

Minutes of the Public Hearing concerning the FY-2022 Municipal Budget and Other Matters of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on August 24, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Formal action may be taken.

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

Council President Small: Please rise for our Flag Salute and a moment of silence for our men and women serving in our armed forces.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune published a Notice on July 30, 2021. A copy of the Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Drumm

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Manuel Fernandez, Chief Financial Officer
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Caroline Ehrlich, Chief of Staff
Casey Wagner, Assistant Business Administrator
Michael Klepchick, Assistant Municipal Comptroller
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.
Eric Lange, Esq.

Mr. Mitch: At this time Mr. President I'd like to entertain a motion to open this Hearing to the Public for comment on the Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Budget.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion to open the Public Hearing which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the Public Hearing be opened.

Mr. Mitch: Any questions or comments from Council? The Public Hearing of this meeting is now open on the FY 2022 Budget.

Mr. Mitch: Seeing there is no comments this evening from the Public can I get a motion to close the public portion of this meeting?

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion to close the Public Hearing which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution to Amend the Local Municipal Budget for the SFY 2022 Budget.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution to Adopt the SFY 2022 Budget.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution to Cancel Current Fund Appropriation Balances – Linden Health Administration Salaries & Wages.

The Municipal Clerk read the Amendment in full.

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

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Small: I'd like to just start off by saying Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Klepchick, Mr. Cimilluca, the Mayor, and the Administration, thank you for putting this Budget together. I know it takes a lot of time and effort and hard work. We appreciate everything you do because there's so much good stuff going on in this Township we really should be proud about. If I can I'm just going to name a few things that are going on. First of all, a bike rack is coming to School #9 in Port Reading and that'll be our seventh bike rack. They are very successful; I see a lot of people riding around the Sewaren area and a lot of families having a great time. Phase 2 of Cypress Recreation Center will bring us new soccer fields, new street hockey courts, and a spray park. Cypress One is an incredible place, it's absolutely beautiful. Our Cypress Café will be re-opening again in September. It's a great fun place. We're winding down our concerts; we had a very successful concert season as

we usually do. We bring in some great shows, a lot of family entertainment it's really a great time. Our Holiday Light Parade for 2021, through the efforts of Mr. Mitch, is going to be bigger and better. Last year for the first time running it we think it was very successful coming off of COVID. Looking forward to renaming the Saints Field in Port Reading after former Mayor Joseph DeMarino. Being from Port Reading, growing up in Port Reading, growing up with Joey and Dennis, and going to school with Joey my whole life; this is really important to this family and Mrs. DeMarino. Joe DeMarino did a lot for this community, he served two terms as Mayor, and this is going to be a very proud event for Port Reading. Finally, the train relocation in Port Reading on Rosewood Lane, this was a task and a half. I got to hand it to the Administration for getting to the bottom of this and trying to correct this issue. Hopefully it will all work out and we'll see what the future brings. That's all I have thank you. Council Vice President Bauer.

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

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President. First and foremost a special thanks to our Administration for their hard work producing a sound 2022 Budget. It always starts at the top with our Mayor John McCormac, Business Administrator Vito Cimilluca, Chief of Staff Carol Ehrlich, and all department heads, and especially the group behind it all our Chief Financial Officer Manny Fernandez and Chief Accountant Mike Klepchick. Like every year, Woodbridge is always looking to improve services for the residents of Woodbridge, entice new businesses to our town, and the 2nd Ward is no different than any other in our Township. With full support of our Administration, many changes and upgrades happened in 2021. Starting in Fords, Highland Grove Swim Club opened a Youth Center, adult exercise equipment was installed at Howell Avenue Park. Bike Share bike racks were installed at East William Street Park and more coming to our Hickory Senior Center. We are in the process of acquiring land for more downtown parking on New Brunswick Avenue in Fords, expansion of School 25, and the Fords Business Community hosted many events during the year for the residents of our community. Hopelawn had so many improvements too. Super Fresh Supermarket opened, land along New Brunswick Avenue, which was vacant and in disarray, now hosts a new warehouse and a future self-storage facility. A long overdue traffic light is being installed at the corner of New Brunswick Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue. Like many other parks of the Township Clyde Avenue Park had adult exercise equipment installed too. Keasbey saw progress on the waterfront park at Riverside Drive, upgrades to our Public Works facility, cleanup at our Pine Barron Pond along Riverside Drive where wildlife and plants are being rejuvenated. Our Administration and my fellow Council-mates are committed to making Woodbridge a great place to live, raise children, and build a future. Thank you again to our Administration, our Department heads, and all of our employees for all their hard work during the year and providing our residents the best services around. Thanks again to everybody. That's all I have Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President. I would also like to thank our Mayor and our Administration because we all have Agenda items that we're passionate about. A couple of my items; the History Museum I'm happy to announce there's a work in progress in the interior now, if you've gone by Green Street it's a beautiful exterior but they're working on the interior and hopefully by 2022 it will be open. The Girl Scouts Camps will be having at East Williams Street Girl

Scout Park and the Girl Scout Camp will be opening up across from Oros Park where the Girl Scouts can have their overnight expeditions. We are celebrating diversity, one of the key components of Woodbridge Township, I'm happy to announce that with the Administration, they listen to my ideas and they help me make it come alive. Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated again in Woodbridge. This is the 6th year I believe that we're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and again it's a tribute to all of us standing up here because we celebrate our diversity in Woodbridge Township. And something that has grown and I'm very happy with the outcome; Government and Community working together to provide for the needs of our children. Education is key and we went from one backpack drive every year in Keasbey to three this year; we're doing Jacob's Landing here in Woodbridge Township and Hopelawn backpack days, so this week it's a day of giving back to our kids in our community and we had partnered up with many of our businesses in town; Administration and Council; and we are bringing backpacks to three locations this year in Woodbridge Township. Another thing I'm very passionate about is the library. Our Public Libraries do an amazing job in our branches but there are parts of our towns that don't have branches. An idea came up two years ago, before COVID, and it's a popup library. So this year we'll be bringing popup libraries to Fords, Hopelawn, and Keasbey, and they have participated in every community event that we have had in our Township. Again thank you to our Mayor John McCormac, and Business Administrator Cimilluca, and everybody in Administration because without the work that you do behind the scenes we wouldn't be able to make our agenda items come to life. Thank you that's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President. I'd just like to echo my fellow Council-mates sentiment. I would like to just thank the Mayor, the Administration, and the Finance for once again putting together and submitting a solid and financially sound 2022 Annual Budget. This Budget will allow the fantastic adult exercise and athletic equipment to be maintained and upgraded at Pelzman and LeGrand Parks in Avenel, as well as Cypress Park in Port Reading. Additionally new adult exercise equipment is planned to be installed the 4th Street Park in Port Reading. I frequent these parks quite often as we all do, and we all see firsthand how much use the residents get out of it. I'd also like to thank the Mayor, Administration, and Finance for incorporating the funding required for the work alongside our existing property owners and potential developers along the Route 1 Corridor. We've been saying for years our number one priority with Route 1 is the Route 1 Redevelopment of the Route 1 Corridor. Hollywood Motel has a brand new façade and decorative lighting and we'll be changing its name to a flagship hotel soon. Cambria Hotel along with a new restaurant will be taking the property where the existing City Motel is located, along with the vacant of The Spot Bar, and vacant overgrown Star Motel Property. Respectfully, just a couple of decrepit-looking properties that are going to look just outstanding and fantastic alongside residential neighborhood. Vacant Bud's Hut Property now has two buildings built for up to three restaurant uses. Further down the site of the old abandoned Big Top Property now has state renowned Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Swan and his team at University Orthopedics and in the other building is White Oak Dental Group. Obviously when you have new construction it comes along new paving, new landscaping, new and improved lighting in the area to assist in the residential neighborhood. As everyone has said there's a lot of great things going on in the Township of Woodbridge, a lot of

things going in my Ward and once again I just thank all the department heads, the Mayor, Administration, and Finance; everyone that makes basically us look good so thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President. I would also like to take a moment to thank the Mayor and Administration for their support of money that has been put into our budget for some very important items on my Agenda. It goes without saying that this past year was perhaps the most challenging year in the Township's history as nearly every resident in business was impacted in some way by the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, the annual Have A Heart Food Drive, which receives support from the Municipal Budget, collected over \$186,000 and more than 15lbs of food through the We Feed Program. A record amount of funding and food notwithstanding the Pandemic. As we went through the Food Drive we realized the need for refrigeration and freezer space so families can receive perishable items such as produce and dairy. The Budget provides for a Shared Service Agreement with the Woodbridge Knights of Columbus so we can rent the refrigerator and freezer space so We Feed can make available items to residents as we move into the busy holiday season. I'm also pleased to report that the Council Administration through DPW and our engineering division work the state and the county to fund and install desperately needed traffic lights at the intersection of Delaware and Inman Avenues, and Lake and Westminster Avenues in Colonia, along with traffic calming measures on Inman Avenue, New Dover Road, and Chain O'Hills Road. These traffic control measures will go a long way to easing traffic congestion for residents and visitors moving throughout Colonia. And I'm pleased to report that the Budget also provides resources that will allow us to host the Support the Troops Rally in May right before Memorial Day. The Rally which honors our enlisted military and our veterans was cancelled the past two years as we fought through the Pandemic. That is our hope that next year we can once again provide this wonderful program to honor of Woodbridge Township veterans. And lastly, something close to my heart that is such an important issue, I would like to thank the Administration for their support, of the funds allotted to a Domestic Violence Response Team. Domestic violence is a difficult topic for discussion. It is traditionally kept behind closed doors and out of public display. It is treated as something not to be talked about, yet 1-in-4 women have been the victim of severe physical violence by a partner in their lifetime and more than half of these women live in households with children under the age of 12. It is a problem too critical to ignore. Since the DVRT's inception in 1993, this volunteer organization has offered assistance to thousands of victims of domestic violence and regularly works with the community to promote public awareness and education about domestic violence. The team's mission is to break the cycle of violence. Together with the Woodbridge Police Department, they provide the best possible support and assistance to each victim regardless of race, religion, or gender. This year the Municipal Budget will be putting in \$25,000 into this very important program. Without the funding we put into the Budget for these programs we cannot run them as successfully as we do. So thank you to everybody of the Administration, and of course my Council-mates for your support of all these programs, thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. First I'd like to thank the Mayor and the Administration. Mayor, thank you for your leadership throughout this year and your support of all of our Agendas to help satisfy our constituents in Woodbridge. Some of the things I would like to mention are obviously with the recreation programs, as Councilman Small had mentioned, the basketball courts over at Port Reading, so we are looking at a successful youth basketball and soccer program that's going to be coming along with our baseball program Township wide throughout Woodbridge Township. As we also know, in addition to COVID, we had many social issues over the last year. The support of the Human Rights Commission was another opportunity for citizens to come in and be heard and speak directly to department heads and share their ideas, so thank you for that. The Boy Scout Camp opening up across from Oros Park. The Tooling around the Township Tommy Toolbox Program will be restarting to help the senior citizens with their hope improvements and any neglected projects. Our job bank to help Woodbridge Township residents find employment and our commitment to being a sustainable Township. We have extended parking, as I was a resident for 20 years next to the Barron Arts Center, this parking over at the Barron Arts Center will be very welcomed by the residents in there and it also makes good sense for the events that they have there. And as we celebrate our Township greats who brought us glory at their high schools and colleges, the support of the Woodbridge Township Hall of Fame is always appreciated. And as we look into the end of the year the Black History Month celebration along with the Martin Luther King ceremony that is annually celebrated here in town. And I would also like to thank our Recreation Department for our first annual Juneteenth event this year and the support that they've provided for the new organizations that have sprouted up in our Township and have asked for assistance with celebrating their heritage. That's all I have thank you very much.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

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

Councilman Ficarra: Council President I think I'll take a shot at Councilwoman Drumm's if that's okay. Thank you. From Councilwoman Drumm: I've been following the Budget process, gave my questions and I received my answers. It brings me so much pleasure to speak about how much the Budget allows my Ward 1 which is Woodbridge Proper and Sewaren. Much growth and improvement, some of which have been started, some are ongoing, and some will take time to come to fruition. Thank you to our Finance and Administration Departments for your smart and savvy Budget Appropriations for the following Ward 1 enhancements which you had the fortitude to include and are accounted for in this Budget. First in Woodbridge Proper; downtown Main Street we have Strickland Steakhouse in the old bank building, Holy Cow Ice Cream Shop has prettied up the street and the ice cream is delicious, the Striking Fist façade is being rehabilitated, a new Siwa Thai food restaurant, and Knot Just Bagels to make our downtown more attractive and bustling. Main Street and Route 9 intersection improvements are underway to control traffic in that area; this is a tremendous undertaking involving State, County, and our Municipality. Tanzman Park across the street from our train station got an addition; adult exercise equipment. Acacia Youth Center on Port Reading Avenue has had three full basketball courts in full swing for the past several months and the Youth Center there will be open in September. We have had a very successful Blue Acres Program buyout so it looks so much better in these areas of my Ward. In Sewaren, Cliff Road Marina is undergoing an expansion; there will be a new Dog Park established, other amenities such as a restaurant will also be an addition to this Marina expansion. I will update you as these details unfold. The Sewaren Library on West Avenue has received renovations and they'll proudly be having their

Grand Opening next month. Matthew Jago School 28 will be getting a well-deserved school expansion; there is enough land surrounding the school to make these necessary improvements to expand the school on its existing property. Red Oak Housing Complex is complete and occupied along with the bustling Sycamore Senior Center for our senior residents to enjoy activities and socialize. Ferry Street at Herbert Rankin Park area got a new parking lot and a new concert stage venue, and we'll be getting an adult exercise equipment apparatus shortly. I have watched all the Council meetings and read the minutes produced out by our Clerk's Office to keep up on everything that's going on. In closing I'd like to thank my Council-mates and the Mayor and his department for wearing the teal ribbons in support of my medical journey. Your unwavering support means so much to me there are no words to describe my gratitude, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Councilman Ficarra: Council President can you let Mr. Viru go so I can catch my breath before I do mine? Thank you.

Council President Small: Councilman Patel.

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

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. I looked at the Budget, looks like a great Budget, I would say fiscal year is sound. I'm really glad that all of our Council overwhelmingly voted on it. I extend my thanks to the Mayor, all of the Administration staff members, and department heads for putting their time and effort and working hard to make such a great Budget so I would like to thank them and also congratulate them. That's all, thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: My comments are broken into categories as it relates to the Budget. First, health and wellness initiatives. Of course we have a number of community events; the Cross Road's Race, the Pizza Run, the Tour De Woodbridge, and the Turkey Trot. These things don't happen without coordination from the Town, various departments, and also financing. The Township wide, we've heard it in different Wards, the Free Bike Sharing Program, and the initiative is outstanding and this is a perfect example of a combination of sponsorship and Municipal dollars. But it makes a big difference and as Council President said you can see the bikes out there, it's really a great initiative not only for cutting back cars on the road but also a healthy thing to do. In our Recreation Department, Youth Month and Senior Month took a little bit of a nap this year because of COVID but we have funds in there for activities for both our Senior and our Youth Months, and also our big initiative is the intergenerational when the youth and the seniors come together. Continued collaboration with our school system funds have been designated for the Heroes and Cool Kids Student Leadership Program; high school students work with middle school students and in turn the middle schools students work with elementary school students in areas of citizenship, sportsmanship, anti-bullying techniques, conflict resolution, positive lifestyle choices, drug & alcohol misuse education, and tobacco use prevention. In the important area of homelessness and prevention and code blue, I'm so pleased with the amount of money that's designate in this area that this

administration sees fit. This Budget reflects significant funds with a joint venture with the Raritan Bay Area YMCA. Code Blue is in the colder months when the County determines that a combination of weather elements calls for an area to be open to assist people that are out in the streets, and we have this perfect relationship between our Police Department and the YMCA that runs the Code Blue. It worked out well last year and we anticipate it being even better this year. We also have significant dollars invested in a brick and mortar facility that the YMCA is running that will create emergency housing, and almost more important than that, a navigation system for people that need public assistance which is a lot easier said than done. But there is a designated department to help people navigate that system and that is a true relationship between our town and the Raritan Bay Area YMCA; very new, very cutting edge and we're real proud of that. The Police Department and our Recovery Department on the mental health initiative that we rolled out last year; funds again are installed in the budget for that. We work closely with Rutgers Mental Health and the Specialized Case Management and Outreach Services, also known as SCMOS. They're a 9A.M. – 5P.M. gig, and then in the off hours our recovery coaches under the leadership of Dr. Nolan who work 24/7 take over. So again for the public, if the police have a call where there might be a mental health issue, they have accessible to them the people at the Case Management Services, and if it's off hours our recovery coaches will go out, they'll deal with the situation and then have what's called a soft handoff where they get it over to the SCMOS people during the day. And to my understanding the people at SCMOS, the Rutgers Mental Health, Raritan Bay Hackensack Meridian Mental Health Department, they are persistent and they stay on top of this. Speaking to Director Hubner we're breaking a cycle of police being involved and trying to help somebody that's under mental duress, that gets taken to the hospital, receives whatever treatment, is released, and then 24 hours/2 days/1 week later, the police get the call again. And we've found a reduction in the amount of this cycle that's going on and I believe quite frankly it's because of the money we have invested in this program. Moving into structural dollars and support. When you take a look at our Woodbridge Community Center and The Club; the maintenance and infrastructure improvements, needless to say a new ice hockey arena at The Club is on the way, the upgrades at The Club, it's just too amazing and too multiple to mention but it's been significant. One of the things that is really amazing here is when you look at these facilities, especially the Community Center, which has been around for a while, the maintenance and upgrades, the contemporary fitness equipment that we have, the programs that we have, the department is always evaluating and trying to meet the needs of its members. So I always have a lot of respect, sometimes I think it's easy to build a new shiny facility, the question is what does it look 15-20 years down the line. Our Community Center is a shining example of what it takes to have a good scheduled maintenance program and that's because the dollars are in the Budget. Also structurally those of you that are from the Hopelawn section, North Williams Street now called Girl Scout Park, we have a beautiful entry to the Middlesex County Greenway which we're lucky to have in our town. There's a paved walkway in there we've actually extended the Greenway a couple of thousand yards and the Girl Scouts have committed to maintaining and beautify that park so it's a very nice win-win situation. In general this Budget reflects regular maintenance programs, growth and services, infrastructure improvement all in a fiscally responsible manner. It's easy to come out with ideas but the team over to my left are the people that put the finances behind those ideas so thank you very much. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: You're welcome, thank you. Mayor McCormac.

MAYOR:

Mayor John E. McCormac: Thank you very much Council President. The Municipal Budget is a reflection of the priorities of any Administration and we're thrilled that our priorities are your priorities and it's been a pleasure to work with you these past several years, especially this last year which was the most challenging. Clearly we have a priority for economic development and we've worked hard to bring in new jobs, we've worked hard to clean up brownfield sites and bring in particularly new warehouses as well as some downtown housing projects. These have all been done with payments in lieu of taxes, they are misunderstood by a whole lot of people, but we have 18 million dollars in this Budget from payments in lieu of taxes. This is in response to people who go around saying tax abatements and these projects don't pay their fair share of taxes. 18 million dollars is an awful lot of money that comes in outside of all the caps and allows us to spend the money on one of our other priorities which is schools. The 2017 referendum is just about wrapping up now. The Ross Street School, brand new, is absolutely beautiful. The Woodbridge Middle School is almost done; it's been completely renovated where it's practically a new school. St. Cecilia School was turned into Oak Tree Road School 29. Of course we all know the value of full-day kindergarten. This last referendum is providing for a brand new School 4 and 5, it's providing for major expansions as Council people have mentioned on School 28 in Sewaren, School 25 in Fords, connecting the pods at school 24 in Iselin, School 22 in Colonia. School security, technology improvements, everything all done with money we make from the PILOTs that we let the Board of Ed go out and borrow the money, we pay that money. So that is a direct result of the economic developments that we've had. No other town, except maybe some of the Abbott Districts, has seen the kind of growth in new schools, new school additions, and school improvements that Woodbridge Township has. There's a direct correlation with all those projects and what we see is the school improvements which is a direct hit to our quality of life which of course is something you've all talked about it. Whether it's exercise stations or bikes or all these little things that we do time and time again to help people's quality of life; that is another main goal of our Administration. Our seniors are our focus; we've got two brand new Senior Center's opening bringing that total to six. We have now three senior housing complexes open in the last couple years, we have at least one on the near term horizon and another one being talked about; so that maintains our focus on seniors. And of course with our youth, particularly with sports, we don't get involved in the education – we help the Board but we don't get involved in the education – but we now taken over soccer, girls basketball, boys basketball, girls softball, and pretty soon baseball, we are offering much better opportunities to the youth of our town by our takeover of those programs; they're handled much better we're providing upgraded facilities and more importantly we're providing training; we're spending a lot of money not just to get these involved in sports but to teach them how to do it. I want to thank everybody at this table; to my left Vito Cimilluca this is his second Budget, he's now in his second full year as the Business Administrator, you would never know he wasn't doing this Budget for 10 years, he took to it quick, and these people work incredibly hard. We put a lot of pressure on them to get things done and get things done timely and they just respond positively every time. Our Chief Financial Officer Manny Fernandez is here, he comes to two meetings a year, one to introduce the Budget and one to adopt the Budget, and he is just absolutely terrific. Mike Klepchick is the Deputy CFO, and I had this job for 10 years and I just look at those two guys doing the job and I'm just so proud of what they've been able to accomplish. Rookie of the year Katie Mullen's not here tonight but she just joined the Comptroller's Office this past year and she's been indoctrinated into the Budget process, she's doing a terrific job. I'm sure Vito's going to thank Casey Wagner, but as Assistant BA he has really jumped in with both feet and learned an amazing amount of things about

the Budget. John Hagerty our Press Communications Director keeps people informed of everything. Chief of Staff Carol Ehrlich is literally by my side every hour of every day, so whatever we do she's involved in, and her experience as a 12-year Council person plus 15 years as Chief of Staff is invaluable. And we got our two auditors tucked in the back there, Ralph Picone and Gary Higgins, incase anything got technical but I don't think there's nothing that we could not have handled, but we like them here for support. But I just want to say thank you because just like we work with the school district better than any town and Board in the state. I believe that the Administration and the Town Council work together better than any town I've seen and I'm around and we all go to seminars and we all talk to people and I have colleagues and peers and we're always in conversations and I don't know anybody that has the kind of relationship that we have together when we can literally have dialogue and conversation and discussions and always come up with great programs and services for the citizens of the Township of Woodbridge the residents here and I'm very proud of this team here and I'm very proud to be part of your team so thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you Mayor and on behalf of the Council we can't thank you and your team enough for your leadership and dedication we're very thankful.

Mayor John E. McCormac: I'd like to turn it over to Business Administrator Vito Cimilluca.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President, thank you Mayor; the Mayor stole most of my thunder but I'll keep my comments brief. I'd like thank the Council, your support and your kind words are what bring all of the programs and the vision of the Mayor to the residents of Woodbridge so we thank you for that. I'd also like to thank the Mayor for his vision and leadership. His enthusiasm is amazing every day, it's amazing to work in his Administration and how well he responds to the residents of this town as well as the Council. The folks that are here at this table, and I'll mention them again for the sake of being redundant I apologize for that, Manny Fernandez, Mike Klepchick, Casey Wagner, John Hagerty, and Caroline Ehrlich, especially the Mayor, these folks work tirelessly every day to do many things and I'd also like to mention John Mitch who also sits in that group. These folks work tirelessly every day to fulfill the vision that you guys set forth for the residents and I'd like to thank you for all your support. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Cimilluca.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Bauer, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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