

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 25, 2023

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brindle made the following announcements:

“The adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided by the posting, mailing, and filing of the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council on December 13, 2022. The notice was, on that date, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, mailed to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, and THE STAR LEDGER, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Westfield.”

PRESENT: Mayor Brindle, Councilmembers: Habgood, Parmelee, LoGrippe, Katz, Mackey, Contract, Dardia, Root

ABSENT: None

Invocation was given by Councilman Contract

Salute to the flag.

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Brindle presented the following proclamation:

Town of Westfield

Westfield, New Jersey

PROCLAMATION

Parkinson's Awareness Month

April 2023

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative brain disorder in the United States with symptoms that vary person to person and may include tremors, difficulty with balance, swallowing and speaking, slowness of movement, cognitive impairment and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 1 million people in the United States live with Parkinson's disease and the prevalence is expected rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, nearly 90,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease each year, a steep increase from the previous estimate of 60,000 diagnoses each year; and

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown and there is no objective test or biomarker for the disease; and

WHEREAS, there is no standard treatment for this disease – treatment for each person is based on his or her symptoms and may include medication, surgery, and lifestyle modifications such as more rest and exercise – but no treatment as yet will reverse the effects of the disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, the total cost of Parkinson's disease to individuals, families, and the U.S. government totals nearly \$52 billion a year, which includes \$26.5 billion of non-medical costs like missed work, lost wages, early forced retirement,

and family caregiver time, demonstrating the devastating effects the disease has on a person's finances and ability to participate in the labor market; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease affects not only the Parkinson's patient, but the patient's loved ones and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life for persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are desperately needed to find more effective and lasting treatments and, ultimately, a cure for this debilitating disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Michelle W. Brindle, in recognition of the need to bring awareness to the plight of Parkinson's patients and their families, do hereby designate the month of April of 2023 as *Parkinson's Awareness Month* in the Town of Westfield.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that I hereby encourage my fellow residents to visit the Parkinson's Disease Foundation website at <https://www.parkinson.org> and the Michael J. Fox Foundation at <https://www.michaeljfox.org> for more information about the disease and how you can help.

OPENING REMARKS

Administrator's Update

The Town Administrator announced that the Town of Westfield has once again been named a Tree City USA for the third year in a row. This shows that the Town is protecting the tree canopy and trees in town, thanks to the Tree Preservation Commission and Department of Public Works Forestry Division. Friday is Arbor Day where there will be an annual tree planting ceremony at Jefferson School where students can see the tree planting and also learn how the Department of Public Works machinery is used.

The Town Administrator discussed updates regarding road paving efforts. The Town is currently drafting bid specifications for the portion of town roads to be paved in 2023 through the summer and fall. The utility companies have started paving roads that were opened due to utility work and upgrades. Nixle alerts are sent out every morning informing subscribers of what roads are being worked on. It is encouraged for people to sign up for Nixle alerts. The Town Administrator reminded residents if they are interested in putting in a generator or converting oil to gas to please contact the Town Engineering Department so the Town can plan to have a cut out prior to road paving.

The Town Administrator stated the second quarter property taxes are due May 1st.

Mayor's Update

Good evening, and thanks to everyone who is joining us tonight both in person and online this evening. As a reminder, public comment will be accepted in person only, and we are live streaming for viewing only via Facebook. As always, the replay will also be available afterwards on Facebook, YouTube, and TV 36.

Before we get to tonight's agenda, I want to thank the many Town employees and volunteers who delivered a wide variety of events over the past week. This morning, I attended the annual Crossing Guard Breakfast, hosted by BRAKES, and had the pleasure of thanking our dedicated crossing guards in person for the work that they perform to keep our community safe. ACMS, who manages the Town's program, reports that they have been operating at full staffing capacity throughout the school year, which includes sufficient substitutes to fill absences. As a result, our Police Department no longer spends its valuable time and resources in crossing guard posts, but instead on their primary law enforcement issues. Thank you to the WPD, along with the Westfield Public Schools, for their show of support at this morning's breakfast.

I hope you had the opportunity this past weekend to enjoy some of the many great events that were held throughout Town – including Autism Awareness Month activities, flag football mini-camps for special needs kids and for the inaugural girls’ season, the Free Market from the Green Team, the DWC’s Midday Madness Clue Hunt, and more. It was wonderful to see so many residents and visitors out and about enjoying the events that make our community such a vibrant place.

And don’t miss these upcoming events:

The Friends of Westfield Memorial Library will host its annual book sale Wednesday through Sunday. Details are available at fwmlnj.org.

On Saturday night, join the Westfield American Legion for their Arts & Music Festival from 6:00 - 10:00 at the Westfield Armory with live music, artisans, food trucks and more. All proceeds go to the rebuilding of the Westfield American Legion Hall, which will include 22 units for homeless veterans, a 3,000 square foot banquet hall for rental, and facilities for the veterans. Tickets are available at bit.ly/WestfieldAmericanLegionFestival.

On Sunday, the Westfield Mental Health Council will be hosting a day of activities to kick off Mental Health Awareness Month – starting with the Walk for CAKE in Mindowaskin Park from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, and a Mental Health Fair to be held across the street at the Bauer Branch of the Westfield Area YMCA, 422 East Broad St., from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For more details, visit westfieldnj.gov/mentalhealth.

For all of the photographers in the community, the Public Arts Commission looks forward to reviewing the submissions for the Third Annual Through the Lens Photography Exhibit. This year’s theme is movement, and submissions are due by April 30 at westfieldnj.gov/through-the-lens.

TONIGHT’S AGENDA

Tonight, we have a number of legislative items on the agenda. Importantly, we will vote on the adoption of the municipal budget and the SID budget. We will also vote on a resolution to approve a place-to-place liquor license transfer from the Liquor Basket location to the new House of Wine location on North Avenue, which has been approved by the NJ State ABC. We anticipate the House of Wine to open on Mother’s Day.

Historic Preservation Ordinances

I’m happy to report that we have lots of great things happening on the historic preservation front. To kick off Historic Preservation Month in May, tonight we will be introducing ordinances on first reading to historically designate three homes in Stoneleigh Park. I’d like to thank these homeowners – Marielyce Watner of 3 Stoneleigh Park, Aaron and Donna Keith of 5 Stoneleigh Park, and Donald Furrer and Katherine Spikes of 18 Stoneleigh Park – for voluntarily designating their homes. This will bring our total number of properties designated under this administration to 13 – the most in Town history.

You may recall that when we updated the historic preservation ordinance in 2020, some expressed concerns that the Town would begin involuntarily designating private historic homes. In fact, what we’ve found is that the ordinance has had quite the opposite – and originally intended – effect. When we adopted this ordinance, over some very vocal objections, the Town was making a public statement that this administration, and our community, value historic preservation. In absence of that, why would a homeowner choose to designate their home? To make sure we “walked the walk,” the Town also designated some of our own properties, such as Triangle Park and the Reeve House. These important steps were necessary to establish a community culture that prioritizes historic preservation, and tonight’s designations are proof that they’re bearing fruit. Homeowners are now willingly and voluntarily designating their homes, leaving a lasting legacy that will forever preserve these amazing pieces of Westfield’s treasured history.

We are also introducing updates to the historic preservation ordinance which reflects input from the State Historic Preservation Office to enable our Historic Preservation Commission to qualify for Certified Local Government status. Additional updates include clarification of the role of the HPC relative to other governing bodies, such as the Town Council and Planning and Zoning

Boards, which was not explicit in the original ordinance. This ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review and comment.

Master Plan Implementation Ordinances

We're also introducing a number of ordinances on first reading out of the Code Review & Town Property Committee that update various definitions and recommendations from our Master Plan Reexamination, which is a continuous process we undergo to ensure consistency with that document and with established standards and best practices in other communities.

[Remarks by Councilman Parmelee, Chair of the Code Review & Town Property Committee]: The first three of these ordinances amend the Land Use Ordinance with revisions to definitions found in our Land Use Ordinance based upon recommendations from the Master Plan Reexamination for the following terms: bay window, building eave height, and swimming pool. There are also ordinances on first reading revising permitted conditional uses, retaining wall provisions, and design standards. These ordinances will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review and comment.

Stormwater Management

Finally, we'll introduce an amended Stormwater and Floodplain Management ordinance, which is being required by the State of New Jersey for all municipalities after the NJDEP's model ordinances and subsequent local Flood Damage Prevention ordinances were audited and found to be inconsistent with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. The new ordinance provides for better coordination between NFIP, NJ Flood Hazard Area Control Act (FHACA), and Uniform Construction Code (UCC) regulations. It is also more specific to riverine flooding, and allows communities to utilize Best Available Data to regulate floodplains. The new ordinance also provides for higher fines for non-compliance.

With that, let's get to work.

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

“2023 SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET.”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

“2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

PENDING BUSINESS

BIDS

MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman LoGrippo and seconded by Councilwoman Mackey, Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session and Regular Meeting held April 11, 2023.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS

Mayor Brindle opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mayor Brindle stated an ordinance on first reading related to rooftop decks that was on the agenda has been removed from the agenda.

Frank Fusaro, 422 Stanley Avenue - Mr. Fusaro made comments regarding the rooftop decks which was removed from the agenda. He wanted to know if the zoning ordinance pertains to all structures both new and existing or is it being proposed specifically for One Westfield Place and the Sophia Development. Mr. Fusaro stated Westfield is not the “Jersey Shore” where rooftop decks are permitted to allow views of the ocean and bay areas. He commented on numerous safety concerns with the proposed ordinance. He would like to know if the Fire Department is equipped to put out a rooftop fire and what is the plan for individuals who are on the roof. He explained this is why the current zoning ordinance limits the heights of most buildings in town to 40 feet. He feels pools, hot tubs, cooking equipment, and outdoor furniture does not fit in with the character of the town. He is also concerned with the privacy and nuisance issues that can arise from roof deck entertaining. Mr. Fusaro asked if the Fire Officials and EMS have weighed in on this ordinance and are in support of it. He implores the Council to reconsider.

Lorre Korecky, 207 Charles Street - Ms. Korecky understands the ordinance relating to rooftop decks is not on the agenda this evening but would like to comment on it as she has great concerns. She believes allowing roof top decks is a radical change in the town. She is concerned about the height of the decks on the One Westfield Place buildings. She also expressed her concerns about the lighting, noise, cooking, and audio/visual factors that will go on until 11P.M. at night. She reiterated this is a drastic change for the town. She beseeches the Council to rethink the ordinance.

Bob McNamera, 603 Lawrence Avenue - Mr. McNamera also discussed the rooftop deck ordinance. He pointed out that the ordinance applies to all zones, not just the CBD or GB-1, article 13 is all residential zones. He would like to see this tailored to a specific need and not just make it a blanket for all of the town.

Carla Bonacci, 603 Lawrence Avenue - Ms. Bonacci commented on the Land Use ordinances that are being proposed for first reading. She would appreciate a redline version of the ordinances to make a comparison of what is being changed without having to search through the existing ordinance. She feels this is an accepted way to make the changes for everyone to understand them. Regarding the ordinance relating to design standards, she is asking why items are being removed without any design guidelines after two years. She explained that typically when design standards are created there are also design guidelines, otherwise the document has no “teeth” and can be interpreted in any way. She also questioned why the architectural review board was eliminated as well as language related to landscaping.

Dr. Michael Armento, 30 Sandra Circle - Dr. Armento announced he is the Ward 2 Republican Candidate for Council and voted today for the increase in the school budget. He discussed previous comments made by Mayor Brindle regarding the schools will always be funded. He discussed the difference of the school payments through conventional taxes opposed to funds being used through a PILOT at the discretion of the town. Dr. Armento commented that taxpayers may have to pick up the bill for the school increases if the PILOT funds are not being used for the schools. Dr. Armento also echoed concerns that Mr. Fusaro previously addressed rooftop decks. He feels this should not be allowed and not put back on the agenda in the future. He stated the town is catering to the needs of Streetworks.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Brindle closed this portion of the meeting.

Mayor Brindle addressed comments related to the rooftop ordinance and explained it is being further reviewed by the Code Review & Town Property Committee. It should be known that there is currently an ordinance that allows for commercial rooftops in the CBD. Many of the concerns that were raised would also be consistent with commercial rooftops which have been vetted and approved by all the necessary entities including the Fire Department. Consistent with the commercial ordinance, Mayor Brindle stated residential rooftops would be under the same criteria that has already been approved.

Mayor Brindle addressed Ms. Bonacci’s comments and explained the ordinances put forth are to make them in compliance or in support of the recommendations that came from the Master Plan Reexamination and suggest contacting the Town Planner with any specific questions or comments as he can speak to them.

Lastly, Mayor Brindle addressed Dr. Armento's comments related to the school budget and wanted to remind everyone the PILOT for One Westfield Place isn't projected to be stabilized until 2030. The Mayor further explained a lot can happen in seven years to both the municipal budget and the school budget. There can be a significant increase in the school budget from state aid or the municipal budget can have unforeseen challenges. Mayor Brindle explained there are on-going conversations with the school district to understand the needs of the district. The Town is fully committed to helping the school's with capital improvements.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

On motion by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilwoman Root, bills and claims were adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$131,542.39 per the list submitted to the members of this Council by the Chief Financial Officer, and approved for payment by the Town Administrator be, and the same are hereby, approved and that payroll warrants previously issued by the Chief Financial Officer be ratified.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Policy Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilman LoGrippe, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 104

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individual via credit card:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Erica Ciluffo	Withdrew	Pool Membership/Non-Resident Family of 4 or less	\$795.00 Credit Card
Varsha Iyer	Withdrew	Playground/Tamaques Siddharth Iyer	\$389.50 Credit Card
Susan Davis	Injury/Withdrew	Adult Tennis/Session 1 Lo Int/Int/Thu/6:00pm	\$147.25 Credit Card
Lindsley McMurdo	Withdrew	Brightwood Park Nature Class Callum McMurdo-April 13	\$9.50 Credit Card
Dena Bloomberg	Withdrew	Field Hockey Spring Clinics Ava Bloomberg/5-8 grade group	\$133.95 Credit Card
Maciej Kowalewska	Program Canceled	Zumbini with Alli	\$178.00 Credit Card
Joanne Pang	Program Canceled	Zumbini with Alli Charlotte McAnanama Alexandra McAnanama	\$178.00 \$178.00 Credit Card
Donald McDermott	Withdrew	Pool Membership/Resident Family of 4 or less	\$460.75 Credit Card
Christopher Fontenelli	Difference	Pool Membership Membership difference	\$145.00 Credit Card
Michael LoPiccolo	Difference	Pool Membership Membership difference	\$145.00 Credit Card
Joseph Stampone	Duplicate	Pool Membership	\$599.00

		Enrolled Twice	Credit Card
Alexander Shalayev	Duplicate	Pool Membership Enrolled Twice	\$340.00 Credit Card
David Feeney	Withdrew	Playground/McKinley Patrick Feeney	\$389.50 Credit Card
Igor Perelman	Withdrew	Playground/Jefferson Samuel Perlman Ian Perelman	\$389.50 \$389.50 Credit Card

Resolution No. 105

RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is, authorized to draw warrant for unused parking permit fee as follows:

Nicole Muhr 753 Austin Street Westfield, NJ 07090	Watterson Street/Lot 6	#23060030	\$315.00
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Resolution No. 106

WHEREAS Gerald Infantino, on behalf of Premier Design Custom Homes, posted an escrow in the amount of \$1,000 with the Town of Westfield to guarantee the installation of landscaping at 41 Mohawk Trail, as required by the Tree Preservation Committee's approval of Tree Permit #20-048, and as a condition of CO approval, and

WHEREAS the two-year time period has elapsed, the necessary landscaping installation(s) have been completed and the applicant has requested that this amount be returned, and

WHEREAS the Director of the Department of Public Works has authorized that the work is in compliance with the provisions of the requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to issue a warrant in the name of Gerald Infantino, Premier Design Custom Homes for the release of previously held escrow monies, in the total amount of \$1,000.00 and forward same to:

Gerald Infantino
405 Quantuck Lane
Westfield, NJ 07090

Resolution No. 107

WHEREAS, a need exists for technical upgrades to the Town Council Chambers and other meeting rooms within the Westfield Municipal Building, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held October 13, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield authorized an award of contract to Fraytak Veisz Hopkins Duthie P.C. (FVHD), Architects and Planners, for various design and architectural services for the Town's AV Broadcast Video System in Town Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, through the design and architectural services provided, FVHD recommended that the Town of Westfield authorize a contract to CDW Government, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-1515 for the technical upgrades needed for Town Council Chambers, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 248-2021, a contract for these technical upgrades was awarded through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to CDW Government in the amount of \$173,577.77, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 59-2022, a contract for alternate items including document camera, interactive technologies and recording and distribution equipment, was awarded through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to CDW Government in the amount of \$36,631.68, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 251-2022, a contract for additions to the lectern and network switches and mounting field changes to the projector and TV screen was awarded through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to CDW Government in the amount of \$22,907.00, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for further technical upgrades including a new Audio Visual system in Council Chambers, installation of fiber and a wireless microphone, and a change to the touch panel, and

WHEREAS, CDW has notified the Town of Westfield that these purchases are governed by their Cooperative Agreement with Sourcewell (Vendor Agreement 081419#CDW).

WHEREAS, the Town Treasurer certified to the availability of adequate funds for payment of the above referenced alternate items, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 1.10, which will be in the amount of \$17,010, under Sourcewell Vendor Agreement 081419#CDW, charged to Special Ordinance 2221, C-07-21-222-1F1, using Purchase Order No 21-03575, increasing the amended contract from \$233,116.45 to \$250,126.45.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield be and hereby authorize an amendment to the contract awarded for services described above to CDW Government, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-1515 for a fee not to exceed \$250,126.45, under Sourcewell Vendor Agreement 081419#CDW, an increase of \$17,010.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution and discharge of this Contract.

Resolution No. 108

WHEREAS, the full-time position of Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector has become available within the Town of Westfield: and

WHEREAS, Matthew Devaney has demonstrated his capabilities to serve as the Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector and possesses the necessary license (#011509); and

WHEREAS, Frank Vuoso, Construction Official has recommended that Matthew Devaney be appointed as the Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Construction Official and be and hereby approves the appointment of Matthew Devaney as Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector, effective retroactive to April 17, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office of Regulatory Affairs.

Resolution No. 109

BE IT RESOLVED that as attestation of compliance has been provided pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-8 (1a) and (1b) the 2023 Municipal Budget may be read by title.

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood seconded by Councilman Contract was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 110

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, that the Special Improvement District Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall

constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of

\$416,347.00 for Special Improvement District Purposes

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent:
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood seconded by Councilman Dardia was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 111

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$31,026,757.45 (Item 2, below) for municipal purposes, and \$3,057,757.00 (Item 3, below) for Minimum Library Levy and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations:

1. General Revenues	
Surplus Anticipated	\$3,995,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	15,643,695.10
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	1,225,000.00
2. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	31,026,757.45
3. Amount to be Raised by Taxation - Minimum Library Levy	<u>3,057,757.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$54,948,209.55</u>
4. General Appropriations	
Within "CAPS"	
Operating including Contingent	\$33,633,071.00
Deferred Charges	5,291,775.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
Operations	9,058,309.55
Capital Improvements	1,205,066.00
Municipal Debt Service	3,129,988.00
Deferred Charges-Municipal	5,000.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	2,625,000.00
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$54,948,209.55</u>

Councilwoman Habgood thanked the Town Administrator & Chief Financial Officer for their hard work and efforts on the budgeting process. As Chair of the Finance Policy Committee, Councilwoman Habgood also thanked the other members of the Committee for their efforts as well.

Yeas: Habgood
Parmelee
Katz
Mackey
Contract
Dardia
Root
Mayor Brindle

Nays: LoGrippto

Absent:

Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

Code Review & Town Property Committee

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Parmelee, seconded by Councilman LoGrippto, was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 112

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a place-to-place transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License 2020-44-013-009 issued to AASHIV INC., House of Wine & Liquor, 115 Quimby Street, New Jersey for purposes of changing the premises under wherein the service of alcoholic beverages is authorized; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby approve, effective April 25, 2023 the place-to-place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution Licensed premises, from its former location at 115 Quimby Street, Westfield, New Jersey to its new location at 560 North Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey and does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: “This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located at 560 North Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey”

General Ordinance No. 2023-13

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND HISTORIC LANDMARKS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD”

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mackey.

Councilman LoGrippto stated, as liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission, this ordinance is great but wishes there was more thought put into historic preservation with the One Westfield Place project and the Sophia as far as the aesthetics of the Town.

Mayor Brindle thanked the efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission.

General Ordinance No. 2023-13 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood
Parmelee
LoGrippto
Katz
Mackey
Contract
Dardia
Root

Nays:

Absent:

Mayor Brindle

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-13 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-14

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 3 STONELEIGH PARK, SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TAX MAP AS BLOCK 4207, LOT 20, AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP"

The motion was seconded by Councilman Contract.

General Ordinance No. 2023-14 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent:
Parmelee		
LoGrippo		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-14 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-15

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-15 – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 5 STONELEIGH PARK, SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TAX MAP AS BLOCK 4207, LOT 18 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP"

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Root.

General Ordinance No. 2023-15 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent:
Parmelee		

LoGrippto
Katz
Mackey
Contract
Dardia
Root
Mayor Brindle

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-15 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-16

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16 – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 18 STONELEIGH PARK, SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TAX MAP AS BLOCK 4209, LOT 7 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mackey.

General Ordinance No. 2023-16 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-16 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-17

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN REGARD TO THE DEFINITION OF BAY WINDOW

The motion was seconded by Councilman Dardia.

General Ordinance No. 2023-17 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-17 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-18

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement:

I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN REGARD TO THE DEFINITION OF BUILDING EAVE HEIGHT"

The motion was seconded by Councilman Katz.

General Ordinance No. 2023-18 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-18 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-19

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement:

I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN REGARD TO THE DEFINITION OF SWIMMING POOL

The motion was seconded by Councilman Contract.

General Ordinance No. 2023-19 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-19 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-20

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN REGARD TO CONDITIONAL USES"

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Root.

General Ordinance No. 2023-20 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-20 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its

introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-21

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement:
I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN REGARD TO RETAINING WALLS”

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mackey.

General Ordinance No. 2023-21 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-21 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

General Ordinance No. 2023-22

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement:
I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN REGARD TO BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS”

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mackey.

General Ordinance No. 2023-22 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-22 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council

Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Public Works Committee

General Ordinance No. 2023-12

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Katz made the following announcement:
I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12 – AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE IV, “STORM WATER CONTROL AND FLOOD PLAIN”; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; AND TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR”

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mackey.

General Ordinance No. 2023-12 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent:
Parmelee		
LoGrippe		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-12 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilwoman Root at 8:49 P.M. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lawshe, RMC

Town Clerk