

Woodbridge, New Jersey – March 16, 2021

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 March 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Council President Small: Please rise for our Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for our men and women serving in our military and to the victims lost to the Covid-19.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 18, 2020. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Drumm.

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.
Brian Bontempo, Esq.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

March 2, 2021

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (HANDICAPPED PARKING – REMSEN AVE. AND MCKINLEY AVE.) (21-12)**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

- B. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 4 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (21-13)**

- C. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 5 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (21-14)**

- D. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “PENNSYLVANIA AND CUTTERS DOCK ROADS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (21-15)**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Asked for more information on Ordinances B, C, and D in regards to the Downtown Redevelopment plan - if these are residential properties, if this is a taxing district like the Special Improvement District, if this is part of the SID, if there is an intention to add it to the Special Taxing District, if the town is doing this to acquire the residential properties, if the houses of current home owners living in, and the not rental properties are included into the plan. Commented on the Planning Board Meeting, the Redevelopment Zone of New Street, his concern about the acquisition of some properties with maintenance issues, his happiness for the adjustment made by the Planning Board based on his comments, asked the business administrator if he is not sure of what the plan is yet, and if the difference on Ordinance D is for the different streets.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Explained that there are different areas in Downtown Redevelopment plan in which parcels are being added along to make it a complete project to be able to continue with the plan offered to the Planning Board: Ordinance B – area 4 is North James Street, Ordinance C - area 5, Fulton Street. They are amending the plan authorizing the addition to a mixed parcel, that is business and residential, and Ordinance D is also the same as C. All these areas are part of the Downtown Redevelopment plan, are not part of the SID, and at this time, there is no intention to add this plan to the Special Taxing District. Mr. Cimilluca responded that they are doing this for the improvement of the areas, explained that there is going to be a redevelopment section within those areas and said: “the developers will set forth the plan, and then they can afford to make a determination of what they are going to build in that area.” Continued responding that depending on the area, some are renters or some are businesses, that this is only for the approval of the plans, and not for the acquisition of any properties at this point, and that he can submit an OPRA request. Lastly explained that Ordinance D - Cutters Dock Road is an Industrial Commercial Property.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

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

- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (HANDICAPPED PARKING – SPRUCE ST. AND CLAIRE AVE.)**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-39 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (EVERGREEN SENIOR CENTER)**
- G. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 21-10 ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$625,000 TO PAY THE COST**

THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS", ADOPTED MARCH 2, 2021.

- H. ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #21-11 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 544, LOT 90.A COMMONLY KNOWN AS 104 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE PROPER BE ACQUIRED BY WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP”.**
- I. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF INMAN AVENUE AND CLEVELAND AVENUE/CAVOUR STREET, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**
- J. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “PENNVAL AND CUTTERS DOCK ROADS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**
- K. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNIICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 6 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40:A12A-1 et seq.**
- L. 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 WOODMONT INDUSTRIAL NBA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.**
- M. 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 200 WOOD AVENUE SOUTH URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, March 19, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a Refund check for taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Raymond Smith.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a Refund check for taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Joseph Castelli.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a Refund check for taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Malik Helms.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Appointment of Vincent Coughlin to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Redevelopment Agency fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2024.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a check for a cancellation and discharge of Tax Sale Certificate – Block: 317 Lot: 1.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Grants Manager to make an application and if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 for purchase, installation, and maintenance of 3 Level 2 ChargePoint dual-port charging stations to be installed at New Street and Eleanor Place, Woodbridge.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the application for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$1,000,000 to support the reconstruction of the former Hungarian Club and turn it into the Acacia Youth Center.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves Person-to-Person/Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-039-011 from BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie to Dragonfly Woodbridge, Inc. t/a Dragonfly.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the renewal of the Township’s contract with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey for services to advance its flood mitigation and open space programs from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. for professional appraisal services for 511 Cliff Road and 515-521 Cliff Road in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Environmental

Connection, Inc. for professional environmental engineering services for 29 Marconi Avenue, Iselin in an amount not to exceed \$5,090.00.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of Three (3) New 2021 Ford Explorers (K8B) in an amount not to exceed \$84,567.21.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one (1) Freightliner 114SD with Detroit DD13 Engine for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$127,998.17.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one (1) new Swenson Model 15' DB SS, 15" Dump Body for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$71,474.60.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one (1) new gallon 433T-11 Stainless Steel Dump Body for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$79,675.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents that may be necessary for the award of Bid to DS Meyer Enterprises LLC, Contract 2021-018 Township Wide Drainage Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$459,420.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and approves a substantial amendment to the Township's FY 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan in order to incorporate the special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of \$805,562.00 to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus COVID-19.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation in Smith Street and Crows Mill Road to determine if certain real property in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge is an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the amended "Pennval and Cutters Dock Roads Redevelopment Plan" to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the Downtown Woodbridge, Area 6 Redevelopment Plan to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Appointment of various attorneys on an as needed basis, when the need arises for the period of March 16, 2021 through March 15, 2026.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Appointment of Bruno Associates for grant writing services on and as needed basis, when the need arises for the period March 16, 2021 through March 15, 2026.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Appointment of various Architects on an as needed basis, when the need arises for the period of March 16, 2021 through March 15, 2026.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Appointment of various Engineers on an as needed basis, when the need arises for the period of March 16, 2021 through March 15, 2026.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Appointment of Willis Towers Watson for insurance commission consulting services on an as needed basis, when the need arises for the period of March 16, 2021 through March 15, 2026.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Appointment of Mainstream Recovery for professional addiction services on an as needed basis, when the need arises for the period of March 16, 2021 through March 15, 2026.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Appointment of HBR Solutions for IT Cloud consultant services on an as need basis, when the need arises for the period of March 16, 2021 through March 15, 2026.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with John E. Bruder, Esq. for professional legal services not to exceed \$195.00 per hour for a five (5) year period.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated March 16, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated February 26, 2021 through March 12, 2021.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with B. Ferencz, Esq. for professional legal services.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Parette Somjen Architects for security cameras.

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

Mr. Mitch: This is all I have Mr. President.

Public Meeting:

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. We now go into open the public session of the meeting, please state your name and the part of town you live in. You have a five-minute, one-time period to speak.

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about how Mayor John McCormac has skipped the meetings, passed them by on February 16th after the meeting was adjourned, and has turned his back when Kason Little said: “Black Lives Matter.” Spoke how President Small and Councilman Spillar have also turned their back to Mr. Little on March 3rd 2020 Council Meeting, and refused to apologize for these disrespectful, unprofessional, and racist acts. Spoke about how the Woodbridge elected officials have ignored the Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity members, and have not met to discuss anti-racism initiatives with them, how Mayor McCormac resurrected the Human Rights Commission, and how Council President Small still refuses to meet virtually with WYLE whose members feel uncomfortable to meet in person due to the pandemic.

Spoke about Nijeer Parks and the civil rights lawsuit against the Woodbridge Township, zero cultural competence, the Mayor’s legacy, the Independent Club of Colonia virtual Black History celebration, Amanda Gorman’s poem, Woodbridge student Michelle Henderson, President Joe Biden, black Vice President Kamala Harris, how Council President Small is afraid of transparency, and asked him again why he would not meet virtually with WYLE.

A short discussion followed between Council President Small and Mr. Dabrowski.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Asked about how long Councilwoman Drumm has been serving to the Planning Board of the Woodbridge Township.

Spoke about James Keating Park on Pearl Street - James Keating was the first president of the Woodbridge Little League and a basketball coach volunteer that worked with the township youth. Commented also on Mayor McCormac, Tanzman Park, and how porta potties blocked the sign for the James Keating Park during a concert over the summer. Asked for some type of distinction between both parks like a small plaque in the James Keating basketball court. Then talked about Mr. Tanzman’s foundation, the donations made to various community groups and civic things throughout the township.

Continued speaking about James Keating’s 50 years of dedication and volunteering to the youth, his accomplishments, achievements, and the proper recognition he should receive for any event at the James Keating Park basketball court.

Council President: Thank you. Mr. Cimilluca will you follow up with that, please?

Mr. Cimilluca: Absolutely Council. I think some of the confusion lies where we had a fence in the park area because of the playground, and that sign is within the fenced-in area. So we'll look at the delineation, and we'll make a better draft of where it ends.

Council President: Thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any comments from the public this evening? Hearing no other comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public portion of this meeting be closed?

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

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Small: Thank you.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Mayor's Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD

Council President Small: #3 on my agenda Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads will be hosting an Easter Bunny Drive by event on Saturday March 27th. The event will follow also social distancing guidelines, and I ask the residents to stay at least 6 feet away from each other, while the apparatus comes down the street with the Easter Bunny. This is a strictly drive through neighborhood event. We will not be stopping at any residence. So March 27th, 1:00 p.m. Actually Fire District #2 because part sections of Sewaren are also included in that.

4. Website E-Government.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School Projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.

HOLD

10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD

Council President Small: #10 Property Fraud. I just urge all our residents specially our seniors to look into this Property Fraud. I get at least two, three phone calls a day with somebody trying to put a scam, and it is www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov. Just log on to it and that walk you through a sign up for that.

11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD

12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD

13. Marine Eight.
HOLD

14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD

15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD

16. Concerts.
HOLD

Council President Small: Just a heads up. It is a couple of months away but our Summer Concerts are due to kick off on Monday June 21st. So mark your calendars, and they’ll run Sunday thru Thursday with some Friday events.

17. Light Parade.
HOLD

18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

Council President Small: I have a couple of announcements. Released today, I want to congratulate Mr. Hall of the Independent Club for the Black History Celebration. The video was released today on TV-35, on our webpage and Facebook. Also Councilman Anderson is one of the guest speakers. So, I will urge everybody to take a look at that.

I’d just like to remind everybody also to take a moment and recognize that March is Women’s History Month. We look around this room, our township, our homes and the world, and we can recognize the value and the strength of women, and I am honored to seat on this dais with three very special women: Ms. DeJesus, Ms. Drumm, and Ms. Meehan. So congratulations to you and to all the women out there that are making a difference.

I want to congratulate all the hard work that our Firefighters, Police Department, and EMS does every single day, all our Healthcare workers, and God Bless America. That's all I have this evening. Thank you.

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

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

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
 - A. Cruise Night
 - B. Trunk or TreatHOLD
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

Council President Bauer: I've just one announcement tonight. Spring is around the corner. Fords Clara Barton Baseball League Spring 2021 – open registrations are now available on line at www.fcbbbl.com or call 732-925-6603 for further information. Registration closes on March 20th. That's all I have.

Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Councilwoman DeJesus.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President.

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item #9 – the Barron Arts Center. Once again, Woodbridge is hosting the 41st. Annual Senior Citizen's Exhibition. They are now asking for submissions. All art must be officially registered at the following places: the Barron Arts Center, the Evergreen Senior Center, the Sycamore Senior Center, Hickory Senior Center, and Five Branches Senior Center by April 23rd. Eligible art includes oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, photography, and many others. Once the pieces have been submitted and selected, the exhibit will run from April 30th through May 11th at the Barron Arts Center. Contact the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413 with any questions.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item#10 – the Free Public Library of Woodbridge. In honor of Women’s History Month, our Woodbridge Library will highlight the contributions of the first ladies of the United States with Museum of Early Trades and Crafts on Tuesday March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Also get ready to garden with an introduction to raise bed, straw bales and container gardening. With Rutgers Master Gardener Pat Donahue on Monday March 29th at 7:00 p.m. Attend this virtual programs from the comfort at home by visiting the calendar to register for the zoom link at woodbridgelibrary.org.

11. Veteran’s Tax Deduction.
HOLD

12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD

13. Girl Sports.
HOLD

14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp.
HOLD

15. Census 2020.
HOLD

16. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: And I want to wish a Happy Saint Patrick’s Day to all those that celebrate. That is all that I have. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President.

1. Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/28/21**) / Port Reading Day (TBD).
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.

HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Item #4 – the Woodbridge Golden Saints are selling tickets for their 10th Annual Tricky Tray to be held on Saturday, May 8th beginning at 1:30 p.m. There will be 4 stagger time slots to keep under pandemic guidelines at that point. Time slots will be in 30 minutes increments. From 1:30 to 3:30 normally it sells out especially with a limited occupancy. I would suggest that you get on that now that if you want to get tickets. It is an outdoor event, for information and tickets, please email eboard@goldensaints.org or visit their website at www.woodbridgegoldensaints.org. Always a great event with lots of good raffles, baskets, and gifts. So please come out and help support one of our youth rec organizations.

5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.

HOLD

6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.

HOLD

7. Route 1 Redevelopment.

- a. Star / City Motels.
- b. Americana / Avenel Motels.
- c. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
- d. Bud's Hut.
- e. Big Top property.
- f. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
- g. Pier I Imports property.

HOLD

8. Avenel Fire Department.

HOLD

9. Social Clubs Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.

HOLD

10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property.

HOLD

11. Cable Commission/Renewal.

HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Item #11 – the Cable Commission. I'd just like to give a quick update for our residents and Council on the Cable Commission. Some of the matters that we have been discussing regarding the township's cable provider Comcast. To refresh, Comcast is the only cable provider in Woodbridge Township. The Woodbridge Cable Commission has requested proposals to each cable provider in New Jersey. However, no other company has submitted any proposals. Comcast does not

have an exclusive contract with the township, and we are free to enter into an agreement with any other cable provider. I know we hear from residents frequently about Verizon Fios. Verizon originally stated that they were installing Fios in most built towns and Woodbridge was not recognized by them as one of the possible built town. Verizon has a statewide franchise agreement so they do not need a permission to start wiring and providing service, but they have not committed to the township and they are slowing down now. New construction all over the state. The Township and the cable commission has no official input with regards to pricing, channel availability, internet, and usage plans. While we have been quite vocal with the BPU and Comcast, and our frustration with some of their decisions. At the end of the day per state statute, the BPU of public utilities are the entity responsible. The Township and Cable Commission will continue to try to entice new cable providers into the township. I understand from the residents, it is frustrating. I get frustrated. I am sure that we all gotten frustrated. We all use Comcast at some given point. We are trying, but our hands are tied, so much with the board of public utilities. That is all for my agenda Council President.

12. School 4 & 5.
HOLD

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Just a couple of announcements. Woodbridge Little League registrations are open for the 2021 season from ages 4 to 13 plus. You can register on line at www.woodbridgelittleleague.com.

I just want to say Happy Saint Patrick's Day to everyone. Thank you to all Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, our Woodbridge Police Department, OEM, C.E.R.T. DPW, all our township employees. Everyone does a great job. That's all Council President Small. Be Safe, be smart, and God Bless America. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President. I's like to go down to #3.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD

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

3. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Our Senior Services. Woodbridge Township Senior Services under the leadership of Director Michele Morgan will be delivering 64 non- perishable senior nutrition boxes

to senior members along with some treats for their afternoon tea. The boxes this month came from Mac Foods that is Middlesex County Foods. During the month of March, there will be 16 deliveries each week to seniors in various areas of the township. Our S.T.O.W. buses will be taking a couple of volunteers. I know, Greg you went last week, and I believe that you and I are partners tomorrow. We are hoping to continue this each month; this is a special treat for our seniors. This past year it has been very difficult for our seniors living alone. Many of them have had no visitors at all, and are lonely and sad because they cannot be with their friends at their beloved senior centers. So these deliveries are great to cheer them up, and just remind them that the community is thinking about them. This morning I picked up a bunch of homemade Saint Patrick's treats, and cookies from students at Colonia Middle School, their service program. So shout out to Colonia Middle School. They did great for our seniors through this whole pandemic. They really should be commended; they are doing good things during a tough time. If you know a senior that is alone and could use a care package to cheer them up, please reach out to me at 732-382-0273, and I'll see that they get the package. Also we are in need of some cheerful homemade cards or goodies. So, if anybody would like to do as a project - Girl Scout Troops, schools, just mom and dads with kids that just need something to do. I'll be happy to pick up the cards or the treats. We are delivering on Wednesdays. So they can also call me at the same number I just said.

4. Events: Taste of Colonia.
Have a Heart Food Drive.
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
Support the Troops Rally.
Colonia Pride Day.
Colonia Clean Up.
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
Toys for Tots Run.
Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Item #4 – our Colonia Clean Up will be held up on April 10th at 9:00 a.m. at Charlie Shaughnessy Park. If you would like to come out and clean up the Colonia Community, we are always looking for volunteers to make it look more beautiful. We do have the Colonia Care Kids this year. We haven't gotten it all figured out yet, but we are going to do something just for the people that have passed in Colonia. We want to plant some flowers or do something to remember them, so that is our plan. I will tell you more before it comes up.

5. Food Pantry.
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Lastly, #7 – Colonia Fire Department Just like Councilman President Small said, the Easter Bunny will be going through Colonia also on March 27th. I believe at 1:00 p.m. throughout the day. Again they won't stop by, they will just drive by to keep everybody safe. We hope we hit everybody and Happy Saint Patrick's Day. That's all I have.

8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD
9. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
12. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD
13. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
14. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
15. AED Program.
HOLD

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: Thank you Council President.

1. Events: Relay for Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
Saint James Street Fair.
HOLD
2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD

4. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
5. Buy Local Program.
HOLD
6. Transit Village.
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
10. Dog Park.
HOLD
11. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.
HOLD
12. PACE.
HOLD
13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116.
HOLD
14. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD
15. Coast Guard.
HOLD
16. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD
17. Acacia Center.
HOLD
18. RISE Program
HOLD
19. Sewaren Marina

HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
2. Job Bank.
HOLD
3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD
14. Middlesex College.
HOLD

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: First, I'd like to recognize the Independent Club of Colonia and President Phil Hall for the celebration of Black History Month. I am thankful to the township for making that accommodation for them and helping them so that they can celebrate. I'd also like to acknowledge my sister-in-law Marie Anderson for being acknowledged for their Black History Month Award. Last night, the NAACP also recognized Miss Ruffun, a Perth Amboy resident for her over 40 years of service. So I'd just like to acknowledge them as well.

And then also the Middlesex College services right now that are being offered for International Students each year. Hundreds of students from all over the world start their path at Middlesex College. Let us guide you through their special enrollment process for International Students on the www.middlesexcc.edu. Veterans and service members, children and teens, and students with disabilities all receive services at their three convenient locations: the Edison campus at 2600 Woodbridge Avenue, the New Brunswick campus at 140 New Street, and the Perth Amboy campus at 60 Washington Street. That is all I have. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra. Thank you Council President.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

- (A) Senior Recreation and programming.
 - (B) Youth Recreation and programming.
- HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Just a few things with the Recreation Department. First off, I'd like just to point out that we are getting very close to registration for summer camps here in Woodbridge Township. We have the Kidsports over the Club at Woodbridge. We have the summer camp at the Woodbridge Community Center, and also at Merrill Park. Each one is distinct unto itself, so there are a lot of options based on parents and children's needs. If you are looking for a Kidsport at the Club at Woodbridge, you can call 732-634-5000. For the Community Center and Merrill Park, call 732-596-4181. Needless to say that we are practicing all of the latest CDC and Health Department guidelines at these camps. And it is a good opportunity to slowly creep back to normal. Before I leave the Recreation Department. I am happy to say that I was able to join a tour of the new ice rink over the Club at Woodbridge. It is a beautiful facility in the development besides being an opportunity for more children to learn ice skating, and adults actually to recreate. It certainly can be an economic driver in our town. We are able to host these large tournaments. People from out of town come into our town; they stay at hotels and motels, and they go to our restaurants. So, the project has a lot of positive ramifications, all the way around. Again the website for the Club is the club.org, and for the Community Center is njwcc.com.

2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.

HOLD

3. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD
4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD
5. Fireworks.
HOLD
6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.
HOLD
7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.
HOLD
8. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD
9. Jacob's Landing.
HOLD
10. The Club at Woodbridge upgrades.
HOLD
11. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD
12. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The Mental Health Initiative and Dr. Nolan. She attended 10 Woodbridge Township Musters. These are meetings that the Police Officers have before they go out in shifts. Every officer is now aware in the Police Department of the Mental Health protocol. The key takeaway is that we are working to ensure a warm handoff when the officers come across someone in need of Mental Health services in the county regardless of the time of day or the severity of the call. Police are called daily and referred at least one person every day since the start on March 10th. So that's not good news, but it is good news that the process is working, and we are beginning to achieve our goals of assisting people that need help. Dr. Nolan's Department is just finishing up a cycling grant for a grant called reset which offers assistance with employment, training for employment workplace readiness through Middlesex College and that assisted 200 people during this funding cycling. So we are happy about the assistance that we are offering people that could use it the most, and basically that's all I have Council President. Thank you.

13. COVID-19 efforts.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: From the period of March 1st to March 12th, we had two clinics administering 419 doses. To date we had 23 clinics, 3,618 doses have been administered. We have a very detailed report on our website. But just for the sake of mentioning, the State has a new number out that is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for seniors that are 75 and older. That number is 856-249-7007. Locally, CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens all are now distributing vaccines. We suggest that you contact them directly, and there are some numbers on our website. I can bang them out for you, but nobody is going to write them down. I do want to give you a number if you are a Woodbridge Township resident, and a senior, you can receive assistance with registration at 732-726-6264. Again, those are people ready to assist seniors with registering online, and they can help you along the way. As I've said now for the last two or three meetings, I first asked you to register with the state and the state alone. Now we strongly suggest that you register wherever you can, and keep an eye out for those on the Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid.

Council President Small: Thank you. I was over the Health Center the other day. I took two seniors over to get their shots. I ran into the Mayor. He told me that there is a resident, and he might have talked to you about it. There is a resident; he did not give his name, but gets up at two o'clock in the morning, and reserves spots for people in need. Then gets up at four o'clock, and does the same thing for other residents of the town. So, it is a really great gesture.

Councilman Meehan: I have to add to that to. We have somebody in Colonia who does that too that we heard, and it is not just Colonia. There is a lot of people throughout the township that are getting all these CVS's and they are really trying to help these seniors in their spare time. So thank you to everybody that is helping our seniors.

Council President Small: Absolutely good stuff. Councilman Patel.

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

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

Councilman Patel: I have one announcement. There is a beautiful exhibition going on, India Textiles and Weaving Traditions at the Barron Arts Center. The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Avenue Woodbridge. My special thanks go to the Barron Arts Center Director Ms. Cynthia Knight, Ms. Sonal Gadhavi and the Royal Albert Palace for putting up their time, efforts, and resources for this beautiful exhibition. You may view the exhibition on the Barron Arts Center's Facebook Page tomorrow March 17th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Also I thank the Indian Ambassador in New York for setting up a visit by India's Consulate General who will be visiting this exhibition tomorrow March 17th at 3:30 p.m. The exhibition started on March 5th and will be there on display until March 26th. Tomorrow is also Saint Patrick's Day and I would like to wish everyone Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

On the Indian calendar Holi is coming up this month at the end of March, and it is a very religious holiday. It is a victory over, you know of good versus the bad one. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holi. That is all for tonight. Thank you Council President. Good night.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President. I have just 1 comment. I'll be noting 1b this evening from the agenda. You took action on it earlier to approve that transfer. That's all I have. Thank you.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin, NJ 08830.
 - B. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-039-011 from BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie to Dragonfly Woodbridge, Inc., t/a Dragonfly 61 Rt. 1, Metuchen, NJ 08840.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.

- A. 2021 Primary Election: June 8, 2021
- B. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. Under administration, I have a Tax Sewer Overpayment.

POLICE:

HEALTH:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Refund for a Dog's License.

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: We have a Refund from the Developers Review Fund, a Refund from the Other Trust Account.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have an Amendment to the Land Use and Development Ordinance, a Resolution to execute the final change order on a contract No. 2016-019-2016 Sanitary Sewer and General Cleaning and Televising. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you

LEGAL:

Brian Bontempo, Esq.: Nothing this evening Council President. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Before I end the meeting, I just want to mention that Sunday we had the Flag raising for the American Irish Association. Always a special day. I want to congratulate Ed McSherry who is the President this year and all the officers, and we are looking for a great event in September.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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