

**Minutes of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on February 17, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building 1 Main Street, Woodbridge NJ 07095.**

Council President McAuliffe called the meeting to order.

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

Council President McAuliffe: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military taking care of us here and overseas.

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 13, 2025 and November 14, 2025, respectively. 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:** Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small, Sharon McAuliffe, Howie Bauer, Daniel Harris, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson (Arrived at 6:17pm, voted on “E” and after)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cory Spillar

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
John Hagerty, Director of Communications  
Megan Kushpa, Deputy Director of Communications  
George Brew, Director of Public Works  
Caroline Ehrlich, Chief of Staff  
Joseph Nisky, Director of Police  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026?

Council Meeting: February 3, 2026

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

- A. BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE OMAR AVENUE EXTENSION AND PADDOCK STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$9,990,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY GRANTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. 2026-08**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP’S ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY FROM MORRIS AVENEL ASSOCIATES URBAN RENEWAL LLC TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE FOR USE AS A PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY. 2026-09**
- C. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TWP OF WOODBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BY PUBLIC AUCTION – MOORE AVENUE. 2026-10**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP’S ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM THE WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE FOR USE AS A PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT. 2026-11**
- E. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “1177 RAHWAY AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. 2026-12**
- F. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – “ESTABLISHMENT; PERSONNEL” 2026-13**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter A is a Bond Ordinance authorizing the undertaking of the Omar Avenue Extension and Paddock Street improvements project not to exceed \$9,990,000. Before I seek a motion to open, Councilman Spillar is not here, but he wanted to ask for his councilmates support. This plan will filter all commercial traffic which includes tractor trailers from the existing Morris Warehouse down to the Omar Avenue Extension, requiring a left-hand turn towards Randolph Avenue or to at least continue down Omar Avenue towards the turnpike. It will completely keep all commercial traffic off of the residential portion of Rahway Avenue. Additionally, this will also aid the warehouses on Paddock Street as they will now be able to use the Omar Avenue Extension. 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 DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments from the public on Letter A?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Wanted to know why the tax payers have to pay for this road, the warehouses were built without approval because any plan would require the road in order for the warehouse to be built. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for the road.

President McAuliffe: I would just like to note that there is a \$3.7 million dollar Bond Ordinance that will be offset by grants provided by the NJDOT and the County of Middlesex for that area.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Yea, by taxpayers' money.

Mayor McCormac: The piece of road that is connected to their warehouse they are paying for. The fact that they did not have a road is not the reason they did not have a tenant, you made that up on your own. You don't know who the owner of the property is and never been to the site. The road is going to connect to 5 different warehouses on Paddock Street which collectively pays us nearly \$5 million dollars a year in taxes, so for us to turn around and redo Paddock Street and suddenly ask you to pay, we don't work that way. When a project starts, yes, we ask developers to contribute towards sewers, roads etc. and Morris Companies is doing that. They are paying for when you get off the Omar Avenue and Paddock Street roadway into their site, they are paying for everything. Other than that, the road is being paid for by the town as we pay for every road at every place in town and this is no different. In this case we can justify spending this money knowing that we get \$5 million dollars a year from these businesses in taxes. So, to give them a better road, it's a good trade.

Frank Trombatore, Woodbridge: My question was answered about the warehouse owners not paying anything, I was misinformed. I was in a bad car accident in January and I want to thank the Woodbridge Police for being there and Sergeant Agosta. We hear a lot of crap, but we need to hear it when they do it right.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments from the public on Letter A? Hearing no comments 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?

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter B is an Ordinance authorizing acceptance of property from Morris Avenel Associates Urban Renewal LLC. to use as a permanent right of way. 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 DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments from the public on Letter B?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Who accepted this property from Morris Avenel Associates Urban Renewal LLC? Who did they buy it from?

Mayor McCormac: This goes in line with Letter A. This is where the developer, Morris Companies, is giving us land to build the road. Not only are they are paying for their share of the road in terms of constructing it they are also giving us the land for it.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Who owned it before Morris Companies?

Mayor McCormac: Woodbridge Developmental Center.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: So, they bought this property, now they are going to give it to Woodbridge.

Mayor McCormac: A very small piece of the property that the road needs to be on, they are donating back to the township. They don't need it for the warehouse or parking lot, we need it for the road. They are giving it to us.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: You need the road because of the 1.2-million-dollar warehouse. You did not need that road for the other 5 businesses you have over there.

Mayor McCormac: Part of the road is going go on the land they own, and they are giving it to us for the road.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: They are going to get permanent access to the warehouse property. They will be using this road for the business so it's for themselves. Why couldn't they pay for the rest of the road?

Mayor McCormac: Because its not theirs. 5 other warehouses are going to use it, why would they pay for it?

Mayor McCormac: The rest of the road has nothing to do with their warehouse, it has to do with the warehouses on Paddock Street. There are 4 to 5 warehouses on Paddock Street and they are going to use the road. Omar Avenue is going to cross Rahway Avenue, through what's currently Sethness Products site and curve over to Paddock Street and they are going to serve all those warehouses.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: I know that's on the East, what about the road to the west?

Mayor McCormac: That is houses. What does that have to do with the road.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: You gave Morris Company the property.

Mayor McCormac: We did not give Morris Company the property, they paid \$51 million dollars for the properties. We bought it from the Woodbridge Developmental Center from the state for \$5 million dollars. We sold it for \$51 million dollars. We took all that money and we paid off debt. It's probably one of the most successful financial transactions by a municipality in state history. We made \$45 million dollars buying and selling land and your challenging that.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: I'm not challenging that, I'm challenging the road being built by the township for the personal individual.

Mayor McCormac: We are building a road to benefit our tax payers who pay us a lot of money. We're getting much of that money back from the county because they are sharing half of it. We are getting a piece back from the developer and some state aid. For a \$10 million dollar project we will probably pay less than \$6 million dollars. We will have a brand-new road and all of our major tax payers will be happy. What in the world could be wrong with this transaction?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: All the state aid is the taxpayer's money. Thank you.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments from the public on Letter B? Hearing no comments 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?

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter C is an Ordinance authorizing the lease of certain property known as Moore Avenue. 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 DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments on Letter C? Hearing no comments 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?

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter D is an Ordinance authorizing the township's acceptance of the conveyance of property from the Woodbridge Township Board of Education for use as a permanent right of way easement. 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 DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments on Letter D? Hearing no comments 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?

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter E is an Ordinance of the Municipal Council of The Township of Woodbridge, adopting the “1177 Rahway Avenue Redevelopmental Plan,”. 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 DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments on Letter E? Hearing no comments 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?

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter F is an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, administration, of the revised general ordinances of the township of Woodbridge with regards to personnel. 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 DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments on Letter F? Hearing no comments 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?

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

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

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-17 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – ADD PERMIT PARKING; JUDY DRIVE, DINO DRIVE AND GLENN DRIVE.
- B. ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2025-88 “AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING STORM AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS LOCATED IN BLOCK 356.02, LOT 12, QUALIFIER C0003”.

Council Vice President DeJesus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home

News Tribune on Friday, February 20, 2026 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

**The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.**

**RESOLUTION:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution approving the American Irish Association to host their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 8, 2026.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution authorizing street closing requested by Woodbridge Downtown Merchants Association to host their "Woodbridge Downtown Cruise" on Main Street on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 26, 2026.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Appointment – Casey Wagner to the position of Township Business Administrator, effective June 1, 2026.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Appointment – Casey Wagner to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Insurance Commission.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Refund – Overpaid Taxes.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Refund taxes for 100 % Disabled Veteran – Joseph Cruz.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Refund – Developer's Review Fund Account.
8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution authorizing a Settlement Agreement with MSK Holding LLC.
9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Grant – Approving participation with the State of New Jersey Federal Grant Program- FY2026 Safe and Secure Communities Program.
10. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution to rescind Resolution #15 adopted on February 3, 2026 and replace with revised Resolution – Green Acres Application.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Shared Service Agreement with the City of Rahway for roadway improvements to Bramhall Road.
12. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Bids – MTM Metro Corporation, Asbestos Abatement and Disposal at 1303 Rahway Avenue, Avenel - \$172,850.00.
13. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Final Change Order – Vortex Services, LLC for 2024 sanitary sewer cleaning and televising of RVSA mini systems decreasing the contract amount by \$170.09; Contract amount \$346,549.43 to a total of \$346,379.34.
14. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Change Order #3 and Final – P & A Construction, Inc. for Contract #2024-01, 2024 Milling & Resurfacing Program decreasing the contract amount by \$532,415.62; Contract amount \$6,995,821.30 to a total of \$6,463,405.68.
15. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Triad Associates for professional planning services for Community Development Block Program Consulting services for Technical Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$33,950.00.
16. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – FieldTurf USA, Inc. for a three (3) Year Maintenance Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$167,760.00.
17. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Nielsen Ford for the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford Bronco Sports in an amount not to exceed \$137,060.29.
18. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Micro Strategies Inc. for the purchase of one (1) year NICE voice recorder maintenance contract in an amount not to exceed \$44,721.00.
19. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution authorizing an additional \$15,000.00 for legal services of Dwyer, Connell & Lisbona (Elshamy vs. Township of Woodbridge) for Police Officer Mario Aochoa.
20. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution authorizing an additional \$15,000.00 for legal services of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst and Doukas (Elshamy vs. Township of Woodbridge) for Police Officer Joseph R. Nisky.

21. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Iselin section of Woodbridge is an Area in Need of Redevelopment. (Oak Tree Road Area, Block 442.16 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, and 17).
22. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution authorizing the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2026 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge - \$10,000.00 Mayor's Wellness Campaign Community Mental Health Grant.
23. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Bill List.

Council Vice President DeJesus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously. Council President McAuliffe opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:18 P.M.

**Council President McAuliffe abstained from number 23.**

**Councilwoman Debbie Meehan abstained from number 23 and also asked for the council support on Resolution number 11.**

**Public Meeting:**

Council President McAuliffe: We will now go into the public comments portion of the meeting. When approaching the microphone, please state your name and what section of township or state that you live in. You will have a one-time opportunity to speak. All members of the audience shall adhere to the Township Decorum Ordinance which is posted on the entrance of the doors of the council chambers. The public session allows for five minutes and that includes remarks by the speaker and any response by the Council President or Administration. When there is one minute left, I will alert the speaker as to emphasize any remaining points or questions they may have. When the 5 minutes have passed, the speaker is to leave the microphone area and return to their chairs. All videotaping must be taken in the designated area. There will be no interruptions from your chair. Please make sure there are no signs or posters in the aisles, walkways, or exit area. The public portion of the meeting is a comment and/or Q & A interaction between the Council President and the speaker. Council President presides over the council meeting.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments this evening from the public?

Marge Petrow, Woodbridge: We didn't have a shelter back in the day. Fast forward a couple years and NJ101.5 and John McCormac was being interviewed and said he was running for Mayor of Woodbridge and I thought, great we will finally get an animal shelter. I'm upset that we have so many towns under our little shelter and we took on 6 additional towns. Why do we have the additional towns. The shelter was built for us. They are overwhelmed.

Vito Cimilluca: The DCA which oversees the communities encourages all townships to use their services. A lot of towns do not have shelters or animal control officers. We are encouraged from the state to join forces of other communities to help the out and that's what we do.

Harsh Roy, Edison: Hello, my name is Harsh Roy. I grew up in Iselin. I currently live in Iselin too. All of you guys should have a copy of the draft of ordinances that I wrote and presented to, Mr. Mitch. The finding and the purpose of the draft of ordinances that I wrote was, Woodbridge Township is home to a diverse population as all of you know including immigrants who contribute significantly to the local economy, the workforce and the community life. Aggressive or unconstitutional enforcement actions undermine public trust and law enforcement and local government. The United States Constitution and the New Jersey Constitution clearly guarantee due process and protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. As all of you have been paying attention to the news, that's been going on and especially in Minnesota and the nine people that have been killed in the past month because of ICE raids. I presented the draft of ordinances with the purpose to protect the civil rights of all residents of Woodbridge Township, to ensure compliance with constitutional due process requirements, to maintain trust between residents and local law enforcement, and to establish clear rules governing municipal interaction with federal immigration enforcement. We don't want another case of Renee Nicole Good happening here or Alex Pretti, especially in the state of New Jersey. The governor of Minnesota just federalized his National Guard to protect his civilians, we don't want to get to that limit. I proposed 12 sections of ordinances that clearly state the need for a judicial warrant while entering any homeowner's property, any municipal property, and any school. There's been videos surfacing online of 10-year-old children running from bus stops not maybe three towns away from here in Elizabeth. They were running for bus stops because they were the sons and daughters of immigrants and there were clearly masked ICE agents waiting at the bus stops to take these children. There's been clear evidence supporting that ICE agents really do not care about the need for warrants, the need for due process. There's been videos surfacing online of a councilman getting a gun pointed to his face in Jersey City, an elected official, and while he questioned these federal agents about maybe unmasking or a need for a warrant, he himself, the elected official, got a gun pointed to his face. So, I'm asking for a little bit of support using our own police department, our own officers to protect the the civil liberties of our own residents and neighbors, to make sure that if they do violate any of these laws, especially the warrants, then maybe we could use it to possibly prosecute these ICE agents for all the violations that's been happening in the past month. It's just for you guys to consider and look over. But thank you so much for my time. Thank you.

President McAuliffe: Thank you for your time. We'll look over and advise you. Thank you.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the speeding on Amboy Avenue and how the police let them get away with it. All accidents that have occurred have been because of the speeding on Route 35 Amboy Avenue.

Director Nisky: We have a robust traffic enforcement unit that writes substantially more summons than any other municipality. Our radio patrol division is very active issuing parking and traffic tickets. It's rare that I travel more than a couple blocks without seeing a traffic stop. You would be hard pressed to find another police department that enforcing parking and traffic laws more than our police department.

Mayor McCormac: He doesn't have proof or statistics that speeding is the cause of accidents on Route 35.

Councilman Anderson: There was a national report regarding the increase of accidents and fatalities and it is still attributed to Covid, the inattentiveness of drivers and drivers driving distracted.

Danielle Jackson, Iselin: I presented a brochure to the council and we offer a TNR event in March. We can work hand in hand with the shelter supporting their work. They have recently stepped up and did more TNR. What we need to do is raise our prices because our vet raised their prices, but a lot of residents don't have the money. If we could appeal to Mr. Mayor that if a donation can be made to the organization. We spayed and neutered over 400 cats. We don't make a profit, just an impact on the animals. We give the animals their shots and medications so is that something that is possible. We aren't looking for a lot just enough to take off the financial burden.

Council President McAuliffe: How much does one cat cost?

Danielle Jackson, Iselin: \$135 covered the spade neuter surgery, medications, the ear tip, and the vaccines. The vet is providing a great service. If you went to a veterinarian, they would charge \$800.

Council President McAuliffe: How much do you charge?

Danielle Jackson, Iselin: We just charge the \$135 to break even. We want to control the population of these feral cats so they cannot reproduce.

Mayor McCormac: We can't give township money to a private entity, especially to an entity for a service we already provide, but we will support the fundraiser event in any way we can.

Council Vice President DeJesus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously. Council President McAuliffe closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:18 P.M.

**SHARON McAULIFFE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Council President McAuliffe: My agenda is on order.

1. Downtown Woodbridge.  
Main Street SID.  
Transit Village & downtown development.  
Buy Local.  
Parker Press events & music.

HOLD

2. Chamber of Commerce.  
State of Township.

March 30<sup>th</sup> - at the Delta Hotel Contact the Chambers of Commerce to register.

Mayor's Breakfast.

Chairman's Award Dinner.

Golf Outing.

Holiday lunch.

Street Fair.

Unplugged Events.

HOLD

3. Sewaren

Fireworks.

Holiday Tree Lighting.

Library.

Herbert Rankin Park music.

Anchors Tiki Bar.

Marina.

Dog Park.

HOLD

4. Arts

Gallery on Main.

March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - He Will Walk By Night movie will be shown.

Barron Arts Center.

Woodbridge Murals.

HOLD

5. Environmental Commissions.

Earth Day.

Community Garden.

Green Infrastructure.

Food Programs.

HOLD

6. Events

Relay for Life.

Woodbridge Downtown Cruisers.

St. James Street Fair.

Summer Children's Series.

Fishing Derby.

HOLD

7. Re-striping @ Main St. at Amboy Ave.

HOLD

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT/ COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE**

Council President McAuliffe: Council Vice President DeJesus.

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

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. Acacia Youth Center  
Youth Programs.  
Town Events.  
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.  
HOLD
12. Girl sports.  
HOLD
13. Girl Scouts / Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.

Cookies are on sale, please support. Many cookies donated to troops overseas and pantries.

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.

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm we will be raising the flag for Women's History Month.

HOLD

19. Mentoring programs.

HOLD

The Barron Art Center will hold Treasures: Woodridge Founding Families from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be highlighting Woodbridge Founding Families through documents; the library history archives and the Woodbridge History Museum.

### **CORY S. SPILLAR, 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Council President McAuliffe:

Councilman Spillar:

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting / Port Reading Day.

HOLD

2. Avenel Arts Village / Train Station / Eric LeGrand Believe Park.

HOLD

3. Woodbridge River Watch / Oros Nature Preserve.

HOLD

4. Woodbridge Golden Saints / Saints Complex.

HOLD

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

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6. Sycamore Senior Center.  
HOLD
  7. Route 1 Redevelopment.  
HOLD
  8. Cloverleaf Redevelopment.  
HOLD
  9. Avenel Fire Dept. / Fire Prevention Week Open House.  
HOLD
  10. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus / Columbian Club, Avenel VFW.  
HOLD
  11. The Morris Properties @ Rahway Avenue.  
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
  17. Concerts  
HOLD

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Council President McAuliffe: Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you, Council President, my agenda is in order.

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

- HOLD
2. Job bank.  
HOLD
  3. Mayor's trophy.  
HOLD
  4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.  
HOLD
  5. Charity raffle.  
HOLD
  6. Drive-in movie.  
HOLD
  7. N.A.A.C.P. (NAACP.org).  
HOLD
  8. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.  
HOLD
  9. Independent Club of Colonia.  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>- Black History Month celebration from 3pm to 5pm at the Acacia Center.  
HOLD
  10. Tooling Around program.  
HOLD
  11. Boy Scouts / Camping.  
HOLD
  12. League Consolidation.  
HOLD
  13. Middlesex College.  
HOLD
  14. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.  
HOLD
  15. Geo Baker Clinics.

HOLD

I want to announce a job opportunity of your looking to work in the area of law enforcing our NY/NJ Port Authority is holding a virtual event from 6pm to 7pm tomorrow and this weekend and in person event at the Rutgers University SCJ room 010 at 123 Washington Street in Newark from 12:30pm to 3pm.

If you watch the Superbowl, the Defensive Line Coach Justin Hines, was a Port Reading resident. He coached at 10 different colleges and in 2024 he got a break with the Chicago Bears and then his staffed moved to the Seattle Sea Hawks. He coached my son in 2011. He was captain of the Woodbridge High Football team, graduated in 2005. He played at Rowan University. He was asked to coach here in the township but his goal was to coach in the NFL. For our High School Hall of Fame, you have to be out of high school for 20 years, so guess who I am nominating? He's been in touch with all of us about his experience. We will have the opportunity to see him this June.

We pause for Jesse Jackson who passed away. We honor his life and legacy. He was a tireless champion of civil rights, equality, and economic justice. His voice gives strengths to those who felt unheard. His leadership helped move our nation closer to the promise of fairness for all. Jesse Jackson reminded us that progress requires courage, service, and unwavering belief in the dignity of every person. As an elected official, I'm especially grateful for the path he helped pave. The one that allows more diverse voices to serve, lead, and make change in our communities. May we continue his work by standing up for justice and building a future routed in compassion and opportunity. My condolences to him and his family and those inspired by his extraordinary work.

**HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN**

Council President McAuliffe: Councilman Bauer

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

1. 2nd Ward Road projects.  
HOLD
2. County Greenway.  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Ave.  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park / Keasbey.  
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero banners.  
HOLD

6. Fords business community.  
A. Cruise Night / Trunk or Treat.  
HOLD
7. Fords / Hopelawn / Keasbey Fire Companies.  
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.  
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.  
Comedy Night Fundraiser on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Royal Alberts Palace.  
HOLD
10. Pathmark property.  
HOLD
11. Brownfields.  
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.  
HOLD
13. Highland Grove Swim Pool.  
HOLD
14. Little Libraries.  
HOLD
15. 988 LIFE LINE.  
HOLD
16. School No. 14 Playground.  
HOLD

We approved 23 Resolutions tonight, but there is one that stands out above the rest and that is #3 the appointment of Casey Wagner for the position of Business Administrator as of June 1, 2026. Casey, you know from day 1, I have advocated for the young future leaders of this town. Now it's your time. This is because of your hard work, your dedication and commitment to this council, administration and the residents of the township. Congratulations, well deserved and best of luck my friend.

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Council President McAuliffe: Councilman Small

Councilman Small: Thank you, Council President, my agenda is in order.

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](http://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.  
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.  
March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm- St. Patrick's Day Parade.  
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.  
HOLD
18. Autograph signings.  
HOLD
19. Pickleball Courts.  
HOLD

Wishing Councilman Spillar a speedy recovery from his fall last week. God bless America.

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Council President McAuliffe: Councilwoman Meehan

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you, Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. Inman Ave. 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. Breast Cancer Walk.
  - I. Township Toy Extravaganza.HOLD

5. Food pantry.  
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.  
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department / First Aid Squad.  
HOLD
8. Colonia American Legion / V.F.W.  
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.  
A. Homelessness/Youth  
B. Mental Health  
HOLD
14. AED program.  
HOLD
15. Springwood.  
HOLD
16. Greiner Towers upgrades  
HOLD

Chili Cook Off will be at the Acacia on March 1<sup>st</sup>. from 12pm to 2pm. All proceeds will go to Nicholas Lombardi. Marge, I will gladly distribute and promote the fundraiser for the TNR cause in my newspaper.

**(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN**  
Council President McAuliffe: 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
9. Green Street Shopper Parking  
HOLD
10. Road Safety Audit for Oak Tree Road.  
HOLD

Thank you to the DPW for making all the roads and sidewalks accessible from the snow and ice that occurred from the last storm. Business owners and residents express their gratitude to the staff members, the directors and to our administration. Thanked Vito Cimilluca for his leadership, dedication, and being a good friend. You have consistently done a great job. When we request help, you respond promptly. You will truly be missed. Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement. Congratulations to Casey. Today is the first day of Ramadan in the Muslim faith, a joyful and colorful festivity, and the beginning of the lunar year in the Asian faith, the year of hearts. We extend our warmest wishes and heartfelt congratulations to all of our friends and families celebrating these 3 festive events today. May this season bring peace, joy, prosperity, and new beginnings to all.

**DANIEL R. HARRIS, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Council President McAuliffe: Councilman Harris

Councilman Harris: Thankyou Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. Board of Education Issues
  - a. Shared Services.
  - b. School events.
  - c. STEM programming.HOLD
  
2. State of New Jersey Issues
  - a. NJ Transit.
  - b. Property Tax relief programs.

Be on the lookout for the Blue Booklet. It has been mailed. Apply before November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Woodbridge Township Office of Aging can assist in applying if needed. You can also ask your personal accountant.
  - c. NJ Business Action Center.HOLD
  
3. Youth Month / Youth Recreation Programs  
HOLD
  
4. Senior Month / Senior Recreation Programs
  - a. Senior Directory.
  - b. Senior Summit.
  - c. Senior Olympics.
  - d. Senior Center events.HOLD
  
5. Mayor's Wellness Committee
  - a. 5K Races.
  - b. Bike Tour.HOLD
  
6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families  
HOLD
  
7. Pedestrian Safety / East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
  
8. Mobile Health Unit  
HOLD
  
9. Woodbridge Community Playground  
HOLD

10. Litter Cleanup
  - a. Colonia Cleanup.  
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12:30pm at 571 Inman Avenue in Colonia. Open to persons of all ages.
  - b. National Public Lands Day.  
HOLD
11. Energy Affordability.  
HOLD
12. Mayor's Advisory Committee.  
HOLD
13. Township Communications.  
HOLD
14. Sustainability  
HOLD
15. Economic Development / Redevelopment  
HOLD

I want to thank Mr. Cimilluca. Today is not your last day, but I am sure we will give you your proper flowers at the appropriate time. I want to thank Casey Wagner, congratulations on the promotion, good luck.

Council President McAuliffe: I just want to reiterate what everyone said up here. I want to congratulate Casey on your promotion to Business Administrator once Mr. Cimilluca is retired. Congratulations Vito on your 43 years of service. It has been a pleasure working with you. You've been so informative to everything we do on the council. In my short time on the council, you have been extremely helpful and I know that everybody here, who hasn't had the opportunity to speak and say anything on your behalf, will have many more weeks to talk and say all the good things you have done and supported for the Township of Woodbridge. Casey, I look forward to working with you. As Councilman Bauer said, your youth is extremely important to the progress of Woodbridge. You're going to do a great job. You have been mentored by many people on the administration and I think its going to be really exciting to have some fresh blood and I'm happy for your promotion.

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Council President McAuliffe: Mr. Mitch.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order. The second item listed under Liquor License Transfers, somebody had asked, that location is for the former

Fridays on Gill Lane. The second item is just a thank you for supporting Resolution #8 between Mr. Lang, Mr. Shervin and myself. It took a long time to get here on this settlement. We just hope it provides dividends to the benefit of the residents here in Woodbridge.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure Applications under review.
  - A. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-024-013 from Anais Lounge Center Jersey, LLC t/a Anais Lounge to Xperience Hospitality Group II, Inc., t/a X Hale, 85 Lafayette Rd., Fords, NJ 08863.
  - B. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-101-010 from G.M.R.I. (Pocket License) to Social By Dhaba Woodbridge, LLC t/a Saffron Social, 401 Gill Ln., Iselin, NJ 08830.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
6. Best Practices Inventory. Congratulations to everyone and Happy New Year.

**MAYOR:**

Council President McAuliffe:

John E. McCormac, Mayor:

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Council President McAuliffe: Business Administrator Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Vito Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. I want to thank the council members for the kind words. I do have a few more weeks left. Casey is going to do a phenomenal job and you are right, a breath of fresh air. It will give you a much prettier face to look at sitting here. I am looking forward to watching him grow as the years go on. We wish him all the best. It has been a phenomenal ride for a person who started here as a mechanic 43 plus years ago to be sitting here and addressing an esteemed council is quite an impossible task. I thank the Lord everyday and pinch myself every time I walk into my office. Its surreal every day. I appreciate the mayor for being an impactful leader for Woodbridge Township. This council has helped him with all those successes along the way. Mr. Mitch, you're not short in that. I include you in this group. You are a leader and I appreciate your stewardship. I want to thank you. My success is only because of the men and women that I've worked with for 43 years. There is no way I sit here without their dedication.

Tax and Sewer Overpayments.

100% Disabled Veteran

**POLICE:**

Council President McAuliffe: Director Nisky.

Director Nisky: Thank you Council President. I want to thank the gentlemen who came in to compliment the police department. We get more compliments than complaints. Sergeant Agosta and his group are excellent, but all the men and women in the police department are excellent, but it is an expectation that we set for them. Thank you for coming in.

2 Traffic Ordinance Amendments.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Council President McAuliffe: Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you, Council President.

Refund from Developer's Review Fund Account.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Council President McAuliffe: Director Brew.

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

**LEGAL:**

Council President McAuliffe: Legal.

Fred Rubenstein, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

On a motion made by Council Vice President DeJesus and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President McAuliffe adjourned the meeting at 6:54 P.M.

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Sharon McAuliffe, Council President

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