

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 July 11, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: Let's just take a moment to keep the people that are suffering from natural disasters up in New York State in our thoughts and prayers. Just a moment of reflection? Thank you very much.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on November 25, 2022. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon McAuliffe, Debbie Meehan, Viru Patel (left at 6:46 p.m.), Brian Small, Cory Spillar, Kyle Anderson (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Gregg Ficarra

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
John Hagerty, Director of Communications
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Phil Bujalski, Director of Health Department
Craig Coughlin, Esq. – arrived at 6:11 p.m.
Gary Clemente, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2023?

Councilman Spillar moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

June 27, 2023

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, POLICE REGULATIONS, TO REGULATE NOISE. (2023-51)**

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-12, PARKING TIMES, OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO DELETE – OAK TREE ROAD; TO ADD – OAK TREE ROAD. (2023-52)**

- C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 23.05, LOT 1 BE CONVEYED TO THE PERTH AMBOY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. (2023-53)**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening, we are going to take Letter A on your Agenda. This is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 regarding Police Regulations to Regulate Noise. With that said, can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Spillar made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

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

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked what kind of noise this Ordinance applies to and who decides if noise is too loud. Mentioned that there is an ongoing law suit with regards to the Indian Parade last year and what happened in Merrill Park not about the noise but the size of the speakers.

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: Disruptive. Noise can be anything. It could be voices or music or anything. I know that this has some teeth in it because there are decibels involved in it but when the police get involved there is a certain amount of judgements like a lot of what the police does.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Parks, you said Merrill Park, the hours are 11 o'clock on Friday and Saturday so there is no issue. I don't know any event that goes on beyond 11 o'clock on a Friday or Saturday night in Merrill Park or any park for that matter. And I don't know anything that goes on past 10 p.m. on the other nights at the public parks. The noise itself is regulated by State Ordinance. But, the Health Department has the ability to go out any time at any place with a decibel meter and measure. And the Police Department has the ability to answer any noise complaint and determine if in fact it is a nuisance to the neighborhood and if they determine it is they can issue a ticket. It would be 11 o'clock to 7 o'clock on a Friday and Saturday and 10 – 7 any other night. I don't think that event that you are referring to went past 11. Why is who in court? It has nothing to do with us. I have no idea. It has nothing to do with the Township I have no idea.

Brett Randolph, Woodbridge: Spoke about an email that he sent to the Township regarding his concerns about the loud music coming from the Woodbridge Brewery and how it is affecting him and his family. Spoke about his personal experience in the entertainment industry and the noise from Woodbridge Brewery in the evening is very loud and not properly channeled.

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

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter B is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 which is regarding the traffic chapter of our revised ordinances and this is to change the restricted parking from 2 hours to 3 hours on Oak Tree Road. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter B. Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter C is an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing that Title and Possession of certain property be conveyed to the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

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

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

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if the property that is being conveyed is privately owned or owned by the Township and if it's conveyed to Perth Amboy, will Perth Amboy own the property and will the conveyance affect any property lines or elections.

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: We wouldn't be able to give it to Perth Amboy if we didn't own it. The second part of your question, I did not hear.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It's going to the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency. It's a very small piece of land that we own in the middle of private property. That private property is being redeveloped by the City of Perth Amboy. We are just giving it to them. It's smaller than this room. If we are conveying it, we are the owner of the property. No property lines or elections will be affected.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other questions or comments on Letter C? Hearing no other comments or questions, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

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

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's appointment of Dawn Genoni to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing February 21, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2025.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Indian Business Association, Inc., to host an India's Independence Day Celebration Parade on Sunday, August 13, 2023, with a rain date scheduled for Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 1:00 P.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes The Fords Business Community to sponsor a Cruise Night on Monday, August 7, 2023 with a rain date scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023 from 3:30 P.M. and ending at 8:30 P.M.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes The Fords Business Community to sponsor a Cruise Night on Monday, October 16, 2023 with a rain date scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023 from 3:30 P.M. and ending at 8:30 P.M.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. in the amount of \$6,361.38 for overpaid taxes.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund to Enrique Hernandez for overpaid Affordable Housing Fees in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller Officer to issue a refund to Transformation by New Jersey Angels for the cancellation of an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle in the amount of \$20.00.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund from the Developer's Refund Account for Surety Bond No. SUR0046466 for completed work at 112 New Brunswick Avenue, Block: 5.11 Lot: 47 & 73 in the amount of \$3,930.60.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Right-of-Way Agreement with Middlesex Water Company and Woodbridge Housing Authority.

- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Water Facilities Extension Agreement with Middlesex Water Company and Woodbridge Housing Authority.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute the First Amendment to Communications Site Lease Agreement with NCWPCS MPL 28 Year Sites Tower Holdings LLC by and through CCATT LLC (c/o Crown Castle USA Inc.)
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement with Woodbridge Township Board of Education for the Security Cameras for Schools.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the grant application for the FY2022 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement No. B-22-CP-NJ-0613 with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the rejection of bids received by the Purchasing Agent on June 27, 2023 for the Fords Pickleball Courts Project.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of a new BYD T-40 Hook Lift Body from Cliffside Body Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$63,067.60.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Messercola Excavating Co. Inc. for Demolition, Disposal, Backfill and Compaction Services for 111 New Street, Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$71, 200.00.
- (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 Two Brothers Contracting, Inc., for Demolition, Disposal, Backfill and Compaction Services for 270 Old Road, Sewaren in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the emergency contract awarded to H.L. Petroleum for the purchase and replacement of one (1) 4000 Gallon UST with a 6000 Gallon Double Wall Fireguard AST including environmental Assessment at 201 Woodbridge Avenue, Sewaren on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$295,450.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Environmental Connection Inc., for professional environmental consulting services for the Pre-Demolition Environmental Building Assessment at 75 New Street in and amount not to exceed \$23,937.50.

- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with Alaimo Group for the Contract 2023-009, Streambank Stabilization & Stream Cleaning for Three Waterways in the amount of \$83,000.00 increasing the contract amount of \$898,000.00 to a total of \$981,000.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund for various administrative offices for the purpose of minor departmental expenses in the Township Departments for the SFY 2024.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Appropriation transfer.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Emergency Temporary Appropriations in the State Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List dated July 11, 2023 and the Supplemental Bill List dated June 24, 2023 through July 7, 2023 and the Addendum to the July 11, 2023 Bill List.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby confirms that the Township may hire non-residents for the position of Crossing Guard and hereby waives the Township's residency Ordinance for this position.

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from **Resolution #24**.

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

Public Meeting:

Council President Ficarra: We are now going to the public portion of our meeting. This is where anyone can go up and speak about matter that are on their mind. When approaching the microphone please state your name and what section of the town or state that you live in. You have a one-time opportunity to speak for five minutes. If you are engaging any of us or the Administration in a conversation, that conversation counts at five minutes. I just want you to know. All videotaping must be taken from the designated area in the back of the room. Please be respectful to each other.

Tashy Jefferson, Woodbridge: Spoke about her and her mother being displaced on July 6th due to a sprinkler malfunction, secondary to extreme heat, in her apartment building at Jacob's Landing that caused a flood. Spoke about three other families being affected by the flooding. And that the management company said they cannot do anything about it and proceeded to terminate her lease

and told her that was per the Township. Mention that this type of flooding also happened last winter to other tenants. Thanked the Mayor for meeting with her and asked for the support of Council and Administration.

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: Ingerman said that your lease is terminated? I am somewhat aware of your situation because I am involved with the Housing Authority. We'll huddle up with Administration. Tasha you could take a seat because your five minutes is up. We will follow up with you.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Thanks for coming out Tashy. What you said is 100% right and we agree with you. We think that Ingerman has handled this badly. We have been on the phone with them and we've talked to multiple people from their office and we've had our attorneys come out and talk to us. We are looking at their agreement. They have a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement with us where they get a break because they are a housing project. Not because they are economic development, because they are housing, but pulling that to see if we have any recourse. I can assure you that we did not tell them to break your lease. What they told me was the reason they broke your lease is so you could get the security deposit back and get the rest of July's rent back. You're shaking your head and I don't know but if you could get us copies of your leases that would be terrific. And if you can tell me who said what to you and when. Oh Maureen Strong? Yes, she works out of Collingswood. I know her yes. Listen we agree with you. It's appalling to think that three apartments could be terminated through no fault of yours and they own multiple other units and other places in town where there could be vacant units and they just left you on your own. That's appalling. And we are not accepting that. And like I said, we have our attorneys on it that know about rent control and affordable housing and we are on it.

Dasari, Woodbridge: Also spoke about the flooding at Jacob's Landing and her conversation with the office manager, Tamara where she offered her another apartment that would become available sometime in the winter months or she could leave with her security deposit and July's rent payment would be returned to her but her lease was terminated before she could make a decision. Thanked the Mayor for his assistance.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, we are going to have our inspectors out there to check all of the units and the roof. It burst once before and they said it was because of the extreme cold and this one burst because of the extreme heat and the buildings are less than five years old. How all of this is happening is beyond me. And you were given two options and neither one is acceptable especially when this company owns Maple Tree, Dalina and Reinhard right in Town and I don't know what else they own in other towns around us but there's got to be a better effort made to replace your housing immediately. And if the units were promised to somebody else and they haven't moved in yet then have them stay where they are at and have you move in there. We have our attorneys on the job and they are reviewing all of the documents. I do have a potential place that could hold you but I just haven't been able to hook up with the owner. I think he is actually overseas. But there is a very generous business owner that has a hotel in town and he frequently makes his rooms available when something like this happens and I am hoping he gets back to me tomorrow. I've got all three of your names and numbers now and we are as disgusted by this as you are.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: I have my card right here so you can email me your lease agreements and any written correspondence that they sent you that would be great.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: And even if it is just sitting down today and documenting a call you had. While it is fresh in your memory, write down exactly what you said and exactly what they said along with the time and who you spoke with.

Kristen Wiles, Woodbridge: Asked if there was a possibility to amend the Ordinance to allow for decibel measurement to be done from the establishment making the noise or the nearest residential location, not necessarily the location of the complainant.

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: Our Health Department Director Mr. Bujalski is here. He can explain how it is done and how the samples are taken. Phil.

Phil Bujalski, Director, Health Department: Yes, thank you. I was out with my colleague taking those readings. And to do that we have to be certified in noise, and go through a program and understand the law and pass tests showing we have adequate knowledge. What we have here in Woodbridge is an adoption of the New Jersey Model Code. There is an administrative part of it and I won't get complicated it but I will answer your question which is simply this. The way the Noise Code is written, sound is considered subjective to the degree that they will only honor it in a legal setting if there is a formal complainant of record and the readings must be taken at the property line or somewhere upon the property of the complainant. The law is simply written that way. They had stakeholders that see the State and Legislature and they put these laws together and they feel that was the fair and proper thing to do. And we are simply duty bound and legally bound to adhere to that criteria.

Kristen Wiles, Woodbridge: So it is a State regulation?

Phil Bujalski, Director, Health Department: Yes.

Brett Randolph, Woodbridge: Spoke about the patio being built for al fresco dining area and not an outdoor concert area. Doesn't agree with how things are being done over at Woodbridge Brewing Company with regards to the loud music coming from their property three to four nights per week. Very frustrated about hearing their music on any given night of the week in his back yard.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about Woodbridge Brewing not being a park and how folks should be neighborly and resolve issues amicably. Addressed the Mayor in regards to the playground where the Woodbridge employee was struck by lightning and there was no lightning detection in place. Spoke being a proud owner of his beauty salon for 60 years and not getting the information there but got it from the Board of Education meeting.

Rosanne Galtes, Woodbridge Brewing Company: Addressed the noise ordinance issue that is going on, proud owners of the Woodbridge Brewing Company, expressed concern about receiving a warning from a police officer every time she opens the restaurant. Stated that she has heard that

they play music 5 days a week but that is not true. They follow every ordinance at the state level and that she employs 40 people at her establishment and 75% of them are Woodbridge residents.

Esteban Galtes, Woodbridge Brewing Company: Expressed that as the owner of Woodbridge Brewing, he is not trying to be disrespectful to anyone, has lowered the music if he personally noticed it was too loud, always has the music cut off at 10 p.m. on week nights, and does not host concerts. Wonders if this is something personal against him for buying the business and being here in town.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments this evening from the public? Hearing no other comment can I get a motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting?

Vice President Anderson made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Spillar Council and carried unanimously at 6:40 p.m.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, if I could comment on what Mr. Vrtaric said. It makes no difference if the field was in use for practice or for games. Kids are on the field. That's what's important. They're trying to say that we don't monitor the field because it is only practice. So what. Lightning can strike in a practice. Lightning can strike in a game. No one has made the decision that the field is not monitored because of that. That's ridiculous. And any Administrator who did that is just not doing their job. Second, it is monitored. You can hear the lightning detection system from JFK which is right next to Iselin Middle School. You can hear it from that field and I know this because, as I said two weeks ago, because I went to the scene of the accident, and I was standing right there and could hear it going off at the press conference going off a little bit later. For anybody to say that they didn't put it there is not telling the truth because it's there. Finally, we use that field for leagues for youth soccer. So nobody here is making any sense saying we didn't put it there because it is only practice. That is not accurate. Practice and games make no difference. If it is on school grounds, it's subject to the lightning detection system. And I know some people on the Dais know this better than I do. It's there. So I don't know why, after two weeks ago, and I don't care if you heard it at the hair salon or wherever you hear it, I don't care where you hear it. But what you are hearing is stuff that makes no sense because you've been coming here to these meetings for years and the first thing you say is "I heard". And you're never right. Never right. So again, the lightning detection system is there and it works. I heard it and other people in this room heard it so let's stop with this nonsense.

Brian Small, Councilman-At-Large: Mr. President, I was also on scene when our employee was struck and the detection system was going off. I heard it going off as plain as day.

Kyle Anderson, Council Vice President: Council President, my Pop Warner Organization practices all through the end of September. We are aware of that program. Our kids and parents are taught what to do when they hear that sound. They are taught to return to their cars immediately. And they listen for that sound whenever we are in the outfield of J.F.K. High School which is right next to the gymnasium at Iselin Middle. We hear that sound pretty clear.

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: We are going to go a bit out of sequence. Councilman Patel you can go first.

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

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
(A) Senior Recreation and programming.
(B) Youth Recreation and programming.
HOLD
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
Our Annual Pizza Run is tomorrow at Alvin P. Williams Park at 5:30 p.m.
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

15. Human Rights Commission.
HOLD

16. Concerts.
HOLD

We have some bonus concerts at Parker Press, July 29th, The Beat Polka Group on August 11th, South Asian Summer Festival on August 19th. We have Brenda K Starr which is a Latina performer. We are coordinating with other towns throughout Middlesex County for the Jazz Festivals. On August 8th, Nine Deez Nite which is a 90's tribute.

Over at the Acacia Center, July 22nd, we have Rumpelstiltskin at 10 a.m. and Snow White on August 12th at 10 a.m. for ages 2 – 10. Kids concerts at Parker Press for ages 6-10 on October 5th is Outside Rock starting at 10 a.m., DJ Dance Parties for ages 10-14 July 14th, July 28th, and August 18th.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Ficarra: Council Vice President Anderson.

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you Council President.

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

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

Crossing Guard positions are open and we are actively looking and starting at \$16 per hour. We are looking for someone over 18 that has good judgement and willing to have flexible hours. Training and equipment will be provided.

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
16. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

At the Barron Arts Center we have Jazz Poetry Coffee House Readings on August 19th and September 16th and Admission is free.

This Saturday at the Woodbridge Brewing Company, you can meet and greet New York Jets Wide Receiver, Allen Lazard. Tickets are available.

Pop Warner Season starts August 1st. We have our Port Reading Saints and the Woodbridge Broncos. They'll be in our parks. I just want everyone to keep an eye out for the kids as they are exiting their vehicles and heading toward their practice fields. And come out and support the kids.

Thank you. That is all I have.

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
A. Cruise Night/Trunk or Treat
HOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property.
HOLD
11. Brownfields.
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.
HOLD
13. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD
14. Highland Grove Swim Pool.
HOLD
15. Little Libraries.
HOLD

16. 988 LIFE LINE.
HOLD

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Small.
Councilman Small: Thank you.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Woodbridge Fire Fighters Local #290.
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge P.B.A. / S.O.A. #38.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School Projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD
10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD

13. 2-3-8 Marine Fire Rescue.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Light Parade (11/25/23).
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
Woodbridge Elks is hosting a Boardwalk Night with food and games on July 22nd from 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Admission is free.
18. Autograph Signings.
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE:

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.
HOLD
4. History Museum.
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.

HOLD

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

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Ficarra.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/26/23) / Port Reading Day.
HOLD

2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD
The Sycamore Senior Center is looking for middle school and high school students to volunteer their time for credits towards their organizations such as NHS and NJHS.
Contact Danielle at 732-726-7087.
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
HOLD
8. Cloverleaf Redevelopment
HOLD
9. Avenel Fire Department/Fire Prevention Week Open House **(10/14/23)**.
HOLD
10. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.
HOLD
12. Cable Commission/Renewal.
HOLD
13. School 4 & 5.
HOLD
14. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.
HOLD
15. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD
16. Greenway Family Success Center.

HOLD

There will be a baby shower for expectant mothers and new mothers with children ages 12 months and under on July 15th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Acacia Center on Port Reading Avenue.

The rest of my Agenda is in order Council President. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Woodbridge Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works, and Township Employees. God Bless America.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.

HOLD

2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.

HOLD

3. Evergreen Senior and Youth Center / Senior Services.

HOLD

4. Events:

A. Taste of Colonia.

B. Have a Heart Food Drive.

C. Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.

D. Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.

E. Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.

F. Support the Troops Rally.

G. Colonia Pride Day.

H. Colonia Clean Up.

I. Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.

J. Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.

K. Toys for Tots Run.

L. Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

5. Food Pantry.

HOLD

Some of our food banks are running low. If you can donate, please stop by at our Health Center, Woodbridge Community Center, or any of our concerts throughout the summer.

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

The St. John Vianney Fair is being held this week until Saturday, July 15th from 6 p.m.-11 p.m. They have food and carnival rides.

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Ficarra: Councilman Patel.

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

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

I would like to announce a reminder that HSS, which stands for Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, a local organization, will have a display at the Barron Arts Center. It is called Darshana and it is about Hindu civilization. The exhibit opened on June 26th and will be open to the public until July 30th, Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. That is all for tonight. Thank you.

SHARON McAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

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

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

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD
3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
4. Buy Local Program.
HOLD

5. Transit Village.
HOLD
6. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
7. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD
8. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
9. Dog Park. - Sewaren
HOLD
10. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Murals.
(B) Gallery on Main.
HOLD
11. Coast Guard – John Eberhardt 732-213-6457.
HOLD
12. Sewaren Library.
HOLD
Congratulations to the winner of the Guess the Fish contest. For more information on events going on at the Sewaren Library, log on to www.sewarnlibrarynj.org.
13. Acacia Center.
(A) Town Events
(B) Youth Programs
HOLD
14. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD
15. Environmental Commission.
HOLD
(A) Green Infrastructure
(B) Community Garden
(C) Trail
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you Mr. President.

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

List below does not represent approval of application(s) being considered.

A. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-047-003 from Main Tavern, Inc. to Lenihans Irish Pub LLC, 78 Main Street., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

A. Township of Woodbridge vs. Big Shots Bar & Grill, LLC.

Hearing Date: August 8, 2023

3. Liquor License Renewals.

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

5. Elections.

A. **2023** General Election: November 7, 2023
Early Voting: October 28 – November 5

B. **2024** Primary Election: June 4, 2024
Early Voting: May 31 – June 2

6. Best Practices Inventory.

Just a reminder that we will go right in to the Health Department Agenda after.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President.

I have several items on my Agenda. I have a tax and sewer overpayment and 100% Disabled Veteran, a CME Associates contract for Magnolia Avenue walking path, a sidewalk along Magnolia. Thank you Council President.

POLICE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Director Hubner: Thank you Council President. I have a Traffic Ordinance Amendment. Thank you.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Darden.

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

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have a Release of a Surety Bond #0758328, the second one is a proposal from Colliers Engineering & Design for the Omar Avenue Extension Project. Last is the Proposed Model Ordinance for the privately owned salt storage.

LEGAL:

Council President Ficarra: Anything from Legal?

Craig Coughlin, Esq: Nothing this evening Council President.

RECREATION:

HEALTH:

Council President Ficarra: Director Bujalski, we are going to turn the floor over to you.

Thank you Council President. Our Rabies Clinic that we had on May 23rd was very well attended. We administered a total of 122 animal vaccines. If anyone missed that there will be another Rabies Clinic on October 3rd.

We are having an Overdose Awareness Flag Raising at Townhall on August 26th from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. This event is to remember all those who lost someone to the disease of addiction. There will be resource vendors available on site and we will end with a walk up Main Street.

We continue to offer free COVID vaccine boosters. However as the incidents of infection and vaccine demand have slowed, we have adjusted our clinic schedule from weekly to every two weeks and alternating between adult and under age 12 age groups. We are going to monitor the vaccine demands and infections as we head into the fall and will adjust our clinic schedule accordingly. We continue to receive vaccines at no cost and virtually all of our operating expenses are covered through multiple grants.

We are very pleased to announce a recent arrival of our Health Mobile. It is in service and has been very well attended. Our initial free services focus on health screenings such as blood pressure, blood glucose and blood cholesterol. These screenings have on the spot results. There will also be free at home COVID test kits available at the Health Mobile while supplies last. Our Health Mobile will include stops at our Senior Housing sites, underserved communities and the community-at-large. This month at our Monday concerts our Health Mobile will be there. You can see on our monthly calendar where our Health Mobile will be and other details by visiting the Township website and our Health Department Facebook Page. Additional Health Mobile events will be announced by the Mayor through his Friday CodeRed calls as they develop.

In conclusion, I want to recognize the good work of our Primary Health Mobile Team and that is our manager, Kim Ousta who produces most of the schedule and our driver and aide, Christopher Powers, and our Nurse, Sarah Jastrzembki. It should be noted that the Health Mobile was provided by an anonymous donor at no cost to the Township and the operating costs are primarily covered by multiple grants.

The rest of my Agenda is in order and that is all I have.

Council President Ficarra: Thank you Director. I would just like to point out, as I sat in on a meeting yesterday with your team, where you were looking at a possible grant as it relates to mental

health, and it was a pleasure to see the collaboration and professionalism under your leadership. Thank you.

Council Vice President Anderson: Regarding the Health Mobile, will organizations or neighborhoods reach out to find out where and when the Health Mobile will be?

Director Bujalski: The plan is clearly and primarily right now, developing. Our primary objective is to take care of our community, our senior and community-at-large. We just got underway and it is very well received. As time goes on we will be evaluating the needs of expanding it with the collaboration of the Administration.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Anderson and seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously, Council President Ficarra adjourned the meeting at 6:59 P.M.