

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on September 5, 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 have a moment of reflection for our labor force, celebrating Labor Day yesterday, for those that help make this a great country. Thank you.

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: Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Sharon McAuliffe, Debbie Meehan, Viru Patel, Brian Small, Cory Spillar, Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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
Craig Coughlin, Esq.
Eric Lange, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2023 and August 22, 2023?

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

Budget Meeting:	August 15, 2023
Council Meeting:	August 22, 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 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION OF 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE –TO ADD – WEST POND ROAD. (2023-58)**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 867, LOT 1.0121 AND LOT 1.0123, WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN A REHABILITATION AREA, TO THE WOODBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1ET SEQ. (2023-59)**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening, we will take Letter A, which is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, The Revised Ordinances of the Township of Woodbridge. This is to delete a handicapped parking space on West Pond 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 A.

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

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We’ll take Letter B, an Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Property known as Tax Block 867, Lot 1.0121 and Lot 1.0123 to the Local 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 B.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked for specific details on Letter B.

Council President Ficarra: It is a small, I believe, landlocked piece of property over by the prison, in the Redevelopment Area, that the State has now decided they have no use for. Except they need an easement, so they are willing to give it over to us and then we are passing it on to Redevelopment off of Rahway Avenue by the prison. I'm not sure what they are using it for. We are just getting it over to Redevelopment Agency.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We are getting it because the State cannot give property directly to a developer. They must offer it to the local municipality first. They declared it surplus. We had first crack at it. We want it for the project, that's the warehouse there. They have ancillary needs for parking and other things. So, they will go to us, we'll give it to the Redevelopment Agency, they'll get it to the developer. Ultimately the developer is paying for it and money will get back to the State. We are involved in it but not in a financial way, just to take Title to get it to the right place. It will be used for the Redevelopment Project, not for Municipal purposes.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked how this transaction will benefit the tax payers in our town. And if security and transportation are needed.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: There is no cost to us and there is no benefit to us. We are just the middle man getting the land and flipping it to the Redevelopment Agency, which is going to flip it to the redeveloper.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked if the redeveloper will pay taxes or be tax evaded.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It depends on what they do with it. Right now it's undetermined exactly what the use will be. Ultimately it will be taxed.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked if the redeveloper has been named.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Yes, it's the ones that are doing the two million square foot warehouse in Avenel with Morris companies.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if it is the Jack Morris Company.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked what Morris Company is.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Morris Company is a redeveloper.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Commented that they were supposed to pay for School #4 and #5 and asked who will pay for it now.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: That is no longer the case. They own that land and they are going to sell it to the Township ultimately for health care use. It's got nothing to do with the school anymore. As we have said many times at these meetings, the school is no longer being located there. Morris Company has nothing to do with the school. The State is not giving it away. We are just facilitating it because the State can't deal directly with the buyer by law.

Council President Ficarra: Mr. Vrtaric, we're swaying away from this Ordinance. We're interested in this Ordinance right now. So, if you don't have a question on that right now please move on.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other questions on Letter B? Hearing no other questions on Letter B, 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 called for a First Reading of the following Ordinances as consent:

- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO DELETE/ADD SECURITY GATES/DOORS.**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-39 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD MODERA.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLES "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.1 TO ADD MARION STREET.**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE PENNSVANIA AVENUE.**
- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" , SECTION 7-21 "MULTI-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS" OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE OLD ROAD AT WESLEY PLACE.**

Council Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, September 8, 2023 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on September 19, 2023 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 Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund for overpaid taxes.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund for overpaid sewer user fees.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Recreation Department to host their Holiday Stroll/Light Parade on Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's reappointment of Edward Skolnick to serve as Deputy Tax Assessor for a four (4) year term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2027.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's reappointment of Glenn Morgan, Patricia Osborne, Denise Anderson and Donald Green, to serve as members of the Human Rights Commission for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2026.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute Parking License Agreements between 581 Main Street, LLC and the Township of Woodbridge for 581 & 585 Main Street.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves Change Order #1 on the previously awarded contract to Two Brothers Contracting increasing the bid price of \$50,000 by \$17,976.66 for a total adjusted contract price of \$67, 976.66 for the demolition of 270 Old Road.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the contract awarded to PSI Processing for the emergency repairs to equipment at the Morningside Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- (9) **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 renewal contract for use of an information software program from Spatial Data Logic Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$86,240.00.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to purchase an annual Maintenance Contract for ten (10) Pole Cameras in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to purchase one (1) new Motiv Epic4 shuttle 14 Passenger Electric Bus from Hudson County Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$274,750.00.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to purchase two (2) new Motiv Epic4 Shuttle 14 Passenger Electric Busses from Hudson County Motors, Inc., in the amount of \$549,500.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to purchase two (2) ChargePoint Express 250 Stations for Electric Vehicles from Bryan Electric in the amount of \$104,000.00.
- (14) **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 Printer and Copier Ink Annually Township-wide including the Police Department from Stewart Business Systems in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for Police and not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the Township per year.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Alaimo Group for professional engineering services for Updated Sampling Plan and Sulfide Contribution Assessment, Forcemain and Gravity Interceptor Sewer System in an amount not to exceed \$73,000.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List dated September 5, 2023 and the Supplemental Bill List dated August 19, 2023 through September 1, 2023 and the Addendum to the September 5, 2023 Bill List.

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 moving into the public portion of the meeting. Most of you know the rules. Please go to the area where some of you had spoken already. Videotaping is from that area back there. Your allowed five minutes to speak I'll try to give you a one minute warning just so that you know in case you want to wrap things up. Thank you very much.

Dwight Glen, Woodbridge: Spoke about kids riding their scooters in the streets up to 20 mph and suggests that there be an Ordinance requiring that scooter riders wear a safety helmet. Also spoke about bike clubs in droves of 30 creating traffic jams and wonders if they need permits also. Suggested that there should be cameras and panic buttons at the Community Center near the mini golf area for the safety of the employees while they are closing at night. And mentioned that people are getting parking tickets on Port Reading Road.

Council President Ficarra: Dwight, if you can stay until after the meeting, Councilwoman with speak with you. Otherwise, she will just reach out.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the sign behind the Club and its size. Believes the wind can knock it over because it is too high. Also spoke about the bridge on Cutters Dock Road being closed. Also asked why the Main Street project is behind in completion.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, the billboard has been approved by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. I guarantee whoever is talking to you about the height, or the pole and cement or whatever, I guarantee you they've never been out there, seen it up close or seen the plans. It's like asking a doctor to diagnose you without seeing you at all. I don't care what they think. The New Jersey Turnpike Authority approved the billboard. That's all we need. If you want details about that, you can file an OPRA request with us or you can file it with the Turnpike Authority. I am not going to research it and tell you anything because I am satisfied and we are satisfied that it was done properly and according to the law. The Turnpike would not allow a sign to be erected without complying with the law. Cutters Dock Road Bridge is going to be closed for a couple of years. The Main Street Project is not behind schedule. You've got to stop talking to people when they are sitting in the hair salon. They don't know what they are talking about. All they need to do is call my office or any one from the Council. Why would you listen to somebody that is getting their hair done instead of the Town Engineer? Next time people say something to you, tell them to call us if they want the facts. You never get anything right when you are cutting somebody's hair.

Tom Maras, Fords: Thanked the Council for their concerns for his health and spoke a little bit about his recent health concern. Spoke about the parking on North James Street, considering that more parking spaces will be needed and asked if Vito Mazza will pay or will the tenants pay. Asked if the Mayor's daughter held a Liquor License in Woodbridge and also asked who will own the liquor license when the new tiki bar is built in Sewaren. Commented on the Business Administrator's salary and how it supersedes the Chief of Staff's salary.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The Vito Mazza parking situation, he's providing everything he needs for the residents that he's constructing which I think is about 36 onsite except for eight or nine. We've agreed to let him put signs on the parking lot we're creating behind his building that those eight or nine will be dedicated to his tenants and he is paying \$30,000.00 per space which we just passed at our recent P.I.L.O.P. Ordinance. He is paying for them. I strongly doubt he is going to collect \$2500 or more in rent and then ask people to pay \$2500 to park. I didn't believe that is the case. I'm sure he's going to pay for that out of the profits from the development. I normally would not answer personal questions but no my daughter does not own a liquor license on Main Street. She's a very successful CPA in Denver. There is absolutely no reason she would want to own anything on Main Street when she has a bird eye view of the Rocky Mountains every minute of her life. Why she would want to be involved back here is beyond me. She is way past that. The tiki bar will be owned by the Township and it will be run by the Woodbridge Arts Alliance just as Curtains is owned by the Township and run by the Woodbridge Arts Alliance. The Club is owned by the Township. The bar that we are renovating in there will also be run by the Woodbridge Arts Alliance and also the Community Center which does not have a bar. So all three of those liquor licenses will be the same concessionaire license that right now runs Curtains. All three will be run by the same. As far as Mr. Cimilluca's salary, that's easily OPRA-able, but if that is what he makes, he is underpaid.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments or questions from the public? Hearing no other comment, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed?

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 6:22 p.m.

Council President Ficarra: We are moving into our Agendas. I am going to waive the floor over to Councilman Small.

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
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

Thank you to the Recreation Department for this past Sunday's 5k Crossroads Race, specifically Eileen Caggiano, Bobby Timinski and Brian Molnar, Port Reading EMS, Police Department, CERT and Public Works. They all did a very good job of making that a fun and safe event. This weekend kicks off the Senior Olympics. Our opening ceremonies are at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Please stop by. Braven Health is the supporter of that event.

The 16th Annual Woodbridge Bike Tour is on Sunday September 24, 2023. There's a 30 mile and a 15 mile event. Check-in is at 7 a.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center. It begins and ends there and you can go to raceroster.com/77878 for further information.

At the Community Center, there is the "Escape Through Life Program" which starts on September 10, 2023. And that's sponsored by the New Jersey Devils for all of you that are in to skating.

Our mini golf is very popular and will be open through September on Fridays from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturdays from 12 p.m. – 10 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. The Woodbridge Community Center has an open house on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. It is open to the public. You can see a number of facilities within the Community Center and also some of the classes that they run.

That is all I have.

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

Council President Ficarra: Council Vice President Anderson.

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
The Pop Warner season has started. We kicked it off with a pep rally on Thursday. I would

like to thank Mayor McCormac, Councilwoman McAuliffe and Councilwoman DeJesus for making an appearance. We appreciate all of the custodians at Colonia High School and the volunteers that helped.

2. Job Bank.
HOLD
We are still looking for crossing guards and substitute teachers.
3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
We are still actively selling tickets for October 8, 2023 at 6 p.m.
5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
We're making the application for the permit at this time. Any of the organizations in Town that are looking for a fundraiser, this is a good opportunity to do so. Details are forthcoming.
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD
N.A.A.C.P. is meeting in Woodbridge as well as Perth Amboy. You can go to NAACP.org if you're are looking for membership.
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
Dual enrollment is available at Middlesex College. You can graduate with your High School Diploma and your Associates Degree at the same time.
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD
16. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

One of our athlete's broke a school record, A.J. Bosch. He had 240 yards in receiving against Summit and that was a single game record. I wanted to congratulate him. And I believe Colonia and Kennedy play this Friday in football.

Thank you that is all I have. God Bless America.

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Bauer.

Councilman Bauer: Thank you, Council President. My Agenda is in order. I have a few announcements.

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
The Fords Business Community Flea Market will be held this Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Fords V.F.W. at 411 New Brunswick Avenue in Fords. The rain date is September 17, 2023.

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

Schools are open today. Be mindful of our students and buses as they navigate the roadways. Please be patient with everyone.

Lastly, Mayor McCormac and the Township presents a Township Remembers, the 22nd Anniversary for 9/11. A salute to the Woodbridge Township First Response Community and all of those who lost their lives on that dark day. This will be on September 11, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Woodbridge High School. God Bless our First Responders and God Bless America. Thank you Council President that is all I have.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President.

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
National Public Lands Day is on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed. We are encouraging Woodbridge residents, businesses and school participants in cleaning up our parks, playgrounds, and public lands. From 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Ernie Oros River Celebration, enjoy food, music and meet the Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve at Omar Avenue in Avenel. If interested, please contact Eileen Caggiano at 732-596-4047.

13. 2-3-8 Marine Fire Rescue.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
The café will be reopening on October 2, 2023. The hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
15. Light Parade (**11/25/23**).
HOLD
The light parade is on Saturday, November 25, 2023. Mark your calendars.
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
18. Autograph Signings.
HOLD
On Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., former New York Ranger, Matthew Barnaby will be signing autographs at Woodbridge Brewing Company. If interested, please call 732-634-2929.
19. Pickleball Courts
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.
Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you, Council President. Just a couple of announcements.

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
The Hispanic Heritage Month Festival is September 16, 2023 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. right here in front of Town Hall.
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
I would just like to thank all of the donors and everyone who helped. Especially Megan, Kelly, and Director Hagerty in the Mayor’s office, for all of their help with the backpack drive. We had two backpack drives in Hopelawn and Keasbey. They were very successful. And for the first time, we had a backpack drive for Avenel with the help of the Greenway Family Success Center and Pick your Soul restaurants. I am very appreciate and grateful to all that donated and helped. We helped a lot of kids in our Township.
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.

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
Performing at APAC, former disc jockey and comedian, Goumba Johnny will be bringing his comedy to the theater on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 732-314-0500.
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
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

I just wanted to thank the Mayor and Administration, Traffic Maintenance and Director Hubner. I had some concerns from residents on East Woodbridge Avenue with speeding, it's a cut through street. It was just recently paved so we had the stripers come out and put the slow 25 mph on. As soon as you hit the road you see it. Several of the residents reached out. They were very pleased and grateful. Director Hubner, over the weekend we had a rogue tractor trailer driver going down Avenel Street that got pinned and took down some fencing at LeGrand Park. In fairness, I see it a lot because I'm on Avenel Street. If we could just have TEU and patrol add them to their monthly checks for tractor trailers. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, EMS, Fire, Woodbridge Police Department, Cert, Public Works and Township employees. God Bless America. Thank you Council President.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

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

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. Have a Heart Food Drive.
 B. Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.

- C. Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
- D. Support the Troops Rally.
- E. Colonia Clean Up.
- F. Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
- G. Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
- H. Toys for Tots Run.
- I. Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

- 5. Food Pantry.
HOLD
- 6. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
- 7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
- 8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD
- 9. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
- 10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
- 11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
- 12. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
- 13. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
- 14. AED Program.
HOLD
- 15. Springwood
HOLD

I would like to wish all of the children, teachers and parents a wonderful school year. Just remember that there are a lot of little ones out there walking around. Just slow down and watch out for our little guys. That is all I have this evening.

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. 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

Our Township successfully completed a remarkable project in Iselin entitled Murals Rekindle Memories of Iselin's Bygone Days. This project involved the creation of stunning murals on the walls of the Amtrak Railroad Bridge located on Green Street near Route 27 in Iselin. We would like to thank the Mayor, Administration and most notably the two outstanding art teachers from Woodbridge High School, Kimberly Zadigian and Melissa LoCascio. They both put in weeks of hard work to bring the essence of Iselin's past back to life through their incredible artistic talents.

Also, 1947 Production and Entertainment will host the Annual Lord Ganesha Festival at

Woodbridge Center Mall parking lot from Sept 19, 2023 – Sept 25, 2023. Admission and parking are both free. Please anticipate potential traffic congestion on Woodbridge Center Drive around the festival area.

On September 21, 2023 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Woodbridge DAV Chapter 56 office located at 393 Paul Street in Woodbridge, will host the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in partnership with Woodbridge Township DAV Chapter 56. They are extending an invitation to all Veterans and their families to join a free seminar on Veteran’s benefits information. The seminar will provide comprehensive counseling over the full spectrum of available benefits, expert guidance on claim filings and any questions you may have. You may contact 609-396-2885.

The Five Branches Senior Center will have a luncheon on September 8, 2023 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. The Oak Tree Senior Center will have a luncheon on September 29, 2023 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you are planning to join, you must RSVP at 732-259-2008.

Also, today is the first day of school. Thank you to all of the dedicated school staff members. I extend my best wishes and best of luck to all students and their parents. That’s all for tonight. Thank you.

SHARON McAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman McCauliffe.

Councilwoman McCauliffe: 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

A big thanks to the dedicated vendors who spent their Saturdays with us each week at the Farmer’s Market this season. Your commitment to providing our community with fresh local produce and goods has been truly appreciated. I would also like to extend special recognition to Eileen Caggiano, our Township Recreation Program Coordinator. Eileen’s outstanding efforts in organizing and managing the Farmer’s Market throughout the entire season played a pivotal role in its success. We are confident that next year’s Farmer’s Market will be even more successful.

The Saint James Street Fair will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. There will be crafters, vendors, a 50/50 ticket sale, food trucks, kids activities and more. If you are interested in being a vendor, call 732-634-5000 x105.

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).

HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
The Chamber is holding a community expo on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Woodbridge Center Mall. On September 22, 2023, the Annual Mayor’s Breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Avenel Performing Arts Center.
This year’s topic is Progress Interacting with Your State, Local and Municipal Government.
For tickets please contact the Chamber at their website which is woodbridgechamber.com.
4. Buy Local.
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
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

I received an email expressing gratitude for assistance providing help for the residents on Marina Way. However, it's important to clarify that the credit truly belongs to the Administration and the Police Department, particularly the Traffic Unit, for their outstanding efforts in working with Marina Way residents to resolve their issues. Thank you for your exceptional work and dedication and support in resolving this matter. That's all I have.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.
John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: My Agenda is in order. Thank you.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure Applications under review.
 - A. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-014-008 from McLoone Holding Company, LLC to Woodbridge Spirits LLC t/a Favorites at Woodbridge.
 - B. Place-To-Place (Expansion of Premises) Transfer of Liquor License #1225-31-115-001, American Irish Association of Woodbridge, Inc., 95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
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.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you, Council President.

Under the Mayor, I have an Appointment Resolution and under Administration, I have a 100% Disabled Veteran. Thank you, Council President.

POLICE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Director Hubner: Thank you, Council President. I have two Traffic Ordinances. Thank you.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Council President. Just our standard bi-weekly refunds.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you, Council President. My Agenda is in order.

LEGAL:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Legal.
Craig Coughlin, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

RECREATION:

HEALTH:

On a motion made by Council Vice President Anderson and seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously, Council President Ficarra adjourned the meeting at 6:41 P.M.