

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 19, 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: Can we have a moment of reflection? We have the United Nations meeting in New York. Hopefully they can figure something out for a little peace. 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, Sharon McAuliffe, Debbie Meehan, Cory Spillar, Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small, Viru Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Caroline Ehrlich, Chief of Staff
John Hagerty, Director of Communications
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Director of Public Works
James P. Nolan, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from September 5, 2023 and September 12, 2023?

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

Council Meeting:	September 5, 2023
Budget Hearing:	September 12, 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 18, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES – TO DELETE/ADD - SECURITY GATES/DOORS. (2023-61)**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLES “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-39 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – MODERA, MAIN STREET. (2023-62)**
- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 – TO ADD – MARION STREET. (2023-63)**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO DELETE – PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. (2023-64)**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLES “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-21 “MULTI-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO DELETE – OLD ROAD AT WESLEY PLACE. (2023-65)**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with Second Reading of Ordinances this evening, we are taking Letter A first, listed before you which is an Ordinance that deletes and adds to the security gates/security doors. 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. 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 will take Letters, B, C, D and E all by consent. They are all to amend Chapter 7 which is the Traffic Ordinances. With regards to parking over at Modera at 10 Main Street, Marion Street in Port Reading, Pennsylvania Avenue and Old Road at Wesley Place. Can I get a motion that the Ordinance on all four 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 Letters B, C, D and E. Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed on all four Ordinances, 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:

- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – 323 GILL LANE – HANDICAPPED PARKING.**
- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – LUTHER STREET – HANDICAPPED PARKING.**

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 22, 2023 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request to hold a Color Run on October 14, 2023, Pennsylvania Avenue School #27, from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's reappointment of Sharad Agarwal to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Housing Authority for a five (5) year term, commencing October 3, 2023 and terminating October 2, 2028.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Louis A. Malabe, Jr.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Robert Morales.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Tyrone Reynolds.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Peter Rossi.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund in the amount of \$79.00 to Joseph M. Ponte from the Developer's Review Account.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Place-To-Place transfer (Expansion of Premises) of Liquor License No. 1225-31-115-001 from American Irish Association of Woodbridge, NJ, changing the generation number of the license to 1225-31-115-002.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into recreational, social and cultural services agreements with various groups and organizations for the residents of Woodbridge.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes T&M Associates to submit an application to the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund supporting potential brownfield remediation at the former Pirates Cove Marina.
- (11) **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 installation, programming optimization, testing and training of new and existing CCTV equipment for five township buildings in an amount not to exceed \$66,782.27.

- (12) **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 2023 Dodge Durango from Nielsen Chrysler in an amount not to exceed \$69,777.45
- (13) **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 Districtwide Fiber Maintenance for the period July 2023 through September 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$78,150.00.
- (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 Fiber Optic for Sewaren Marina and Tiki Bar from JCT Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$128,835.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents necessary for the BID awarded to McCauley Construction Co., for Up Smith's Creek Tiki & Uplands Marina Project in the amount of \$4,030,500.00 Base Bid + \$12,000.00 Alternate.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Community Grants, Planning & Housing, 101 Interchange Plaza for professional administrative agent services for Affordable Housing in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to negotiate a contract for the Fords Pickleball Courts Project.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a contract with Halecon, Inc. for Fords Pickleball Courts in an amount not to exceed \$1,514,120.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Kimberly Zadigian for professional Artistic services for the Mural in the Township at the Green Street underpass, Iselin, NJ not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Melissa LoCascio for professional Artistic services for the Mural in the Township at the Green Street underpass, Iselin, NJ not to exceed \$15,000.00.

(21) **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 labor and installation of security cameras for the Board of Education from ESS in an amount not to exceed \$388,094.96.

(22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of \$4,000.00, Care Management Services Grant, a Special Item of Revenue, into the SFY 2024 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge.

(23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List dated September 19, 2023 and the Supplemental Bill List dated September 2, 2023 through September 15, 2023 and the Addendum to the September 19, 2023.

Council Vice President abstained from **Resolution #9**.
Councilwoman Meehan abstained from **Resolution #22**.

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 going moving into the public portion of our meeting now. When approaching the microphone please state your name, what section of the town or state that you live in. You will have five minutes to speak. I will give you a one minute warning just so you have the opportunity to close. Anybody videotaping must do so from the back of the room. Please be kind to each other.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the Mayor not specifying when the Main Street project will be done during the last Council meeting and that people want to know. Also spoke about the conveyance of property and believes the town is giving away that property and not getting money for it. Commented that the Main Street Fair was very nice but many people were commenting to him that West Avenue is heavily trafficked with speeding and there is no police presence, Cutter Dock Road is also causing traffic due to its closure. Believes the Tiki bar is being built on a narrow congested street in Sewaren. Feels that more police and firefighters are needed in town. Spoke about people coming to town and others leaving.

Councilman Spillar: Council President, Mr. Vrtaric had mentioned we need more police and firefighters. We do not have fire departments, they are fire districts and they are autonomous from the Township. And just a quick comment; Mr. Vrtaric keeps saying people, people, people are coming to the shop and people are coming to the St. James Street Fair. It's everybody's God given right and responsibility to question or ask us things. But I don't see these people. He keeps mentioning people and yet he is the only one here. Thank you.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments from the public this evening? Hearing no other comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed?

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

Council President Ficarra: Mr. Mayor.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Thank you Council President. First of all, the project will be done before the holidays. No worries about that Mr. Vrtaric. Second, we explained this three times now. The land you're talking about in Avenel was still owned by the State. It's outside of the prison. They declared it surplus property. By law, they must offer all surplus property to the municipality first, where the property is located. If the town is interested we negotiation ability with the State. If not, the State goes out and auctions it off. We were interested in this property because the developer of the Morris Site Company is interested in it for additional parking and other uses. We agreed to buy it from the State and turn around and sell it to the developer. It's their money we are going to use to buy it. We're not using tax payer dollars. No one is getting anything for nothing. I said that three meetings in a row. No one is getting anything for nothing. It doesn't impact us at all other than we're the middle man in the transaction to make it happen because we have to and we want that land to go to the developer to make that project better. You've got to understand that. No one is getting anything for nothing. The State own land that they're going to get paid for at market rate by the developer. It's that simple. I'm going to let Mr. Hubner answer the West Avenue issue.

You see people come and go, I don't know what people you talk to. Our Census went from 99,500 to 103,600 in 10 years. People are coming to Woodbridge. They are attracted to Woodbridge. I don't know who you think is coming and going. My mother lived here since 1960 and I see people that have lived her since the 50's, 60's and 70's and they are still here. I see people like Brian Small, Cory Spillar, and Sharon McCauliffe who grew up here. Vito Cimilluca, me, we grew up here as kids and now have houses. Who the heck are you talking to? What you need to do when somebody asks what is going on with Main Street, tell them to call me. You don't know the answers. Tell them to call anybody here. They can email, text tweet us. They can do anything they want to get a hold of us if they want answers. You're the wrong person to go to because you don't know anything about these issues. You come every two weeks and you have your five minutes and you throw things out there with no backup or support. Nobody is coming and going in Woodbridge. Look at all the people coming in Downtown. There are waiting lists in every single complex. They sell out as soon as they have a certificate of occupancy. We've got a beautiful steak house that opened and we have four more restaurants coming to Main Street. We have LeGrande Coffee House. We have all kinds of things happening Downtown. And you talk about our schools and they are just getting better and better. We just had a National Blue Ribbon school. I'm going to hold off and let the School District make the announcement. And you're telling us people are moving out because of schools. Ross Street is stunningly beautiful. Woodbridge Middle school is brand new even though the structure is there, the whole inside is brand new. School #28 in Sewaren has a gigantic eight classroom addition. School #25 in Fords, Lafayette Estates, gigantic school addition. There is going to be a practically brand new School #4 & #5 in Avenel. What's the problem?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: You.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Me? Ok. So, you're running against me. So we see how that works out for you in seven weeks. And then we'll know. Thank you Council President.

Police Director Hubner: Council President, in reference to West Avenue, the comment that was made that there are no police out there. Our Traffic Enforcement Unit has been in contact with the residents. We've done a number of traffic studies. There has been a special check for radar. We have issued summons. I don't have the stats in front of me but I can tell you that it's more of a volume problem than speeding. Although, speeding does take place. And a number of motor vehicle summons have been issued.

Council President Ficarra: Thank you Director. I also think that under your leadership with the guidance of the late Nancy Drumm, wasn't the speed limit change on that road?

Police Director Hubner: Yes.

Council President Ficarra: Thank you for your efforts. I appreciate that follow up. Anyone else before we move into our Agendas? I am going to start.

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

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
(A) Senior Recreation and programming.
(B) Youth Recreation and programming.
HOLD

The Community Center is finishing up their miniature golf. And that is Friday from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday from 12 p.m. – 10 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. The following weekend we have Halloween events. We've got pumpkin painting on October 18, 2023 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Parker Press. There is Haunted Mini Golf, Monday – Thursday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Friday from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday from 12 p.m. – 10 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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

3. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD

This Sunday, September 24, 2023, is the 16th Annual Tour de Woodbridge. It is a 15 mile or 30 mile bike tour. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the 15 mile goes off at 8 a.m. and the 30 mile goes off at 8:15 a.m.

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
17. Senior Olympics.
HOLD

I'm also happy to report that the Mobile Health Unit has been seen around town and has a regular schedule. You can go to our website. It does visit some of our senior buildings and also here at Town Hall. It's an opportunity for you to get some free checkups. There are certain screenings that are helpful.

Congratulations to all of the senior Olympians for the senior Olympics that Woodbridge hosted in early September and all of those people that made it possible and made it a safe

environment for everybody. Also to Councilman Anderson for bringing in Rob Wilkins from the President of the United States, Office of Health and Fitness and also a contributor to Muscle and Fitness magazine.

That is all I have on my Agenda.

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

Council President Ficarra: Vice President Anderson.

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you Council President.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
2. Job Bank.
HOLD
Our Job Bank is hiring. There are plenty of opportunities for Woodbridge Township residents. If you go to our Employment Opportunity Center on the Woodbridge Township website, you can see a number of jobs that are looking for residents from Woodbridge.
3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
The Annual Hall of Fame Induction is on October 8, 2023 at the Woodbridge Community Center. If you're interested in attending, you can contact the Recreation Department. Tickets are \$55 and checks can be mailed to Patrick Muller, Department of Recreation, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 0795. Check are made payable to WTAAA.
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

There will be a community cookout on September 30, 2023 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair. The address is 149 Delaware Avenue in Colonia.

11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD
14. Middlesex College
HOLD
Middlesex College has dual enrollment. Please go to www.middlesexcc.edu.
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD
16. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

Woodbridge High Football Program is also celebrating their 100th Anniversary during their September 29, 2023 game vs. Perth Amboy starting at 6 p.m. There will be a post-game celebration will be at the Woodbridge Brewery. There will be photographs of past players and we're asking this to be treated almost as a homecoming for a lot of former Woodbridge athletes. This Friday there is a big match between Woodbridge High School and Colonia High School. Both teams are 2/2 in 2. Both teams are fighting for the Division. The game will be on Facebook Live and YouTube.

Thank you that is all I have.

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Ficarra: Councilman Bauer.

Councilman Bauer: Thank you Council President.

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD

2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
A. Cruise Night/Trunk or Treat
HOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
Fire Prevention Week. Fords Fire Company will hold their open house on October 9, 2023 and October 10, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. At this time I don't have Hopelawn or Keasbey's information. Once I have it, I'll post it on their Facebook pages.
8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
Open house for the girls K-5 will be on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at 28 South 4th Street in Fords from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. And Boys K-5 will be on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Fords Middle School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you're looking for excitement and adventure, please stop by.
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

Unfortunately, due to my work schedule, I missed the Proclamation for my fellow firefighting brothers from Hopelawn. I would like to congratulate Ron Chaballa, Robert Gillespie, and Michael Walsh for their heroic actions on August 24, 2023 for saving a young girl from choking. If it wasn't for their quick actions the outcome could have been much worse. Job well done.

God Bless all of our First Responders and God Bless America. That is all I have. Thank you.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD

2. Woodbridge Fire Fighters Local #290.
HOLD

3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD

4. Woodbridge P.B.A. / S.O.A. #38.
HOLD

5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.
HOLD

6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.
HOLD

7. School Projects.
HOLD

8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).
HOLD

9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD

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

11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD
13. 2-3-8 Marine Fire Rescue.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Light Parade (11/25/23).
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
18. Autograph Signings.
HOLD
19. Pickleball Courts
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE:

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.
HOLD
4. History Museum.
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.

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

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Ficarra.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/26/23**) / Port Reading Day.
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
HOLD
8. Cloverleaf Redevelopment
HOLD
9. Avenel Fire Department/Fire Prevention Week Open House (**10/14/23**).
HOLD
Avenel Fire Department will have open house on October 14, 2023 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts With You". Come out and see all of the fire equipment, trucks, engines, Sparky, Township vendors, refreshments.
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

Councilman Patel asked me to read a statement from him. He is excused tonight. Last year on June 10, the Virani Jewelers located on Oak Tree Road in Iselin got robbed at gunpoint. Eight armed robbers stormed the jewelry store before closing time dressed entirely in black and armed with firearms they forced through the security door then forced the owners and employees to the floor. In a matter of seconds they smashed display cases, ransacked the store and made off with their loot. After 14 months, some excellent news emerged from Washington D.C. The Law Enforcement Agency successfully broke the criminal ring made up of 16 men. Out of them 8 men were responsible for the robbery at Virani Jewelers in Iselin. Federal Prosecutors unsealed an indictment on August 30 of this year revealing that the criminal operated out of Washington D.C. with its member residing in D.C., Virginia and the Maryland region. All 16 participated in the criminal ring have been charged with 19 counts and are now in police custody. The development brings tremendous relief to business owners on Oak Tree Road and particularly for our Woodbridge Police Department. According to our Police Director Hubner, Detective Perry Pena was assigned to this investigation and he collaborated with members of the FBI's Newark Violent Crimes Task Force. During the yearlong investigation, Detective Pena spent countless hours compiling and reviewing evidence, interviewing suspects, preparing and executing warrants and making trips to Washington D.C. with other members of the department.

We want to extend our heartfelt to the honorable Police Director, Director Hubner and the entire team of police officers in Woodbridge. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our community's safety and well-being. Thank you.

Thank you to all of our First Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, Public works and township employees. God Bless America.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan. Thank you and congratulations on putting together the program for the folks that are fighting and surviving childhood cancer.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you. We rose the flag for childhood cancer this evening. 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 have a few announcements. I don't want to steal the thunder from the Board of Education, but it was announced already. The Mayor mentioned National Blue Ribbon School. Nine schools in New Jersey were selected out of 350 nationwide. I just want to congratulate Claremont School in Colonia which was named one in nine.

Just an update on the long anticipated light on New Dover Road and Colonia Boulevard. The light is scheduled to go up at the end of next week. The New Dover curb and sidewalk project in that same area started this week and should be completed in approximately three weeks. As always, we appreciate your patience. We've had to divert traffic here and again but hopefully it will be finished soon and it will be a much safer area for our residents on that street that walk.

Please save the date for the Inman Avenue Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 12 p.m. followed by and Oktoberfest at Springwood Swim Club. The Breas Cancer Walk will be meeting at Colonia Middle School at noon.

Lastly, Domestic Violence Response Team will be holding a candlelight vigil on October 17, 2023 at Samuel Lupo Place, which is in front of Woodbridge Health Center, to honor victims of domestic violence. The vigil will take place at 6 p.m.

That is all I have this evening. Thank you.

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).
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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

SHARON McAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order. I have a two announcements.

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

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The Fishing Derby will be on October 7, 2023 at the Woodbridge Pond in Woodbridge. This is a free event for all individuals under the age of 16. To register, log on to the Woodbridge Township website or contact the Recreation Department at 732-596-4048.

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD

The 59th Annual Chairman's Awards Dinner is on October 18th at the Colonia Country Club. This prestigious networking and fundraising event allows the Chamber to honor individuals and businesses that contribute to Woodbridge Township. Log on to the Woodbridge Chamber for more information.

4. Buy Local Program.
HOLD

5. Transit Village (Downtown Main Street).
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 would like to thank the Parks and Recreation Department for the replacement of the vandalized playground equipment that is being installed at Lyman Avenue.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

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

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.

Except for noting 1. B., my Agenda is in order. Thank you.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: My Agenda is in order this evening. Thank you Council President.

POLICE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Hubner.

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Darden.

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

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have a Final Change Order for 2022 Milling & Paving Resurfacing Program. Thank you.

LEGAL:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Legal team.

James P. Nolan, Esq: Thank you Council President. 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 6:32 P.M.