

Minutes of the Municipal Council and of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on October 7, 2025 at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Council President Spillar: Good evening, we will stand for the Pledge and a moment of silence for all our military personnel that are serving.

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 and Special Notice for Community Benefit Agreement on January 10, 2025 and September 19, 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: Kyle Anderson, Howie Bauer, Debbie Meehan, Daniel Harris, Sharon McAuliffe, Cory Spillar

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small, Virbhadra Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Megan Kushpa, Deputy Director of Communications
Caroline Ehrlich, Chief of Staff
John Hagerty, Director of Communications
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Joseph Nisky, Director of Police
David Kologinsky, Director of Health
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.
Gary Clemente, Esq

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from September 23, 2025?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

September 23, 2025

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.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH FOR PUBLIC RIGHT OF A PORTION OF METUCHEN AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC RIGHTS TO SAME. **2025-66**

- B. CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE WOODBRIDGE WATERFRONT WALKWAY PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$4,000,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A FEDERAL GRANT. **2025-67**

- C. A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWAREN MARINA IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$4,000,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A STATE GRANT. **2025-68**

- D. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES FOR FUTURE USE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,500,000 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. **2025-69**

- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – HANDICAPPED PARKING – FAIRFIELD AVENUE. **2025-70**

- F. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 753, LOT 57 LOCATED AT 511 CLIFF ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY. **2025-71**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We will start with Letter A which is an Ordinance to Vacate and Extinguish for Public Right of a Portion of Metuchen Avenue in the Township of Woodbridge. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Can someone explain the Ordinance?

Council President Spillar: This is an Agreement between Woodbridge Center Mall and Sharon Gardens for the apartment complex property. They connect and this has been ongoing for several years and they needed approvals from all 5 (five) major anchors at Woodbridge Mall, so this really is a housekeeping issue but it's going to revert a portion of their property back to Sharon Gardens Court for them to do what they need to do on their end.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: So, the property is still going back to Sharon Gardens?

Council President Spillar: Correct.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any 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?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We are going to take Letters B and C by consent, both are Capital Ordinances authorizing the amount of \$4,000,000. The first is for the Woodbridge Waterfront Walkway Project in Sewaren and the second is for the Sewaren Marina in Sewaren. Can I get a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other public comments on Letters B and C? Hearing no comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter D is a Bond Ordinance for \$3,500,000 to acquire property on Berry Street. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Have we outgrown our court or storage?

Council President Spillar: It's for the possibility of relocating court, along with some other municipal offices and the parking lot.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: How many properties are we acquiring?

Council President Spillar: Just the one with the parking lot.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: So, have we outgrown our current court space, have we hired more employees?

Council President Spillar: Nobody said that sir. We are looking to relocate some, if not all, of the court offices, amenities and some other municipal offices that might work into that building.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: So then why are we doing this?

Council President Spillar: I'm going to turn it over to the Mayor, I don't want to speak out of turn. New Jersey laws that govern the court are continually enhancing the security.

Mayor McCormac: It is just awkward place for a court to be on the main floor of the Municipal building. It's not the way most towns have it. Many courts are in separate buildings, they are certainly on separate floors. We saw the opportunity when this building came for sale and decided to make an offer on it and it was accepted. It is very likely going someplace where we move the court and then therefore, we can move other offices that in spaces outside of this area into this building which will be more efficient for the tax payers and residents of Woodbridge Township.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other public 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?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter E which is a Traffic Ordinance to add a handicap space on Fairfield Avenue. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any public 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?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter F is an Ordinance to acquire property located on 511 Cliff Road in Sewaren. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any public 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?

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

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

- G. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.
- H. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – VEHICLES OVER CERTAIN WEIGHT EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN STREETS.
- I. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.

40A:12-14(C) (585 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE).

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, October 10, 2025 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent excluding #23 which will be up for approval as a standalone Resolution following a presentation.

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Refund – Overpaid Taxes.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Refund – Parking Permit Holders.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the request of Pennsylvania Avenue School #27 to hold a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24, 2025 (Rain Date October 30, 2025) beginning at 4:00 PM and ending at 9:00 PM.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Appointment – John Kuchma to serve as Township Security Officer for a three (3) year term commencing November 1, 2025 and terminating October 31, 2028.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the modification of consent order with Baldwal’s Enterprises II, LLC.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes that all fees for the rental of the Township’s portable stage for the *North Brunswick Annual Heritage Day* event scheduled for October 4, 2025 are hereby waived.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Shared Services Agreement – Borough of Metuchen for Tax Assessor services for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – County of Middlesex to install Do Not Block The Box pavement markings at the intersection of Inman Avenue and Savoth Lane.
9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Court Appointed Special Advocates of Middlesex County to provide Community Development Block Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – United Way of Central Jersey to provide Community Development Block Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.
11. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Ozanam Family Homeless Shelter (Catholic Charities) to provide Community Development Block Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
12. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Family and Youth Counseling (Catholic Charities) to provide Community Development Block Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
13. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Middlesex County Recreation Council Inc., John E. Toolan Kiddie Keep Well Camp for the counselor training programs that benefit low and moderate income children from Woodbridge Township in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
14. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Prevention Links, Inc. (Greenway Family Services) for educational, recreational and social/emotional supportive resources in its Richness in Community Diversity Program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
15. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Raritan Bay YMCA which provides homeless prevention and supportive services along with its Code Blue program to residents of Woodbridge Township in an amount not to exceed \$77,508.44.
16. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – MRA International, Inc. for the purchase of a large format printer in an amount not to exceed \$47,841.29.
17. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Rehrig Pacific Company for the purchase of sixty (60) green and sixty (60) blue public litter containers in an amount not to exceed \$68,027.00.
18. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Whirl Construction for the purchase and installation of fencing at the community playground at Merrill Park in an amount not to exceed \$51,468.00.
19. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – Flemington Ford for the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford F-450 vehicle for use by Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$57,509.30.
20. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – P & A Construction for emergency storm sewer repair on Patricia Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

21. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – P & A Construction for storm sewer repair on Renewal Way on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.
22. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Agreement – H.A. DeHart & Son for the purchase of one (1) side load garbage truck for use by Sanitation in an amount not to exceed \$450,463.00.
23. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Community Benefits Agreement – Avenel Veterans project.
24. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations in the SFY 2026 Fiscal Year Budget.
25. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township authorizes the Bill List.

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from #25.

Council Vice President McAuliffe abstained from #25.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Mr. President as you are aware I pulled out Resolution #23, the Community Benefits Agreement before the councils to vote on it. I would like to introduce Noah Freiberg to ask him to make a presentation to the governing body as to this Resolution before you before we take a vote.

Noah Freiberg, Senior Developer with Pennrose: Good Evening, I'm a senior developer with Pennrose. We are currently in the process of just about starting construction on a 100% Affordable Veterans Project off Rahway Avenue, which is going to be right on the same location as the Greens of Avenel Project, which is an existing 100% Affordable Veterans Project. The reason that we're here tonight is that part of the funding for this new 100% affordable building are Aspire tax credits from NJEDA which are state tax credits that are sold to help build the bricks and the sticks of the Affordable Housing Project. The NJEDA's Aspire tax credit comes with a Community Benefits Agreement requirement, which is something that's required for all types of projects. Aspire tax credit funds all types of projects throughout the state, not just residential housing and not just Affordable Housing, which is actually a very small piece of this tax credit. The requirement for CBA is something that is required for every project, however, EDA does carve out the exception for 100% Affordable Housing, as it comes with a whole host of amenities and benefits in and of itself including services. We are here tonight to ask for the waiver of that CBA and to talk a little bit about the project itself. This is a 60-unit project for veterans, and it will be 100% affordable, between 30 and 60% of the area median income. There will be a whole host of services provided to the veterans themselves. The township will receive compensation for the land, and there's a PILOT being paid. We're partnering with a recognized nonprofit group

based out of Massachusetts called “Soldier On” which has a very large presence here in New Jersey. They serve veterans all throughout the state but have a large footprint in the Middlesex area. Some of the services that they'll provide is help with health, education, nutrition, social events, provide access to food banks, provide residents with access to renter's insurance, free crediting, national presentations, health and wellness, back to school events, and connecting the residents with veteran services available at the municipality and state level. In addition to the benefits of the 100% Affordable Housing, all residents have access to a number of the services provided, at minimum, on a quarterly basis. Those are all the kinds of things that are going to come that we're doing automatically with this project. We're here tonight for an approval of the waiver of the CBA Aspire, which comes with a whole host of additional administrative requirements and regulations on how to comply over the 10-year period and the EDA specifically carved out the exception of CBA for 100% Affordable Housing but did state that cooperation was required.

Council President Spillar: Thank you very much. I ask my fellow councilmates for their support on this Resolution. I've known Noah and his company for a very long time. It starts with right next door at the Greens of Avenel, which is dedicated to developmental disabilities, not only through the state, but the township. We have spoken to numerous veteran organizations, like Rebuilding Warriors and Soldier On, that you're working with, is spot on. This is one of the things when we talk about Affordable Housing, these are for our veterans, 100% for our veterans, 100% for our disabled veterans. They served our country whether disabled, injured, or whatever it might be or not, but these are our veterans, so what better place than Woodbridge, the best town around, to try to help them. I want to thank you for bringing this to the council.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any questions from Council before I present it to a vote?

Councilman Harris: First of all, thanks for what you do. This is certainly voluntary and thanks for coming to Woodbridge. I know you guys have been good partners here in Woodbridge in the past. Affordable Housing often gets a negative connotation. It's often assumed that it's free housing but it's not, it's not public housing, its veterans, in this case, paying a reduced rent. So that's accurate, correct?

Noah Freiberg, Senior Developer with Pennrose: Correct.

Councilman Harris: Great. Oftentimes affordable housing has a very negative connotation, which is unfortunate. Obviously, shovels aren't on the ground yet. If you're a veteran out there sitting in the audience or watching from home, when and how would they apply for housing in the future?

Noah Freiberg, Senior Developer with Pennrose: Yeah, thank you. We are anticipating, hopefully, to have shovels on the ground in the next 45 to 60 days or a little bit earlier. Construction will take about 14 months, so you're probably talking late 2026 or early 2027, when we will be starting to accept applications because this is a Veterans Project, in the Mayor's Office and we would be working with the Veterans Organizations inside the township to meet with them, let them know

about this project, and answer questions at the time of construction so those veterans around are aware, and apply for that.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: I present to you Resolution #23 which I pulled. Can I get a motion now to approve Resolution #23?

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously. Council President Spillar opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:11 P.M.

Public Meeting:

Council President Spillar: We will now go into the public comments portion of the meeting. When approaching the microphone, please state your name and what section of town or state that you live in. You will have a one-time opportunity to speak for up to five minute and that includes remarks by the speaker and the response by the Council President or Administration. When there is one minute left, I will alert the speaker to emphasize any remaining points or questions. There will be no interruptions from your chair. The public portion of the meeting is a comment and/or Q & A interaction between the Council President and the speaker. When the 5 minutes have passed the speaker is to leave the microphone area and return to their chairs. All videotaping must be in the designated area. The Council President presides over the council meeting. Any members of the audience must adhere to the Township Decorum Ordinance which is posted in council chambers.

John Kazlauskas, Woodbridge: First, I know in prior meetings it was mentioned that there would be some competition for internet and cable. We saw some trucks and contractors putting in lines all over town. I wanted to say, I really appreciate that because it's nice to have more options. I wanted to start with something positive because I don't think we hear enough of that. Second, this is more on a larger scale, but I want to discuss the Renewable Energy briefly. Since 2017, New Jersey has closed six power plants resulting in a loss of 2700 megawatts in energy. We went from an exporter to a big importer which did not help the cost and hurt the residents of the township. Everyone is hurting on this as costs are very high with everything. Affordable energy is not affordable. Activists closed several of these plants and concept of affordable energy right now. I heard through the lawmakers in Trenton that there was a plan for some relief. I received this letter here that was sent out to 103,168 residents of Woodbridge Township. The letter looked like a nice incentive. You can see that this is to help people who are thinking of adding solar panels.

Council President Spillar: I have the letter right in front of me sir.

John Kazlauskas, Woodbridge: I looked at that and thought what about everybody else? John went on to explain the impact on household power from solar verses gas and how solar isn't as sufficient and costly.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I would like to thank the council and administration for introducing Resolution #23. It is refreshing to have a discussion. Usually there are 25 Resolutions and they

are approved by consent, no discussion and you don't hear anything about it because everyone just votes yes and it's over. I believe that 2 of the Councilwomen abstained on the Bill List. Can you tell me the total dollar amount for the Bill List tonight?

Council President Spillar: There are a lot of bills in front of us but I am sure you can OPRA it.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: If I am not mistaken, 2 Councilwomen abstained on all of these bills on every bill, is that correct?

Council President Spillar: If they didn't you would be the first person here to be asking about it. So, which one is it? Do you want them to abstain or not abstain? We did everything in the perimeter of what we are supposed to do. Councilman Anderson and Councilman Bauer respectfully made the motion, and seconded. I just answered your question.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: There is a number of bills, so if they have a problem with one bill, they should not be abstaining.

Council President Spillar: They do not have a problem with a bill, they abstain to avoid a potential conflict. Why are we going to sit here and go through every bill. We are just going to make it easier that way it flows much nicer.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Well, it is their job to review the bills. These are the bills of the township that keeps the town going.

Council President Spillar: You were here several meeting ago and you said they weren't doing their jobs because they did vote on it. Again, which one would you like sir?

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: That was one particular bill.

Council President Spillar: I am the Council President and I'm the one that said that Councilman Anderson you'll make the motion and Council Bauer you're going to second it because they abstained. I just answered your question.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: You should not be making a motion.

Council President Spillar: I didn't make a motion.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I know you didn't make a motion but I raised the question to Councilwoman McAuliffe about making a motion on a bill for her own business.

Council President Spillar: Not tonight.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: No, not tonight but that is why I brought it up. I see the procedure has been changed and I am happy that you followed my advice.

Council President Spillar: It wasn't your advice, trust me.

Vice President McAuliffe was trying to speak but Mr. Gardner still was speaking on the floor. Council President Spillar was advising Mr. Gardner about the question-and-answer session of public speaking. Mr. Gardner was concerned he would not have time to finish his public

comments, so Council President advised Mr. Gardner to ask the questions more in a timely manner so everyone can be heard.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I am running for Councilman because of the property taxes. You withheld a million dollars from the school district and several hundred dollars from the fire district. What do you expect them to do Mr. President? All you're doing is playing a shell game.

Council President Spillar: Which taxes. The mayor is here and in 2021-2022 there was a zero-tax increase. So, make sure you have everything correct sir. Have you gone to a Board of Fire Commissioners meeting? We have nothing to do with the fire tax. From their accountant, we receive the tax rate and that's it.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Those apartments you built 1100 of them.

Council President Spillar: Which you so loved 2 years ago and you heard on the minutes from 2022.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I want the mayor to succeed. He is mayor for 2 more years and I want him to succeed. You on the council, Councilwoman McAuliffe, who I'm running against, I want her to succeed until the end of her term. Just because I'm running doesn't mean I don't support our township and the things that you've approved, even if I disagree.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Commented on traffic, placement of political signs and the Smith Street road crack.

Council President Spillar explained that business owners permit political signs to be placed on their property.

Bruce Banko, Avenel: Commented about the 5-minute time limit and getting to all his content. Suggested weekly meetings rather than bi-weekly meeting. After receiving the list of what the council does, he realized all events have directors, so the council can choose to help and dedicate as much time as they want for the event, then take a photo and end up in a magazine. Mentions that the council does help the community when something is needed and never meant to attack their salaries. He mentioned that if he was elected, he would donate his salary, in part or all, to a program. Bruce questioned the process of the raises for council.

Council President Spillar explained that the council does not vote on any individuals salaries and that every term they vote on a salary range guide so that if each department wants to hire a laborer, custodian, IT, the division head along with the administration of finance comes up with that figure which, again, was back in September of 2024.

Mr. Banko explained that the mayor said you can't have traffic and speeding at the same time, but he was in traffic and almost got hit by a speeding car. He also mentioned the mayor talked about replacing things and the decision to replace a solar panel farm at the Hess property with condos, was a bad decision.

Mayor McCormac: Mr. Kazlauskas, I think you are misreading the letter. We aren't in favor of solar panels. We are basically trying to capture when companies put solar panels in and take

those credits and use them for residents. We can talk after the meeting. Carol Ehrlich is behind me, she is the architect of the community, not the program, but bringing it to Woodbridge. To Mr. Gardner's point, no one likes property taxes, and Mr. Gardner says they should be lowered. He talks against PILOT programs, but last year they put \$28 million dollars into the budget to offset those taxes. 7.5 to 8 million was used to pay school debt. The balance goes into the budget and it also goes to offset property taxes on the revenue side. So, you can't be against PILOTS and against property taxes because the PILOTS help offset the property taxes. After all these years of explanation, he still doesn't understand how they work. They use words like tax exempt, but nobody is exempt from taxes. It should be called a tax discount program. They are getting 15% or so off their taxes. He also says we withhold taxes from the school district and fire district which is wrong and misleading, probably on purpose. We do nothing of the sort. They tell us what their budget requires for an amount to be raised by taxation. They go through the same process that the town, fire district, school district, county and state do to determine how much they need from taxation and they send that to us and we bill it. We pay the school board monthly and fire district quarterly. We don't withhold anything, they get everything they need. Everything they require is in the budget. We get the PILOT money and keep most of it, we share it above and beyond what we have to, however, we do not have to give them anything, but we do beyond what we have to. You wouldn't have all these new expanded schools, school security, school technology, full day kindergarten, a new Ross Street School, a new School #4, a renovated School #5, a renovated Woodbridge Middle, a new former St. Cecilia School #29, a big addition on School #25, a big addition on School #28 in Sewaren, or a new addition to School #24 and #22. All those things were done with PILOTS. I'm just getting crazy tired of constantly explaining to people like Mr. Gardner who uses his lack of understanding for trying to get political benefit. We don't withhold anything from the school board. They get more than they could possibly ask for. To this day, since 1999, when I was a CFO, we did our very first PILOT with the FedEx warehouse down in the Keasbey section of town. Since that time, 26 years ago, not one superintendent of the schools, business administrator of the schools, or board member of the schools said they're mad or not happy with the way the town treats them. We handed them almost \$8 million to pay for the projects that they financed without their tax dollars; they're using our PILOT money. Residents are not paying for those schools; businesses are and it's the best program around. They asked us to speak in Atlantic City this year at the convention about how this works because other towns want to copy how we're doing it. The superintendent is coming with us to talk about how the school's benefit from that. The fire districts get everything they ask for. Not one person from the 9 fire districts we have are complaining that they're not getting anything from us because we're not holding anything from them. They do the same thing the school districts do which is pass a budget indicating the "X" amount needed, we bill it and we pay them and in fact, when there's a tax appeal, we pay 100% of that; fire, school and county don't. We have to put money aside for people who don't pay their taxes, we eat all of that, but school, fire, and county don't. They're so far ahead of the game and they don't complain because they are very happy. The school district got \$8 million from us. They're paying off a \$57 million bond from 2017 and an \$87 million bond from 2020. If we ever got the state to approve the Green Acres Transfer, we're going to go for another \$70 million. The school district's going to build a brand-new School #10 in Hopelawn for kids who travel from Keasbey and Hopelawn to School #9, School #25, and School #19. The kids

don't get involved in sports or after school activities and the parents don't go to PTO meetings because it's a half an hour away. This is wonderful that they're going to get a brand-new school. All if this happens because of PILOTS, yet, Mr. Gardner still every meeting complains about PILOTS with improper facts. We don't withhold anything. Now as far as Mr. Vrtaric, on one hand he said the warehouse project is not in Woodbridge, then seconds later, he said we're responsible for it. How can we be responsible for a project that's not in our town? The project, in fact, is half in Woodbridge and half in Perth Amboy, it's almost split 50/50 down the middle, ironically right on the waterfront and each town has half. Our Economic Development Team, led by Carol behind me with Marta Darden, because we're better at it, they let us take the lead. So, we are responsible for all the work that's being done on that project.

Mr. Vrtaric said how he's so smart because he knows the construction project was responsible for the road collapsing. It doesn't take an expert to figure that out. What we don't know is why. We don't know who's responsible. It could be a fault of the road, bad engineering, bad architecture, or mistakes by the construction contractor, so to say he's got this figured out because he knows the construction project caused the road to collapse; you don't have to be a genius to figure that out. What we don't know is why. There are samples taken of soil, they're checking compaction, slopes, and angles, plus there's a retaining wall that no one knows the condition of because it's covered with brush. This is a major project. I say six to nine months if not longer before it's all done. We had meetings with residents at Keasbey and we have a code red going out so people will know exactly what's going on. When we have something to report, they'll know it. But to say that the project, which by the way he says is in Hopelawn but it's in Keasbey and he's probably never been to the site, caused a problem, okay we all get it. Mr. Banko, you don't need to come to a council meeting to get questions answered. You know, you can call Cory anytime and you do call Cory anytime. We don't need longer meetings, more meetings or public sessions. People don't come to these meetings to get things done because they can just call us if they have an issue. Number one, there's a joke of people making political points, and I can't wait for it to be over in four weeks from tonight. They don't need to come to meetings to get things done. We get 200 emails a day and I'm sure the council gets dozens and dozens of emails. To talk about the council like they just observe or they just attend; somebody tell that to Debbie Meehan, who tonight ran the Breast Cancer Awareness event. In fact, when I got the microphone and kicked it all off, I was there for 15 seconds and I said, "This is nothing that we ran. This is something that Debbie ran. I just got done saying that at 5:30 tonight, she took the mic, got the Girl Scouts and the survivor to come. On Saturday, she's running a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk from St. John Vianney to Springwood Swim Club and then a fundraiser for three victims of cancer in Colonia. Before the start of school, Lizbeth DeJesus and Dan Harris ran 4 backpack drives. Sharon had the idea to run the Sewaren Tree Lighting last year. We had tree lightings in Port Reading, Avenel, Woodbridge and Iselin but Sharon asked about doing one in Sewaren. Don't ever minimize the work that this council does ever again. That's totally ridiculous. They have full-time jobs and they have things they do during the day. We're all here full-time, so we can do a lot more than they can, but they work incredibly hard and they're probably underpaid. So, I'm not going to sit here and let anybody disparage the work of our town council, their teammates, or their colleagues in public service. I can't do anything here without them and they can't do a lot without us. Everything we do needs them to support it, every bill list, every Ordinance, and every Resolution

we have. They've all had years' experience except for Dan, he is a brand-new guy, but he had 12 and a half years on the Board of Ed and now he's on the town council. Kyle's in his fourth term, Howie's in his third term, Sharon's in about to start her second term and Debbie's on three terms. These people are dedicated to this town. I'm not going to sit here and let anybody disparage them and the work they do. Thank you, Council President.

Council President Spillar: Thank you, Mayor, for your comments. Mr. Trombattore it is good to see you sir, you look good. Unfortunately, the public portion was closed, but I wanted to acknowledge you. I will not speak about other fire districts. I know how fire districts work but I will speak for the Avenel Fire District. Through the PILOTS received from the Mayor and Administration of Finance, over the last eight years, have gotten two new fire engines, fire prevention vehicles, and a chief's vehicle along with amenities. Without the PILOTS, at some point, we would end up going onto the taxpayers of the fire district.

We have spoken about the 5 minutes, what is going to happen is come the November 10th council meeting, there is going to be three people here and nothing's going to be brought up about 5 minutes and we're going to have probably six or seven council meetings after that and it's going to be the same 3 people and everybody is going to reach out to all my fellow councilmates, the Mayor, the Administration and that's because we get things done. People use Facebook, Facebook Messenger mail, stopping at the house or a phone call to contact us. Mr. Banko said 2 meetings ago that he hasn't been to a council meeting all year, so he should get more than 5 minutes. Well, you haven't been to a meeting all year and now all of sudden its important. We take everything with a grain of salt. Thank you.

CORY S. SPILLAR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT/ 3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Spillar: My agenda is in order.

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.
HOLD
6. Sycamore Senior Center.

HOLD

7. Route 1 Redevelopment.

HOLD

8. Cloverleaf Redevelopment.

Sprouts located in the Cloverleaf Shopping Center had their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony this past Friday. Many other unique and different businesses will be opening shortly. The Redevelopment Project will total well over 300 permanent jobs for the site. Before the project there were zero jobs.

HOLD

9. Avenel Fire Dept. / Fire Prevention Week Open House.

At approximately 2:55am this past Saturday, the Avenel Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 1256 St. George Avenue. Upon arrival, crews encountered heavy fire conditions with fire blowing through the roof. Woodbridge Police Department officers arrived on the scene and immediately began to rescue trapped occupants from the 2nd floor. Approximately 10 residents who lived in the building lost everything, 5 business on the first floor suffered water and smoke damage and are closed indefinitely. Residents who wish to donate to the families can directly contact the Woodbridge Township Community Fund. God bless all involved and please keep the residents and business owners in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you to all the first responders, Director Nisky and mutual aid. I am going to speak about my own Avenel Fire Department, first on scene and they saved lives. I hear comments online that fireman and police are just doing their jobs but without disregard, at 3 in the morning fireman and police see arrive to fire coming out of every opening of the 2nd floor and there are people trapped, but without disregard to anything, go into the belly of the beast so, please extend our thank you and words of encouragement to all the officers.

Annual Fire Prevention Open House will be on Saturday, October 11th from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Avenel Firehouse. Come see Sparky, go through the smoke trailer and enjoy all the activities that we have to offer.

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

SHARON McAULIFFE, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT / 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Spillar: Council Vice President McAuliffe

Council Vice President McAuliffe: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

1. Downtown Woodbridge.
New parking areas on North James Street and New Street are open. New Street is being repaved and striped.
Main Street SID.
Transit Village & downtown development.
Buy Local.
Parker Press events & music.
HOLD
2. Chamber of Commerce.
State of Township.
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.
October 17, 2025- Fright Fest Movie Event. Free to enjoy.
Barron Arts Center.
18th annual Barron Arts Fest will be held on October 11th at Parker Press.
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.
October the 11th, we have the Frank Gagnon Memorial Fishing Derby.

HOLD

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

HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Spillar: 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.
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

On behalf of you and Avenel residents, I'd like to announce that there will be a holiday concert sponsored by the Woodbridge Council Township Cultural Arts Commission. It's called "Rock This Town Orchestra" and that is Friday, December 12th at 7:30pm and it's located at the Avenel

Performing Arts Center. I want to give a shout out to all three high schools, Woodbridge, Colonia, and Kennedy for their homecoming that they had recently. All three of the schools won their game. For Woodbridge High School, I would like to congratulate them because this is the third year in a row that they've won their division and the last two years have been under Coach George. He just arrived here last year. His record, I don't want to jinx him before he goes into a tough part of his schedule, but he's 16-1 since he got here. He's doing pretty well. Colonia is 4-2 and had a great game the other night. I enjoyed calling that game with our mayor. JFK is also 4-2 and this will be the first time in a while for JFK for a winning season. So, I'd like to congratulate the coaching staff over there as well. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be on October 19th at the Woodbridge Community Center, this is so appropriate that I'm mentioning this because we have two Hall of Famers right here sitting in the front row, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. McAuliffe are the only married couple in our Hall of Fame and both proud graduates of Woodbridge High School. There are a number of great inductees, but our former Councilman, Mr. Gregg Ficarra is going to be inducted this year for his sports prowess in high school and college, but also his dedication as a longtime athletic director and recreation coordinator in our area. So, come out and support the Hall of Fame inductees. I would like to thank the police and fire because we all heard about that fire. I know some of the businesses that were impacted by that and it's a real shame. To the Mayor's point, I saw a text message going back and forth and Councilwoman Meehan immediately offered help do something for these businesses. I am going to miss the fishing derby. I'm sorry because I'll be traveling but I always look forward to that. I want to encourage the kids to come out for that.

Mr. Banko with regards to our salary and the assignments that we have on our agenda, that was chosen by us because that was the area in which we were volunteering long before we got on the council. I myself got involved in the Ross Street School PTO. I picked up a Pop Warner organization that was failing and I've been involved with them since 1999. I didn't run for council until 2011. I never did all of that with the intention of it leading to a council positions. As far as our salary and donations, I can't count how many teams I've sponsored or how many ads I've bought out of that salary that we get from the township. So, while the township does compensate us for our time, we give it right back to the town. I know that you're coming and inquiring about information about how our jobs are done, performed and decided on; it's fair to ask, but Council President gave a thorough explanation. I think that you can probably put that to bed considering that you are running for council yourself. I just want to thank all the council for all they have done. I want to thank our police and our fire for what they did for the people out there. Please keep those folks that were injured in your thoughts and prayers because there were some injuries. Pray for our country as we go through our election period and pray for our leaders so that we come out better in this this new year. Thank you.

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Spillar: 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.
Trunk or Treat/Car Show will be held on Monday, October 20th at Siperstein's Paints parking lot from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There be food, vendors, music, and a costume contest. Come out for a great family event.
HOLD
7. Fords / Hopelawn / Keasbey Fire Companies.
Hopelawn Fire Co.- Monday, October 13th from 400 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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. Highland Grove Swim Pool.

HOLD

14. Little Libraries.
HOLD

15. 988 LIFE LINE.
HOLD

16. School No. 14 Playground.
HOLD

Being a first responder myself, but being out of town, I got a notification right away. A great job by all our first responders there in Avenel. God bless America and God bless all our first responders. That's all I have.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Spillar:

Councilman Small:

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Woodbridge Fire Fighters Local # 290.
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge P.B.A. / S.O.A. # 38.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes / Bicycle Share / Bicycle Paths.
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share / Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for client transport ID #).
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center / Our House.

HOLD

10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels / Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD
13. 2-3-8 Marine Fire Rescue.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Light Parade.
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
18. Autograph signings.
HOLD
19. Pickleball Courts.
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Council Vice President McAuliffe:

Councilwoman DeJesus:

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.
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

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Spillar: 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.

We're in pink. You could tell tonight we brought awareness to breast cancer, and this whole month will continue to do that. We raised the flag with a young woman named Jennifer Davenport from Colonia who's two years in remission. She and the Girl Scouts helped raise that flag and it was a great way just to honor all of those that have been affected by breast cancer. If you want to come out and join us on this Saturday we'll be having our Breast Cancer Walk. It's going to leave from St. John Vianney and at 12:00p.m., we're going to go down to the Springwood Swim Club and we're going to have an October fest there. It's going to be a great day. The walk is \$10 but the entrance is free for the October Fest. There will be beer, wine and food for sale and for the kids there will be pumpkin painting, mini

golf, live music and hay rides. It'll be a really great day and it's going to be for three families within Colonia. Sometimes the community just needs a gentle hug and it's not even the money you raise for these people, but coming out and supporting these people with what they are going through. So, he left, but when he says that we don't do our own events and we just pop in, I'd love for him to see my office because I've been working on this for 3 months and I am not patting myself on the back by any means, but I've been working on this for 3 months and I will be at that event all day long. All of us that do things, stay at our events, and work on our events. I probably need a raise from this event because I put our own money into it. The salary that we do get, a lot of it goes back out to the community. So, I just wanted to tell Mr. Banko that, but he has already left. Please come out and join us. It's a great day and it's a great way to support our community. Thank you.

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

(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Spillar:

Councilman Patel:

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

DANIEL R. HARRIS, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council Vice President McAuliffe: Councilman Harris

Councilman Harris: Thank you, Council Vice 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.

The statewide deadline is October 31st for the three programs, the Senior Freeze, the Anchor, and stay NJ. If you're a senior or disabled resident, you need to fill out the PAS1 application. If you are a non-senior, whether homeowner or renter, you fill out the ANC1 application and if you have not already received a confirmation letter from Treasury, you could apply online through propertytaxrelief.nj.gov or if you don't have a computer or you could call Senator Vitale or Speaker Coughlin's office right down the street here. They will assist you at 732-855-7441.
 - 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

I just want to shout out to the health department that did a great health fair on Saturday. Terrific job. Lots of great resources and thanks to all those organizations who came out.

 - 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.

b. National Public Lands Day.

The Mayor, Councilwoman Meehan, students, the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts came out for these events throughout the township on Saturday September the 27th.
HOLD

11. Energy Affordability.
HOLD

12. Mayor's Advisory Committee.
HOLD

13. Township Communications.
HOLD

14. Sustainability
HOLD

15. Economic Development / Redevelopment

Back in June, the legislature and the governor appropriated \$430 million to go towards the \$3.9 million electric utility payers in New Jersey. They're all going to be receiving a \$100 total bill credit on their electric bill for the September and October bill. There'll be a \$50 credit applied directly to your September bill, which you should be receiving shortly, and then a \$50 bill credit applied to your October electric bill. You don't need to apply. It's done automatically for you. I know you have many questions and energy affordability is a major issue, I don't disagree. When I started on the council, I made it one of my priorities of something that needs to be worked on for sure. For someone who works in Trenton with Speaker Coughlin, among the other legislators, help is on the way. Two major bills were signed in September concerning rooftop solar installations. We have lots of malls, strip malls, and warehouses in this state that do not yet

have rooftop solar installation. So, you should see more of those coming which will generate clean renewable electricity and also energy storage which is one of those new things that's on the way. We're going to charge up batteries overnight and then when there's a high demand for electricity, that electric will be turned on and put into the grid.

The township has a great code red program where it's the Friday call that the mayor issues each and every Friday by a recording providing all the township updates Sign up for free on the township's website and register under code red.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure Applications under review.

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.

Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-44-030-007 from Sri Balaji Enterprise LLC To Balaji Wine & Liquors LLC 768 Rt. 1 No., Suite A, Iselin, NJ 08830

Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-101-008 from Bahama Breeze Holdings to GMRI, Inc. (Pocket License)

Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-074-005 from Trattoria Venezia, Inc. to TD Bar & Grill, LLC t/a Jersey Boys Pizza, 190 Avenel St., Avenel, NJ 07001.

2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).

3. Liquor License Renewals.

4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).

5. Elections.

Election is November 4th and the mail in drop boxes are unlocked over at the Woodbridge Main Library and here at the municipal building. They'll remain open now until election night at 8:00 p.m. Remind residents that the drop box at townhall is clearly marked election ballots, not tax dropbox. Early voting starts Saturday, October 25th until Sunday, November 2nd. That also will be at the Acacia Center.

6. Best Practices Inventory.

Reminder that following the law department, we will go immediately into the Board of Health meeting. Mr. Kologinsky is here. Immediately following that, we will go into Executive Session where we ask the public at that time to vacate the meeting room.

MAYOR:

Council President Spillar: Mayor.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Thank you Council President, nothing this evening.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Spillar: Administration.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Thank you Council President.

Tax and Sewer Overpayments.

Parking Permit Refunds.

POLICE:

Council President Spillar: Director Nisky.

Joseph Nisky, Police Director: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

1 Traffic Amendment

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Spillar: Director Darden.

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

Refund from Developer's Review Fund Account

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Spillar: Director Brew

Director Brew: Thank you, Council Vice President, Nothing this evening.

LEGAL:

Council President Spillar: Legal.

Gary Clemente, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

Councilman Anderson made a motion and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, to begin the Board of Health meeting by Council President Spillar at 7:15p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

David Kologinsky, Board of Health Director: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. Local Health Report.
HOLD
2. Health Licensing.
HOLD
3. Animal Shelter/ Animal Control/ Free Rabies Clinics.
HOLD
4. Environmental Divisions.

HOLD

5. Nursing/ Clinics.
HOLD
6. Health Education.
HOLD
7. Opioid Overdose Recovery Program.
HOLD
8. Annual Health Fair
Held on October 4th
HOLD
9. Public Health Grants.
HOLD
10. Health Mobile
HOLD

Council President Spillar: Thank you, Director Kologinsky.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Mr. President, whereas section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Chapter 231 of Public Laws in 1975 allows the exclusion of the public.

26) BE IT RESOLVED that by the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby approves the Municipal Council to meet in a closed, executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss contract negotiations.

On a motion made by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session by Council President Spillar at 7:18 p.m.

On a motion made by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, the meeting exited Executive Session by Council President Spillar at 7:26 p.m.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

27) BE IT RESOLVED that by the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Woodbridge and Local No. 469 Public School Custodians for term of (3) years commencing July 1, 2025 and terminating June 30, 2028 in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

28) BE IT RESOLVED that by the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Woodbridge and Local No. 469 Public School Custodian Supervisors for term of (3) years commencing July 1, 2025 and

terminating June 30, 2028 in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

On a motion made by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, the Council moved the adoption of the Resolutions at 7:26 pm.

On a motion made by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned by Council President Spillar at 7:27pm.

Cory Spillar, Council President

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