I want to keep DEI on the forefront and I believe that is what makes our community unique and respectful to everybody.

HOLD

15. Senior Olympics.  
HOLD
16. Community Playground (Merrill Park).  
At the time when she was Councilwoman, Caroline Ehrlich started this program back in the day and it was truly a community project. You will see by Resolution 30, Director Brew, that that is money to upgrade that park. It is an active park.  
HOLD

**HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN**

Council President Spillar:

Councilman Bauer:

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 / 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. Highland Grove Swim Pool.  
HOLD
14. Little Libraries.  
HOLD
15. 988 LIFE LINE.  
HOLD
16. School No. 14 Playground.  
HOLD

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

Council President Spillar: Councilman Small

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President. Nothing this evening.

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.  
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.  
HOLD
18. Autograph signings.  
HOLD
19. Pickleball Courts.  
HOLD

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

Council President Spillar:

Councilwoman DeJesus:

1. Housing Authority.  
HOLD

2. Affordable Housing Corporation.  
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.  
HOLD
4. History Museum  
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.  
HOLD
6. Youth employment / Job Fair.  
HOLD
7. Township parks and playgrounds.  
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage month.  
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center.  
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.  
HOLD
12. Girl sports.  
HOLD
13. Girl Scouts / Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.  
HOLD
14. Youth Leadership Council.  
HOLD
15. Community Backpacks.  
HOLD

16. Donation of winter coats for school students.  
HOLD
17. Safe Place.  
HOLD
18. Women's Month.  
HOLD
19. Mentoring programs.  
HOLD

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Council President Spillar: Councilwoman Meehan

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

1. Inman Ave. 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. Have a Heart Food Drive.
  - B. Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
  - C. Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
  - D. Support the Troops Rally.  
May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please reach out to me if you have someone who is serving in the military and you would like their name announced in the roll call during our program. We will also be honoring Stuart Brandow, one of our favorite veterans in Woodbridge Township who was 100 years old.
  - E. Colonia Clean Up.
  - F. Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
  - G. Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank
  - H. Breast Cancer Walk.
  - I. Township Toy Extravaganza.HOLD
5. Food pantry.

HOLD

6. Reinhard Manor.

HOLD

7. Colonia Fire Department / First Aid Squad.

Thank you Colonia Fire Department and Woodbridge Police for safely escorting the Easter Bunny down Inman Avenue this past Saturday.

HOLD

8. Colonia American Legion / V.F.W.

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.

A. Homelessness/Youth

HOLD

14. AED program.

HOLD

15. Springwood.

HOLD

May 8<sup>th</sup> will be a mini golf tournament fundraiser for Scarlet Griffin whom was born with a rare genetic disorder. Tickets are \$100.00 and includes unlimited mini golf, buffet and open bar as well as a tricky tray. Save the date.

Council President commended Councilwoman Meehan for her words about Stuart Brandow and also making a point to mention that the residents can come and talk about projects and PILOTS but if you just take the last school referendum votes that we've had, the votes are 3:1, 2:1 better than 65%, 75%, no matter the way you receive your news you will see that Monroe, South

Brunswick, South Amboy and a couple others are all losing their referendum votes. Woodbridge is 3:1 75% because it is a zero tax burden to the residents. If the residents had an issue they would be flooding our council meetings. Residents aren't flooding our council meeting because that debt is paid off by the income that's coming from the PILOTS. They works 110% and that is all I am going to say.

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

Council President Spillar:

Councilman Patel:

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
9. Green Street Shopper Parking  
HOLD

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure Applications under review.
  - A. Person-to-Person / Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-046-003 from MC Lemon Tree Bar & Restaurant to Violette's Cellar Woodbridge, LLC t/a Violette's, 10 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
  - B. Change of Corporate Structure for Woodbridge Spirits, LLC t/a Favorites at Woodbridge, Liquor License # 1225-33-014-009 3 Lafayette Rd., Fords, NJ 08863
  - C. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-32-007-010 from WB Beverages LLC to Sunbeam Woodbridge Inc., t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquor Outlet, 489 Rt. 1 So., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
  - D. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-067-011 from Sarana Group LLC to Daryl LLC (Pocket License).
  - E. Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-028-006 from T.G.I. Friday's Inc. to PKPM Woodbridge Investments, LLC 1-55 Lafayette Rd., Fords, NJ 08863.
  - F. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Lobster Restaurants LLC t/a Red Lobster # 267 70 Red Lobster Restaurants LLC Debtor in Possession, U.S. Highway 1 @ Gill Ln., Iselin, NJ 08830.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.

Primary upcoming election is June 10<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder to voters that June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup> will be early voting at the Acacia Center located at 95 Port Reading Avenue in Woodbridge. This Thursday, I will be unlocking the mail in ballot boxes both here at town hall and the Main Library as the mail in ballots will start rolling out in the mail beginning Thursday.
6. Best Practices Inventory.

**MAYOR:**

Council President Spillar: Thank you, Mayor.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I just want to echo what everyone has been saying about Stu Brandow. I had a special bond with him because we shared a birthday. We called him Stewey

Dooby Doo. He stood up for 3 different wars and 3 different branches of the service. Every time they played the songs, he was the veteran's veteran. As recent as 3 or 4 years ago he was coming to council meeting and when I would ask him what he is doing here, he would tell me he was there to protect us. Stu was 97 years old at that time. He will be sorely missed especially at the "Support the Troops" rally.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Council President Spillar: Administration.

Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator: Thank you Council President.

Tax and Sewer Overpayments.

100% Veteran Tax Exemption.

Lease Agreement- James Street parking.

**HEALTH:**

Council President Spillar: Thank you, Director Darden.

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

**POLICE:**

Council President Spillar: Police.

Brian Murphy, C.L.E.O.: Thank you Council President.

Traffic Ordinance Amendments (2).

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Council President Spillar: Thank you, Director Darden.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Council President Spillar: Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council Vice President. Nothing this evening.

**LEGAL:**

Council President Spillar: Legal.

James P. Nolan, Esq.: Nothing at this time.

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned by Council President Spillar at 7:04.M.

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Cory Spillar, Council President

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