

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on March 21, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Kyle Anderson, Council Vice President: I just ask for a moment of silence as you think of those here and abroad that are serving us and also if you have anyone that you have thoughts and prayers for. I know that we have someone that we would like everyone to think about.

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 Deputy 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,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregg Ficarra

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy 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
Gary Clemente, Esq.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2023?

Councilman Spillar moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

March 7, 2023

The Deputy 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 2 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATINON” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE— POLICE ADMINISTRATION. (2023-19)

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: We are going to begin the meeting with one Second Reading Ordinance. Letter A is an Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Chapter 2 Entitled Administration Police Department Personnel. Can I get a motion to take this Ordinance up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Spillar made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter A.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy 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?

Councilman Spillar made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Municipal Council hereby approves the Emergency Appropriation for the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$260,443.

Cheryl Sharkey, Deputy Municipal Clerk: We are going to take **Resolution #1** at this time. Can I get a motion to approve?

Councilman Spillar made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

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

- B. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLES INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$8,340,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**
- C. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AMBULANCES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,250,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**
- D. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,750,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCES OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCES OF BOND ANTICIPATIONNOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “MARTIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A- *et seq.***
- F. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “MAIN STREET REHABILITATION & TRANSIT VILLAGE**

PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.

Councilman Spillar made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, March 24, 2023 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Annual Report of Audit for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refunds for overpaid taxes.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refunds for overpaid sewer user fees.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund for a cancelled parking permit in the amount of \$35.00.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s appointment of Jennifer L. Marshall, Esq. to serve as Public Defender commencing April 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the waiver of fees for the rental of the Township’s portable stage for the American Legion Post #87 event scheduled for May 27, 2023.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of Christopher Spinello, for waiver of requirements for the installation of Sidewalks for Block: 24.03, Lot: 1 Zone: R-5, 67 South Maplewood Avenue, Keasbey, New Jersey.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Magnolia Road project.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Township of Woodbridge’s desire to apply for grant funding for the 2022 Connect and Protect Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program Grant for the Woodbridge Intercept Zero project.

- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9 for the provision of various services, including but not limited to maintenance and Public Works services, salt, office supplies, QPA services and Information Technology Services.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Cooperative Pricing System Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #11 for the provision of various services, including but not limited to maintenance and Public Works services, salt, office supplies, QPA services and Information Technology Services.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Cooperative Pricing System Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #11.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an Agreement with Middlesex County for Installation of a Pedestrian Actuated Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon at the Intersection of Inman Avenue and Beekman Avenue.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into contract with Rebecca Marie Studio for professional Artistic services for one (1) Mural in the Township at Metuchen Avenue under the Route 9 Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. for a Topographic Survey of Fords Park in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. for professional engineering services for a Boundary & Topographic Survey of Ross Street Parking Lot in an amount not to exceed \$17,600.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Alaimo Group for professional engineering services for Streambank Stabilization and Stream Cleaning for portions of South Branch Rahway River, Heards Brook and Camel Creek in an amount not to exceed \$898,000.

- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a proposal for professional services with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, and The State University of New Jersey for professional services for 2023 Partnership Agreement for continued progress in Blue Acres Neighborhoods Restoration in an amount not to exceed \$36,845.00.
- (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 (644) 95-Gallon Green Garbage containers and (637) 95-Gallon Blue Recycling Containers from Schaefer Plastics North America, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$87,026.43.
- (22) **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 new BYD Electric Truck, Labrie Automizer Right Hand 29 Cubic Yard Sideload Refuse Body from Sanitation Equipment Corp in an amount not to exceed \$644,382.20.
- (23) **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 new BYD Electric Truck Chassis for a 25 yard rear loader with options from Hudson County Motors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$403,520.
- (24) **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 new BYD T-40 Hook Lift 8R Chassis from Hudson County Motors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$403,520.
- (25) **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 new BYD Electric Truck, LEACH model 2RIII 25 Cubic Yard Rearload Refuse Body from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$136,026.80.
- (26) **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 purpose of making or completing a contract for the Police Tow Truck bid received by All American Ford in the amount of \$127,849.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the extension of the bid previously awarded January 19, 2023 for two years, for the Opening, Winterizing and Aquatic Servicing of the Township of Woodbridge's Municipal Swimming Pools for an additional twelve month period.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the rescission of Resolution #23 adopted on January 3, 2023.

(29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the referral of the “Martin Street Redevelopment Plan” to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment to determine if the area qualifies as a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment”.

(30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the referral of the amended Main Street Rehabilitation & Transit Village Plan to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment.

(31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby supports and endorses an application made by Aeterna, LLC for State licensure to operate a facility for cannabis cultivation and manufacturing located at 211 East Inman Avenue within the Township of Woodbridge.

(32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan for SFY 2022 Audit.

(33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List dated March 21, 2023 and the Supplemental Bill List dated March 4, 2023 through March 17, 2023.

Councilwoman Meehan: I have a comment. I would like to ask the Council for their support on **Resolution #15**, which is for the flashing light at Beekman and Inman Avenue in front of the library. Many pedestrians use this intersection. Especially children that are walking back and forth from school. This flashing light will help to slow the traffic and allow our pedestrians to cross safely. I appreciate your support on that Resolution.

Councilman Spillar moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Public Meeting:

Council Vice President Anderson: We will now go to our public portion. When approaching the microphone, please state your name and what section of the Township that you live in. You will have a one-time opportunity to speak up to a five minute period. All videotaping must be done in the rear of the room in the designated areas. There will be no shouting. Please be respectful of others. Please make sure that there are no signs or posters in the aisles or walkways. The public session allows for five minutes of public speaking. The five minute time frame includes remarks by the speaker and response to any interaction of the Council or Administration. There is a strict time frame. The speaker will be allowed to complete the sentence if the time runs out during mid-sentence, otherwise there will be no extensions or allotments during that time.

Scott Gawrych, Woodbridge: Spoke about Metropark and asked how he could find out the names of all of the entities that that hold stake in. Spoke about the school referendum, the school

recently receiving additional money from the State for aid and that money should be used to build a new school. Has a call out to the State in order to gain a full understanding of the State Aid formulas and calculations and how aid is distributed.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: There may be some information available at the Secretary of State's Office in New Jersey. Most businesses have to register with the Secretary of State's Office.

Council Vice President Anderson: This is a Board of Education question. But, I will add that Woodbridge Township schools were underfunded for many years. The S2 funding, there is a period of catch up as well.

Dwight Glenn, Woodbridge: Asked if the Township gets a stipend for having cars towed by the Police Department as opposed to having a private tow. Spoke about a personal experience he had regarding a recent tow and how he noticed a difference in cost.

Council Vice President Anderson: I don't have a breakdown on that. Mr. Cimilluca.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: When a private company tows, we get nothing from that. If we do the tow, we get paid.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: There are certain rates for private companies that work for us that they have to follow. I don't know the full circumstances of your issue but that may be a circumstance where a police officer called them and they follow a chart set forth by the Town Council. Director Hubner will speak with you and see if he can work that out.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Commented that the podium was missing and offered to donate one for the public to use while speaking at Council meetings. Spoke about Governor Murphy and his Administration bullying the Boards of Education into complying with the new Sex Ed standards and woke ideology, and that we have someone on the School Board that brings the idea that it is proper to root out all racism in the Woodbridge School District. Commented on the opening of a seat on the Board of Education mentioning a person named Mohammed and a fundraiser at Royal Albert's and wonders what his qualifications are. Asked what the cutoff date was to run for the open seat on the Board of Education.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I have no idea.

Jimmy Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about Environmental Justice, not in favor of a fracked gas plant as our environment is already over polluted, encouraged people to visit the website www.dontgasmiddlesex.com to oppose the new power plant. Spoke about many other towns that are also not in favor of a second power plant in Keasbey. Urged CPV to withdraw their proposal or for the DEP to reject the proposal until the State's Environmental Justice Law Is fully implemented.

Reverend Donna Stewart, Perth Amboy Branch NAACP: Thanked the Council and those that pay attention to what is going on for listening to the public. Spoke about the word woke being used as a weapon to galvanize people into fear mongering. Questioned if any of the Council members, particularly the Council person that represents Keasbey, if they have talked to the

residents of Keasbey about the new power plant. Spoke about power plants not being in affluent communities or areas that are predominantly white as opposed to communities that are comprised of immigrants or lower income families that are less educated. Commented that being black in Woodbridge is not as safe as being black in Perth Amboy.

Council Vice President Anderson: Reverend Donna, I want to thank you for your comments. I know that some of the comments that were made before regarding woke and what that means and the decisions that we make here on the Council, I know that they don't come easily. I know that there are decisions that I voted for and you don't know until years later if that was the right decision or the wrong decision. I know that I am conscious of the fact that my children are growing up in this town and my children's friends are growing up in this town. Every decision and vote that I participate in, I try to do that with that in mind. People are going to be here many years after and I know my Council mates think about that as well. There are sections of Town where we're in an area that there is redevelopment because of the proximity to New York City. When I came on the Council there were people that would come in and complain that we had too many vacant store fronts and the owners of those store fronts wanted to see foot traffic. In order to create foot traffic, you have to have development. Some people don't want development and some people do want development. Some look at that as progress. I think there is always going to be someone that wants Woodbridge to be what they remember it as. But there are things about Woodbridge that you might not like from years ago. I'm hopeful that our Council is a part of that change. And I have seen a lot of that change in the 11 years that I have been on this Council. Whether it be our Police Department, our diversity, our understanding, our children now making statements regarding racism every morning. There have been changes because of the woke community coming to our Council and Board of Education meetings. I think there is always good but there is a need for balance. Thank you for your comments and I don't think that anyone on the Council, nor the Mayor, make any decisions without thinking about the entire community and the future of the community. Thank you.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about Woodbridge becoming a big city, greywater being poison and being used for steam for the power plant. Asked when the deadline is for the school board. Spoke about additional parking at St. James and asked how many parking spaces will be gained and is it SID money or will the taxpayers pay. Spoke about the Mayor saying anyone can use the dog park. But there is not security people come from other states.

Council Vice President Anderson: Mayor McCormac, I know that there were some questions that were raised about the water and you addressed that at the last meeting.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Once you close the public portion of the meeting I will comment.

Council Vice President Anderson: Motion to close the public portion.

Councilman Spillar made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Anderson: Mayor McCormac, there were a couple of questions that Mr. Vrtaric brought up. One is the greywater issue, the St. James parking and also that the dog park.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: This is a really good night for Mr. Vrtaric. He is wrong on all three. First, with the water power plant, dirty water is not sent to the power plant. Sewage is not sent to the power plant. All of our sewage goes in a pipe under the Raritan River to the Middlesex County Utility Authority Plant in Sayreville where it is treated. It's then discharged into the Raritan River. In this case, the CPV Power Plant made a contract with MCUA to have some of that water sent back under the river again back to the power plant and they use that reasonably clean water, it's never going to be 100% clean, but they are not using dirty water in the power plant. As I said, that gives great benefit to the people that send their sewage to the power plant because CPV pays for that treated water. So that keeps everybody's sewer rates low. We probably have 60% of our town that goes to MCUA and the other 40% goes to Rahway Valley Sewer Department. Every time they save money, we save money. So, it was explained that dirty water is not being sent to the power plant and I am explaining it again. Next week he is going to be back with the same statement that they are treating dirty water and I'll explain it again. Now, parking on North James, not St. James, there are already two parking lots there. One that we own and one that the Board of Ed owns. And it is used by School Board teachers and staff during the day and it's used by diners and shoppers at night and even the school might have visitors. It's shared. All we are doing is expanding that lot by taking three houses, one of which is vacant, and making more spots because we have a very aggressive plan to redevelop Main Street. In particular, there is a wonderful steak house coming to the old bank building probably sometime in May or June that we want to see be successful. So, it's our obligation, interest and our desire to provide more parking for shoppers and diners and people to make Main Street an attraction. You are right when you say that we have people coming Downtown. The apartments are renting out as soon as they are available. It's become a very desirable place to live downtown and it's working out quite well. But we want to make it be more successful so we are making more parking there. Plain and simple. It's in our best interest. The park, last time I checked, any park anywhere can be used by anybody. Nobody shows an ID to go to our dog park. We don't show an ID to go to Edison's dog park. Parks are parks. They are called public parks for a reason. They're public! It doesn't matter who funds them, pays for them, builds them or maintains them. Public parks are public parks. The fact that the County is giving us money, which I said last week was wrong, it's the State giving us money. Again something I say gets completely reversed and he'll say the same thing next week that the County is paying for the park. They are not. The State is paying for the park. Somebody from Wisconsin visiting their Aunt Millie in Millburn can come to Woodbridge to use the dog park or Pearl Street Park or Tanzman Park. They're public parks, get over it. There's nothing that says anybody in the public can't use a public park. I don't know why this is even an issue. Like I said, he's 0 for 3. Let's see what happens in two weeks.

Council Vice President Anderson: We are going to go to the Agenda portion of our meeting. I am going to start off with my Agenda.

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

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

Council Vice 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. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD

14. Middlesex College.
HOLD
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD
16. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council Vice President Anderson: Councilman Bauer.

Councilman Bauer: Thank you Council Vice President. My Agenda is in order. I have one announcement for tonight.

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 Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 25th, from
12 p.m. – 2 p.m. with a rain date of April 1st. It will start at 411 New Brunswick Avenue
which is next to the V.F.W. Pick up your map and participating businesses are included. Stop at
all the businesses on New Brunswick Avenue for your goodies. If it does rain, I will post on
social media but as of right now, it will be this Saturday. That is all I have. Thank you.
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

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Councilman Small
Councilman Small: Thank you.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Woodbridge Fire Fighters Local #290.
HOLD
Local #290 would like to thank everyone that came out for the March 4th Bowl-a-thon to raise money for MDA.
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge P.B.A. / S.O.A. #38.
HOLD
Members of PBA #38 participated Across America where they went to multiple elementary schools from March 2nd – March 6th to read to the students. It was very successful.

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 (9/24/22).
HOLD
13. 2-3-8 Marine Fire Rescue.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
Mayor Mac’s Café is open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and it is located 881 West Avenue in
Port Reading. Please stop by for a great breakfast or lunch.
15. Light Parade (11/25/23).
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
Once again I want to thank the American Irish for doing a great job hosting a great
parade. It was a beautiful day and very successful.
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
On March 31st, they are hosting a pocket book bingo at 7 p.m. On April 2nd a blood drive
from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Their motorcycle club is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day party on
April 29th starting at 3 p.m. They have two breakfasts from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., one on April 16th

for the Woodbridge High School softball team and one on April 23rd for Woodbridge High School boy's baseball team

18. Autograph Signings.
HOLD

On April 23rd, the Woodbridge Brewery, located at 33 Main Street, is hosting an autograph signing featuring Hall of Fame New York Ranger Brian Leetch. Please go to their website for the times.

That's all I have this evening. God Bless all of our First Responders, Township workers and God Bless America. Thank you.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Council Vice President Anderson: Councilwoman DeJesus.
Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you.

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

The Barron Arts Center is hosting the Jazz Lobsters on March 31st at Woodbridge High

School at 7:30 p.m. They are also holding the Barron Arts Center on May 12th they have All That Jazz NJ Series, The Forbidden Tropics Afro-Peruvian Jazz Ensemble on May 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center and you must call for reservations. The Spring

Lectures include Titanic on April 19, 2023 showing why the Titanic is still relevant more than a century later and will be presented by Greg Caggiano. Reservations are essential. They are also hosting a Garden Art Exhibit at the Barron Arts Center on view from April 4, 2023 – May 4, 2023. Please call 732-634-0413 for further information.

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 Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.
Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council Vice President Anderson.

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.

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

HOLD

8. Avenel Fire Department/Fire Prevention Week Open House **(10/14/23)**.

HOLD

Save the date and please join us for pictures with the Easter bunny on Friday, April 7th
from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Avenel Fire House. Please bring your camera.

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

HOLD

10. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.

HOLD

11. Cable Commission/Renewal.

HOLD

12. School 4 & 5.

HOLD

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents that braved the elements and came out to support the School 4 & 5 Referendum vote last week with a 79% vote in favor. Good things are happening to School 4 & 5.

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.
HOLD
14. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD
15. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD

The rest of my Agenda is in order. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, all of our Public Works and Township Employees. God Bless America.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council Vice 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. Taste of Colonia.
 - B. Have a Heart Food Drive.
 - C. Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
 - D. Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.
 - E. Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
 - F. Support the Troops Rally.
 - G. Colonia Pride Day.
 - H. Colonia Clean Up.
 - I. Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
 - J. Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
 - K. Toys for Tots Run.
 - L. 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

This Saturday, March 25th, we will be hosting a spaghetti dinner for baby Billy. He is the son of Haley Thomas and William Parker Bombardier of Avenel. Baby Billy was born with multiple medical issue and has been in CHOP since his birth three weeks ago. Both his parents have taken a leave of absence from their jobs to stay with their son. Though baby Billy is fighting very hard every day to get better, he still has a long road ahead before he can come home. The dinner will be held on March 25th from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Colonia Fire Department. Dinners are \$10 per person and children under the age of 5 are free. If you can come and your day is open maybe after Howie's Easter egg hunt, you can come on over. We really would appreciate you coming over to support this family. Dinner will be prepared by the wonderful crew of the Colonia V.F.W who always give so much to our community. All their time and energy they give to help people that they don't even know.

That is all that I have for this evening.

Council President Anderson: I would just like to add that we had two basketball players make

all GMC. We had a number make all division but only two made all GMC. One was Noah Taylor from Colonia High School on the boy's side and Taylor Derkack on the girl's side. Congratulations to them.

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Council Vice President Anderson: Councilman Patel.

Councilman Patel: My Agenda is in order. Thank you.

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

SHARON McAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council Vice President. I have a few announcements this evening.

1. Events:
 - A. Relay for Life.
 - B. Fishing Derby.
 - C. Parker Press Concerts.
 - D. Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
 - E. Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

Relay for Life is getting underway. It will be held on June 10, 2023 at Woodbridge High School. It's time to make your team and start raising money. Log on to www.relay07095.org to join.

St. James will be holding their Extravaganza Craft Fair and Flea Market this Saturday in the parking lot from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
On March 29th at the Gallery on Main there will be an event held by the Chamber to meet local artists at 101 Main Street from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

4. Buy Local Program.
HOLD

5. Transit Village.
HOLD

6. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD

7. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD

8. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
On April 1st, WAG will be holding their pet Easter basket sale from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The animal shelter is located at 195 Woodbridge Avenue in Sewaren.

9. Dog Park.
HOLD

10. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
(B) Gallery on Main.
HOLD

The Gallery on Main is having their Spring Auction reception which will be held on March 25th from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. where you can come and meet the local artists and have lite refreshments.

11. PACE.
HOLD

12. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD
13. Coast Guard.
HOLD
14. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD
On March 25th from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Alan Lesniak the author of the Muffin Man will be doing a reading for story time. It is poetry month. The library is asking people to put their poems on display so that anyone can come in and read your poem from April 3rd – April 15th. While you're there, don't forget to take your seeds with you and start your own garden.
15. Acacia Center.
HOLD
16. RISE Program.
HOLD
17. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD
18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.
HOLD
19. Earth Day Event.
HOLD
20. Green Infrastructure
HOLD

Woodbridge High School Marching Band will be holding a clothing drive. It's time for spring cleaning. Drop off your gently used men's, women's and children's clothing at Woodbridge High School at door #14. Held on Monday, April 10th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Tuesday April 11th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Wednesday, April 12th, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Also, Rebuilding Warriors which is an event that helps recovering soldiers, will be giving a service dog to a soldier in need. This event will be held at Headliner in Neptune on May 7th from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

That is all I have. Happy Ramadan, Happy Easter and that is all I have tonight. Thank you.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Deputy Municipal Clerk, Chery Sharkey: The Clerk's Agenda is in order.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure Applications under review.
List below does not represent approval of application(s) being considered.

- A. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-052-005 from Maria De La Rosa to Angelina's Woodbridge Liquor License, LLC t/a Angelina's Kitchen, Inc., 6000 Vermella Way, Building G, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
- B. Place-To-Place Transfer (Expansion of Premises) of Liquor License #1225-33-057-004 Sewaren Associates LLC t/a Moby Dick's 351 West Ave., Sewaren, NJ 07077.
- C. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-044-003 Liberty Tavern of Fords, Inc. to Jolly Rogers Bar & Grill, LLC 631-633 King Georges Rd., Fords, NJ 08863.
- D. Change of Corporate Structure for MSK Holdings, LLC t/a Woodbridge Brewing Co., 33 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095 (1225-33-069).
- E. Change of Corporate Structure for Li 88 Liquor Inc., t/a Outerbridge Liquors, 306-340 Rt. 9 No., Suite 8, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
- F. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-022-010 Wick Wholesalers, Inc. to Strickland Steakhouse, Inc., t/a Strickland Steakhouse, 106 Main St., 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 Primary: Election: June 6, 2023

Early Voting: June 2 – June 4

B. 2023 General Election: November 7, 2023

Early Voting: October 28-November 5

6. Best Practices Inventory.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Mr. Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council Vice President.

I have two items on my Agenda this evening. I have a tax and sewer overpayment. I have a parking refund. I have a proposal for Land Conservancy for flood assistance and I have a few add-ons. I have DPW structure contract repair and I have an engineering change order from CME Associates on Route 9/Main Street improvements. Thank you Council Vice President.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Mrs. Darden.

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

POLICE:

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Director Hubner.
Director Hubner: Thank you Council Vice President. Nothing this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

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

HEALTH:

LEGAL:

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you. Legal.
Gary Clemente, Esq.: Thank you Council Vice President. Nothing this evening. Thank you.

RECREATION:

On a motion made by Councilman Spillar and seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously, Council Vice President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:51 P.M