

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 May 9, 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 for some of the folks that experienced tragedies around the County and those people that underserved or victimized.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on November 25, 2022. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Viru Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
John Hagerty, Director of Communications
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Craig Coughlin, Esq.
Gary Clemente, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2023?

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

Council Meeting:

April 25, 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. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MORRIS COMPANY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$910,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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. (2023-28)**

- B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 867, LOTS 1.0121 & 1.0123 IN THE AVENEL SECTION OF WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, LESS ANY RETENTION AS PER STATE HOUSE COMMISSION APPROVAL, BE ACQUIRED BY WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP. (2023-29)**

- C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WOODBRIDGE ARTS ALLIANCE, INC. TO LEASE A PORTION OF 585 MAIN STREET TO THE WOODBRIDGE ARTS ALLIANCE, INC. (2023-30)**

- D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WOODBRIDGE ARTS ALLIANCE, INC. TO LEASE A PORTION OF BLOCK 756, LOT 1.02 AND A PORTION OF BLOCK 753, LOT 7 LOCATED IN SEWAREN TO THE WOODBRIDGE ARTS ALLIANCE, INC. (2023-31)**

- E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 551.05, LOT 159, AND CLINCH**

STREET IN THE WOODBRIDGE PROPER SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (2023-32)

- F. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 75 NEW STREET, BLOCK 535, LOT 2.01, WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY. (2023-33)**
- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-17 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE– TO ADD – HOMESTEAD AVENUE. (2023-34)**
- H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-23 “ONE-WAY STREETS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – CHESTNUT STREET. (2023-35)**
- I. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-21 “MULTI-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODRIDGE. (2023-36)**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening, we have nine. I’ll start with Letter A, which is Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in the amount of \$910,000.00. Can I get a motion that the Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter A.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if it was a big builder, Jack Morris.

John E. McCormac: No.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments under Letter A? Hearing no other comments, 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: Letter B is an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing that Title and Possession of that same property be acquired. Can I get a motion that the Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter B.

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

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: I'm going to take C and D together. They both have to do with the Woodbridge Arts Alliance. Letter C is an Ordinance authorizing and Directing that Woodbridge Township Enter into a Lease Agreement with Woodbridge Arts Alliance to Lease a portion of 585 Main Street in Woodbridge. Letter D is Authorizing and Directing Woodbridge Township to enter into a lease agreement with the Woodbridge Arts Alliance to lease a portion of Block and Lot listed in the Sewaren section. Can I get a motion that these two Ordinances 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 C and D.

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

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: I am also going to take Letters E and F together. Letter E is an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Property by Donation which is on Clinch Street in Woodbridge. Letter F is an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Property at 75 New Street. Can I get a motion that these two Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letters E and F.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, both Ordinances 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: I am going to take Letters G, H and I as Consent. These are all Amendments to Chapter 7, which is our Traffic Ordinance. The first is to add Homestead Avenue to the residential permit parking. Letter H is to add a one way street, Chestnut Street, in Avenel and Letter I is the four way stop in the same neighborhood. Can I get a motion that these Ordinances 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.

Councilman Cory Spillar: Mr. Mitch, I would just like to thank the Mayor, Administration, Traffic Enforcement and Engineering for investigating this area. I'd also like to thank my fellow council mates who were able to meet with the Mayor, myself and a large number of residents from the Chestnut Street area. It turned out to be a good meeting meeting. We feel that these upgrades will significantly help the volume and circumvent any issues on the entire length of Chestnut Street. Thank you.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you. Any other comments?

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: Councilman Spillar, thank you for your leadership with that particular situation.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, and the three Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

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

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

J. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-17 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD – VICTORIA WAY.

K. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 545, LOTS 40.02, 53, AND 54 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER.

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, May 12, 2023 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on May 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Sharon McAuliffe: I would like to ask my fellow council mates to support me on Letter J for the Sewaren section of Woodbridge, Victoria Way. These residents have a lot of issues with parking and we would like to get them some permits. Thank you.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund for overpaid taxes.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refunds for overpaid sewer user fees.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Juan Castro.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran, Fernando Lazaro.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Fords Business Community to host a Cruise Night on New Brunswick Avenue, Fords on Monday, June 5, 2023 from 3:30 P.M. – 8:30 p.m., closing South Brook Street, New Brunswick Avenue to the end of South Brook Street.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council and the Mayor hereby accept the 2023 report and recommendations submitted by the Woodbridge Diversity Committee, pursuant to the Diversity on Boards and Commissions Action within the Sustainable Jersey Certification Program.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Person-to-Person transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-064-006 from Vishwasha Foods, LLC, t/a Yellow Chili to Bay Leaves, LLC., changing the generation number of the license to 1225-33-064-007.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to amend Resolution #20, adopted on April 25, 2023 approving the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-022-011 from Wick Wholesalers, Inc. to Strickland Steakhouse, Inc. t/a Strickland Steakhouse to remove Place-to-Place.

(9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the participation in the 2022 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Federal Grant Program in the amount of \$162,122.00.

(10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of \$671,131.00 as a special item of revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant.

(11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of \$330,584.00 as a special item of revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the R&O WB Retail Urban Renewal LLC Route 9 & Main Street intersection improvements.

(12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Appropriation Transfer.

(13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for the Coordination and Project Oversight for Emergency Repairs and Warranty Period at the Woodbridge Municipal Parking Garage in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

(14) **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 Stafford Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation/Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$795,605.00.

(15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of miscellaneous ambulance and first aid supplies from Stryker Medical in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

(16) **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 and install of a roof for the Iselin Library from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$303,532.42.

(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 Automated Building Control for HVAC work at 86 Green Street in an amount not to exceed \$91,300.00.

(18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP for professional accounting services for general Accounting/Audit for the Township, including, but not limited to the Annual Audit, Bond Anticipation Notes and Bond Sales, PILOT billing calculations and analysis, Health Benefits Calculation and other accounting support services. In an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

- (19) **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 maintenance agreement for the Township's share of maintenance costs for 9 synthetic turf fields from Field Turf USA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$68,625.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of a renewal contract with Spatial Data Logic Inc., for use of an information software program in an amount not to exceed \$79,800.00.
- (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 removal of asbestos containing materials at 458 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords from GL Group, in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.00.
- (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 four (4) 30-yard roll off containers and two (2) 40-yard roll off containers from Wastequip in an amount not to exceed \$55,004.00.
- (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 Aerial Tree Truck from Gabrielli Truck Sales in an amount not to exceed \$405,148.10.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, the Municipal Clerk and the Municipal Purchaser to execute any documents necessary for the purpose of making or completing a contract between the successful bidder, Harris Miniature Golf Courses, Inc., and the Township of Woodbridge, for the Springwood Mini Golf Course in the amount of \$373,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, the Municipal Clerk and the Municipal Purchaser to execute any documents necessary for the purpose of making or completing a contract between the successful bidder, P & A Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$5,846,369.60 for the 2023 Milling and Resurfacing Program.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List dated May 9, 2023 and the Supplemental Bill List dated April 22, 2023 through May 5, 2023.

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 now going to go in to the public portion of the meeting. When approaching the microphone, please state your name and what section of the town or where you live in New Jersey. You will have a one-time opportunity to speak for five minutes. Those of you that haven't been here, I try to give you a little notice when you have one minute left out of courtesy and not to interrupt you. Be kind to each other, there is no speaking out when you have the microphone, it's your floor. If you have to ask a question, you can ask it through me and we'll work on getting you the answer. The public portion of the meeting is now open.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the recent passing of Vinny Martino, how he was well respected within the community and suggested that something be done in Town to honor his memory. Addressed the Mayor regarding the purchase of 107 Ross Street asking how many parking spaces there will be, if it is a SID project and what the total cost would be.

John McCormac: We are purchasing 107 Ross Street, as you said, for \$350,000.00. The Redevelopment Agency is in a contract to purchase 400 North James Street which is the auto use because this was going to be a Redevelopment Project at one point where the apartments and parking lot were going. But then we dropped the projects when the Board of Education thought that the development was too close to Ross Street School. Ultimately we agreed and dropped the project. So, the Redevelopment Agency will turn that property over to us. We already own 114 and 116. We have money in a Bond Ordinance to purchase. The only two structures that will be left will be Mosaic Hair Salon and the older house which is 100 North James Street. Everything else will be leveled and it will be a parking lot during the day for the school and day time shoppers and diner. And on nights and weekends it will be for Main Street shoppers and diners. The purchase of 116 will cost \$400,000 and the other three I do not know because the Redevelopment Agency owns them and they will get them to us. It will be one combined parking lot. It will be a very safe cut through so that the walkers and the parents that drop the kids off and go in with them will never meet the cars that just drop kids off and go. Right now it's crazy at Ross Street School. It's a quagmire of cars coming and going and kids walking. But we are going to make it a whole lot safer. The cars that are going inside are on one side of that street and the cars that are just dropping off will be on the other side of the street and they won't meet. No kid will be walking in front of a moving car.

Resident, Colonia: Spoke about the community garden on Maplewood Avenue. Thanked everyone for listening to some of the residents from Maplewood Avenue.

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

Vice President Anderson made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Spillar Council and carried unanimously at 6:15 p.m.

John E. McCormac: Gregg, if you don't mind, I have to run to the Young Writers Association. I want to answer Mr. Vrtaric's first point. He asked about something being named for former Councilman and former Freeholder, Vinny Martino. Councilman Small, who I don't have to tell you what his relationship was with Vinny, and I think he was like a second father to him and he was devastated by this loss more than anybody except probably the immediate family. He and I

have talked about an idea to name something in Port Reading but it wasn't the time to approach Vinny's wife with that until we gave her some time to get past the funeral and the wake and everything. At the appropriate time, when Mr. Small says now we'll go see her, we'll present the idea and I'm sure she will be okay with it. We will take steps to name something in Port Reading after Mr. Martino. It is already being worked on.

Gregg Ficarra, Council President: Thank you. We'll go into our individual Agendas now.

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

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

All my initial comments are regarding the Woodbridge Community Center and the Club at Woodbridge and a number of our other facilities. Public skating on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. There are various fitness classes going on, open freestyle skating, in-line skating which are all at our Community Center. One of the fastest growing sports especially amongst the seniors, is pickle ball and there is instruction going on there. There is Junior Ice Skating, open public ice skating, stick and puck which I am assuming is hockey, and free senior movies on Thursdays 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Tomorrow is our Senior Summit Day starting at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Wednesday, May 17, 2023, New York Life insurance will have a bagel and coffee seminar. There is boot camp and mini golf and the batting cages are now open. Also, there are opportunities for parties to be held at the Club and the Community Center. There are brochures that went out to the Woodbridge residents.

I would like to thank our Health Department for the wonderful job they did with the Mental Health Day this past Saturday. It was very well attended. We had a lot of groups there and I think we really shined the light on the importance of mental health.

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 President Ficarra: Council Vice President Anderson.

Council Vice President Anderson: Thank you Council President.

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

I also want to mention that the Golden Saints and The Woodbridge Broncos are having their registration season.

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

Aspiring Air Traffic Controllers, ages 18-30, can apply between June 24th and June 27th by going to the website at www.faa.gov/be-atc. The salary range is between \$103,000 and \$164,000. It's paid training and school for those that are interested. I also want to mention that we need substitute teachers and you can contact me at the County office or you can apply through the Township website. We can help you get substitute certified before the end of the year so you can start earning money. New Jersey Transit, Fed-Ex, Shell twp.woodbridge.nj.us and just go into the search bar and put in employment opportunity center and you'll be directed to these opportunities.

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
- I also want to commend Mr. Eddie McSherry and a number of volunteers that helped out with Tooling Around Town over the past few weeks. The weather as you know, 2 weeks ago, really put a damper on the outside projects. But during the week some of the projects were completed indoor and outdoor. We would like to thank our local businesses and volunteers. It's nice that we were able to get back to doing this because with COVID that was one of the things that was interrupted. We look forward to working on next year. If you have a home and you would like to get on the list, please call Town hall.
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

I would like to announce that the Third Annual Juneteenth event will be held on June 17, 2023 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the concert grounds of Woodbridge High School, like it has been in the past two years. There will be food, music and vendors. The Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating for Change, also known as Womack, will be working with the Independent Club of Colonia and the local NAACP in putting that event together. We encourage everyone to come out. Everyone is welcomed to this event.

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Ficarra: Councilman Bauer.

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

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
A. Cruise Night/Trunk or Treat

HOLD

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

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. I'd like to thank all of the teachers for supporting their student's hard work and going above and beyond every day.

To my fellow female counterparts, a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. I would like to wish all mothers out there a very Happy Mother's Day will all of their loved. Thank you.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Small.

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Woodbridge Fire Fighters Local #290.
HOLD
The Fifth Annual Junior Fire Academy will be held at the Woodbridge Fire Department, 418 School Street, Woodbridge will be held July 17th - July 21st from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the Chief’s Office at 732-602-6040.
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge P.B.A. / S.O.A. #38.
HOLD
The Woodbridge Police Officers played the Woodbridge High School kids at the Tunnel to Towers Benefit hockey game over the weekend. The kids won during overtime 11-10.
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 Café is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
15. Light Parade (11/25/23).
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
Save the date for July 7th for Irish night at Woodbridge High School featuring the Willie Lynch band.
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
18. Autograph Signings.
HOLD
Woodbridge Brew Pub will be hosting a meet and greet with New York Ranger Hall of Famer Brian Leetch on May 13th from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. If you are interested, you can call 732-634-2929.

I also want to wish all the moms out there a Happy Mother's Day. God Bless our Police Officers, Firefighters, EMTs and all of our Township employees and God Bless America. That is all I have. Thank you.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE:

Council President Ficarra: Councilwoman DeJesus. Happy Mother's Day.

Councilwoman 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

The Woodbridge Police Department is proud to announce the 13th Annual Junior Police Academy, which has been renamed the Eric C. Ransom Junior Police Academy. The two sessions will be in July. If you need more information, please contact Community Affairs at 732-726-2318 or 732-602-7327. In order to participate, you have to be in grades 6 through 8.

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 Senior Citizen Art Show will run from May 18th – May 25th and there will be a reception on May 25th. Also, this summer, there will be an art exhibit interpreting the struggle of the global bee population. For more information you can contact the Barron Arts Center at 732-602-0413.

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
I am happy to announce the upcoming Mega Show at the APAC, Freestyle legend, Judy Torres and George Lamond is sold out. I want to thank Councilwoman DeJesus for coming up with the idea for the show and letting me assist her.
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

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

I would just like to acknowledge and thank the Greenway Family Success Center for their participation this past weekend at the Township's First Mental Health Awareness day. Council President mentioned a great turn out and event and a beautiful day for such an important topic.

I want to wish all of the moms out there and all of our moms on the Council, a very Happy Mother's Day. I hope you all have a wonderful day, you certainly deserve. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Police Department, CERT and all of our Public Works and Township employees. God Bless America. Thank you Council President Ficarra.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan. Happy Mother's Day.

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

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior and Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD
4. Events: A. 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

The Support the Troops Rally will take place on May 24th at 6 p.m. at George Frederick Plaza which is located in front of the Health Center. This year we will be honoring members of our Woodbridge Township Police Department who are active Police and are also serving our Country. Along with all active members of Woodbridge Township that are currently serving the Country.

- 5. Food Pantry.

HOLD

This Saturday the United States Postal Service will be collecting non-perishable foods that will be delivered to our local food banks. You can leave the food in a bag by the door and your letter carrier will collect the food.

- 6. Reinhard Manor.

HOLD

- 7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.

HOLD

- 8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.

HOLD

- 9. Veteran's Issues.

HOLD

- 10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

HOLD

- 11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.

HOLD

- 12. Volunteer Directory.

HOLD

13. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
14. AED Program.
HOLD
15. Springwood
HOLD

I would like to wish all of the moms a Happy Mother's Day. And also congratulations to all of our college students that are graduating this year. I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

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 President Ficarra: Thank you. Councilman Patel is excused. Councilwoman McAuliffe.
Happy Mother's Day.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President.

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

You can register to participate in Relay for Life and raise funds to help the fight against cancer. To register, please visit www.relay07095.org or log on to the Relay for Life Facebook page for more details.

The Saint James Auction will be this Saturday at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per entrance. Call 732-634-0500 for tickets.

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).

HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.

HOLD

There is still time to get your tickets for the Women's Leadership Connection meeting on May 18, 2023 that will be honoring Dolores Gioffre, with a Woman of Inspiration Award at the Sapphire Grand located on Rahway Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Also, on May 20, 2023, the Annual Chamber of Commerce Street fair will be held from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you would like further information, you can contact the Chamber at 732-636-4040.

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

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
On May 20th there will be story time from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Space is limited and you must reserve your spot by calling 732-634-7571.
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 wish all of the residents, fellow council mates and Township staff a very Happy Mother's Day weekend.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Ficarra: 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.
List below does not represent approval of application(s) being considered.

A. 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.

- B. Change of Corporate Structure for MSK Holdings, LLC t/a Woodbridge Brewing Co., 33 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095 (1225-33-069).
- 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.

I did note Yellow Chili that you took action on this evening. And just a reminder, Executive Session will follow our department's Agenda. That's all I have. Thank you.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Mr. Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. I have two items on my Agenda tonight. I have a tax appeal and a parking refund. Thank you.

POLICE:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Director Hubner: Thank you Council Vice President. I have two traffic ordinances. Thank you.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council Vice President Anderson: 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. I have one item for action. It is a New Jersey DOT grant application for Paddock Street for a roadway improvement project.

LEGAL:

Council President Ficarra: Thank you. Legal.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Mr. President, whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances. Whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances exist. Now, therefore, Be It Resolved that the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge that the public portion of this meeting is hereby recessed in order that the Municipal Council may meet in a closed, executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss contract negotiations. Can I get a motion to approve **Resolution #27?**

Council Vice President Anderson moved the adoption of Resolution #27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously at 6:32 p.m.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: At this time Mr. President, we'll present a Resolution for your consideration. A Resolution to hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Superior Officers Association of which will be on file in my office. Can I get a motion to approve the **Resolution #28?**

Council Vice President Anderson moved the adoption of **Resolution #28**. The motion was seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously at 6:37 p.m.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Anderson and seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously, Council President Ficarra adjourned the meeting at 6:39 P.M.