

**Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Call to order**

**Roll Call**

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilwoman Worthy</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Deputy Mayor Whitfield</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Mayor McIntosh</i>	<i>X</i>	

**Prayer by Elder Patty Harris Perkins - Cathedral of Love Church**

**Flag Salute**

**Statement**

**In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner:**

**On January 10, 2022, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and was mailed to the Burlington County Times, the Intelligencer, and the Courier Times.**

**On January 10, 2022, advance written notice of this meeting was filed with the Township Clerk. The Clerk is directed to enter into the minutes of this meeting this public announcement.**

**PROCLAMATION**

There is no Proclamation to be read for this meeting.

**MANAGER'S MUNICIPAL UPDATE**

- Activities from April 11<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>
  1. Township Clean Up Day on April 23<sup>rd</sup> - hosted by Kevin Gaines (68 participants) and collected seventy-seven (30 gallon) bags of trash and collected two (30 gallon) trash bags of recycle materials
  2. Golf Training Class on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  3. Birthday Events at the JFK Center
  4. JFK Center handed out some Seedlings and Trees to any interested participants
  5. Go Root Organization assisted with plantings in the garden for the Kennedy Center
  6. Tax Collector reported there were no uncollectable taxes for 2021 this report is under NJSA: 54 – 91 requires a statement from the Tax Collector through the Governing Body by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
  7. Had a follow up meeting with the NJEDA regarding the grant planning for the Willingboro Grand Market Place Study, will be releasing funding to the Township in amount of \$50,000 with 20% in time match, will be looking for community and council participation for planning
  8. Met with two companies that can provide electric vehicle solutions for the township, met with Brian Electrics who helped us submit our clean fleet EB grant application to the New Jersey Public Utilities, this grant will provide the Township \$2,000 per charger, they would provide \$10,000 for the installation and \$4,000 per vehicle plus PSE&G will offer a potential grant of \$15,000 for the installation, Township will be installing our first electric vehicle station in the Municipal Complex, met with second company Flo, submitted applications for The It Pays to Plug In Grants which offers potential EB charging stations
  9. Continued discussion about the website and its functionality, discussion with legal counsel about the inactivity of current contract provider and met with civics plus, going to have

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some follow up presentations to present to council

10. Planning for Juneteenth celebration festival – Festival on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Millcreek Park from 12pm – 4pm, it will be informative and entertaining, food trucks, food vendors, African Drum, Dance, Spoken Word & Community Choir – will promote the festival the second week of May, collected over 15 vendor applications and \$800 in fees, anyone can vend through the Willingboro Recreation Center site

- **Synopsis of Ordinance and Resolutions**

Ordinance 2022 – 1 will probably be tabled until May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

Resolution 2022 – 40 will probably be tabled until May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

Resolution 2022 – 72 will be under public hearing tonight

Resolution 2022 – 73 Authorizes Refunds for Overpayment of Taxes

Resolution 2022 – 74 Designating the month of May as “Bag Up NJ” month

\*Reminder – Residents bring your own reusable bags to the store.

Resolution 2022 – 75 A Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Special Permit for a Golf Facility by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to the Rancocas Golf Club

Resolution 2022 – 76 Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers for Payment & Ratification

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – 2 MINUTES**

**Lavonne Johnson**

**46 Hinsdale Lane**

- Regarding the golf event license there’s already standing ready to grant to the Rancocas Golf Club by the Ordinance in 2000 that we passed a permanent liquor license for consumption the Rancocas Golf Club, part of the Ordinance that we passed back then was for Redevelopment on Rt. 130 in our Redevelopment Zone and the 6 license is to go to the golf course, it was liquor license that was earned through the passing of that Ordinance, they are entitled to have an entire Golf Liquor License on the golf course based upon the Ordinance we passed in 2000

**Shirley Dilworth**

**Newport Lane**

- Resolution 2022 – 74 - 1. The Bag Up New Jersey starts during the month of May but it continues throughout the year? 2. Who’s going to oversee or monitor this program?

**Pat Lindsay – Harvey**

**Hadley Lane**

- One of the liquor license was put to the side for the golf course and it was contingent upon them building a clubhouse for them to have the actual liquor license because if it was the other way why wasn’t it done that day, the liquor license was passed in 2003 if it was that they were entitled to it, I would think it would have been done a long time ago but I remember they had to build a clubhouse in order for them to get the license

**Garret Montgomery**

**General Manager of Rancocas Golf Club**

- Regarding the liquor license we are looking to get this course up in the best shape we can, we’re trying to get as much Revenue in as we can, the course has been neglected for the past 10 years,

**Terena Williams**

**8 Botany Circle**

- While I think Bag Up NJ Month is great, May is also Lupus Awareness Month and Older Americans Month, I think both of those are very important, it would be nice to dedicate the transition of us having to let go of our grocery bags but it would also be very respectful and appropriate to spread awareness on these other important causes, if you go online and type up May Awareness Month you will be able to see a wide variety of awareness’ that are all equally important

Public Comment for Agenda Items is now closed.

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**Mayor McIntosh** – Mr. Harris, are you aware of any ordinance concerning the golf course?

**Township Manager** – No I have not seen any ordinance regarding the golf course, the liquor licenses are something that are issued or not, it is not something we just put forward in advance for buildings and facilities then issue them a liquor license, there's an explicit application process, there's a vein that applicants need to go through with the state for police with financial records that goes into play before a liquor license will be issued. A consumption license is being offered in Willingboro.

**Solicitor (Mr. Taylor)** – I will be happy to look back at historical records to see if there's an Ordinance for this. I will work with Mr. Harris to verify if there was a liquor license if so, is it still in effect.

**Councilman Anderson** – To the best of my recollection, we did not officially offer a liquor license, we examined the Ordinance to see what we needed to do to expand and create an opportunity. With doing so, I believe the Ordinance stated it needs to be at least 125 seats. The question came up does it have to be a physical brick or mortar, or can it be the temporary tent they put up. If the temporary tent seated 125 then it would allow them to come to us and apply. That was some of the conversations Mike Armstrong (former solicitor) was the solicitor.

**Township Clerk** – I have those documents, Mayor.

***Township Manager addresses public comments***

- In regard to Ms. Dilworth question about Bag Up NJ month, she is correct that is a State Legislation and that will go into effect tomorrow. I don't know who's going to enforce that State Legislation. It's just like when they outlawed the no plastic straws to paper recyclable straws. I don't know if there's going to be a plastic bag police going around. We have to follow the State Legislation and see where the enforcing responsibility lies. The township police are a Code Enforcement those are the details we would have to view and look over. Mr. Lester could help us look into who is the enforcing entity with the State Legislation.
- It was Ms. Pat – Lindsay Harvey who hosted the Golf Training class at the WMUA on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- To Ms. Terena Williams concern, we will review the other awareness in May like Lupus that need to be recognized and prepare any proclamations and resolutions in our subsequent meetings, Bag Up NJ was presented to us through the NJ Clean Community council that requested we pass this resolution

**Mayor McIntosh** – Dr. Worthy put a link in the chat about Bag Up NJ for those who are interested in further information or have questions.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Ms. Terena Williams Thank you for bringing up the other awareness in May, if any resident wants to recommend any Proclamation or Resolution you can send an email to the Clerk's Office at least two weeks before the month.

**ORDINANCE**  
**ORD 2022 – 1**

***TABLED ON MARCH 15TH UNTIL MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>*** **ORDINANCE**  
***OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY***  
***BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE RE***  
***APPROPRIATION OF \$153,760.21 IN UNUSED DEBT***  
***AUTHORIZATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL***  
***PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES***

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*AS LISTED BELOW*

I need a motion to extend the table until May 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilman Anderson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Perrone			<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Worthy		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

**RESOLUTION**

**Res 2022 – 40**

**TABLED ON APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> UNTIL MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

I need a motion to extend the table until May 17<sup>th</sup>

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Councilwoman Perrone			<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Worthy		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

**Res 2022 – 72**

**PUBLIC HEARING / TO AMEND BUDGET**

I am requesting to have a motion to have this public hearing on May 17<sup>th</sup>

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Councilman Anderson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Perrone			<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Worthy			<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

**\*Councilman Anderson redraws his motion and Deputy Mayor Whitfield redraws her second.**

**Res 2022 – 73**

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR  
OVERPAYMENTS OF TAXES*

I need a motion

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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Councilwoman Perrone			<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Worthy		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

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**Res 2022 – 74**      *RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS “BAG UP NJ” MONTH*

I need a motion

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Councilwoman Perrone			<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Worthy		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

**Res 2022 – 75**      *A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A GOLF FACILITY BY THE DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL TO THE RANCOCAS GOLF CLUB*

I need a motion

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Councilman Anderson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Perrone			<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Worthy		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

**Res 2022 – 76**      *AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT & RATIFICATION*

I need a motion

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilman Anderson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Perrone			<b>X</b>				
Councilwoman Worthy		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			<b>X</b>				
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**Treasurer Report**

I need approval of the treasurer report

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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Deputy Mayor Whitfield			<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

**MINUTES**

**030122**

**030822**

**031522**

**032222**

**032922**

I need approval of the minutes

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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Councilwoman Worthy	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				
Mayor McIntosh			<b>X</b>				

**Discussion –**

**Councilwoman Worthy** – Thank you to Ms. Bligen for the revision to the minutes.

**MUNICIPAL CLERK UPDATE**

- Youth in Government Day – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the youth will be coming to the township and working with the department directors for 4 hours, and they will do the council meeting via Zoom
- Election Day is June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will not be doing a tally in-house anymore, we will accept the envelope and the voting and tallying will be done by the county

**Discussion –**

**Councilwoman Worthy** – When was the decision being made to no longer do the tally of the votes in house for Willingboro?

**Township Clerk** – I made the decision today myself. It serves no purpose.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Can you expand upon that? Do other townships, do it? Was it a courtesy thing ?

**Township Clerk** – It was a courtesy. I am not aware of any other township that does it, but it is an option.

**Councilwoman Worthy** – Madam Mayor, I would like the opportunity to understand the historical context of Willingboro’s doing its own count, why we did it and how did it start, and the impact of not doing it. I’m curious as an elected official how that was helpful or used in the past?

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**Mayor McIntosh** – You would like to request that from...?

**Councilwoman Worthy** – I’ll make the calls and talk to council to understand that.

**Councilman Anderson** – Ms. Bligen, do you know what the dollar amount is that we spend on overtime for that evening?

**Township Manager** – No.

**Councilman Anderson** – That’s some information I would like to see as well.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Yes, actual overtime cost for tallying those votes. Dr. Worthy, you will bring that back to council?

**Councilwoman Worthy** – Yes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Councilman Anderson** – Boards and Commissions

Shelter Board - We received a resignation today from a resident which opened up a spot. I would like to have support from council to appoint Dr. Cleophus A. Robinson. He has been active for many years, and he forgot to reapply, he submitted his information and has been waiting. He’s been participating as a resident, and I would like to receive councils support to reappoint him back.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Can you just clarify who resigned?

**Councilman Anderson** – Ms. Corvena Francis – Denton.

**Councilman Anderson** -

I motion to have **Dr. Cleophus Robinson** reappointed to the Shelter Board.

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Lavonne Johnson**

**46 Hinsdale Lane**

- I would like to address the fact that the clerk no longer wants to do the tally of elections on Election night. We have historically done that for the entire length of Willingboro’s existence. Willingboro is the strongest vote block in the county, it’s the bell weather, it’s the lynchpin of how elections turn in the county whether if they will be Republican or Democrat. It usually depends on Willingboro’s vote. If we only rely on the counties tally that’s going to be coming in at 2,3,4 in the morning. It’s way later than our tally is locally. It’s the one

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indication for whether or not certain candidates win or not whether at the county level, legislative district seven level, congressional district three level or electoral level. It's a very crucial piece of information. I don't believe it would cost that much overtime. It only takes one or two clerks' members to be working there, it's a part of their duty, it's one of the most important duties that the clerk conducts throughout the entire year. The clerk is the overseer of all elections. It's a very important duty and comp time off the next day would be merited for them time wise. I don't see how cost is a problem at all. It's crucially important politically for candidates to know how Willingboro has turned out. It's also a good bell weather for showing citizens how important their votes are. The votes in this town are very important in the county, state, and federal level. Them realizing that our turn out is low or high or mediocre we only know that when we get the tallies and that we have the most voting districts of any town in the county. I highly object to canceling the tally. It's a way young people can be inspired to get involved with their community.

**Pat Lindsay – Harvey**

**Hadley Lane**

- Kudos for an effective and collaborative meeting
- My condolences to Councilwoman Perrone on the passing of your father

**Beuluh Williams**

**8 Botany Circle**

- Nice meeting, I congratulate you everything was informative and concise
- I really appreciate our previous speaker on expounding the importance of checking the votes, it was very informative.
- I need to know the status of the year before Deputy Mayor explained the opportunity to buy bonds, could you please give an update of that?
- What's the status of the Creek Road Bridge? Is that being funded or non-funded? So, we can have access to using it again.

**George Youngkin**

**13 Regent Court Medford, NJ (former resident of Willingboro)**

- I go to many golf courses, I can tell you, you can always have lunch or alcohol beverage at many of these golf courses, you cannot do that at Willingboro. We do serve light snacks, but we do not have a full lunch menu. The current overhead Mr. John Cave has come in a couple years back and he has hired a maintenance staff, we take pride in the upkeep of the course and the appearance. I think we receive pretty good feedback and that the residents are happy with the property values. Not a day goes by that someone asks if we have alcohol. I always tell them that Willingboro has been a dry town for years. I'm hoping that the township and the State will cooperate with us and help us achieve this license.

**Garret Montgomery**

**General Manager of Rancocas Golf Club**

- We were under the impression that we were applying for a general consumption licensure not just for our tournaments but for everyday sales. When Mr. Youngkin came on, he is right we do get a lot of golfers who come in from other municipalities. We have so many other townships that we are able to compete with, they are able to have the alcohol sales. We are looking to get a general liquor consumption license. I'm not sure if we have to tweak our application. I will speak with Ms. Bligen or Mr. Harris. I appreciate the support of the club, and everyone's input.

**Terena Williams**

**8 Botany Circle**

- Thank you for this nice and informative meeting. You guys worked in unison.
- The reason I mentioned Lupus for the month of May is because next Tuesday (May 10, 2022) is officially world Lupus Day. Throughout the course of the month people are encouraged to



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wear purple. If you could please select a day once a week to wear purple. Lupus is an autoimmune disease that affects so many people especially women. Please take the time if you can, to go on the websites to educate yourself.

- Happy Mother's Day to the mothers and your wives
- My mom forgot to ask about the filter on the water, a representative from the WMUA do you know if they've installed filters?
- Thank you, Ms. Bligen, for always sending out flyers or answering any questions that I have or sending it to the right correspondence.

### **Sharon Anderson                      7 Belhurst Lane**

- Speaking of the residents, considering any change in elections over right and procedures, I would like to know practices of other communities, what they do and the possible why? I am reluctant to see any reduction in oversight when it is related to voting rights.
- Speaking in my role and chair of Willingboro Advisory Board, regarding a change in board membership Corvena Francis-Denton has been unable to attend the meetings due to her school board obligations. She has made herself available to me in between meetings for when she is not able to attend regular scheduled meetings. That is why she stepped back.
- Thank you, Councilman Anderson, for reappointing Dr. Cleophus Robinson. His tenure on the board gives historical content. He's been there since the beginning, and he asks great questions, and he inspires us with his implications and benedictions so thank you very much for adding him to the board.
- I want to specifically thank the Mayor, Town Clerk, Council Attorney, Town Manager, and all members for the attention you're paying for following proper protocols for the procedure. I want to note an exception in the world of elected officials, you show tremendous humility when something needs to be corrected. I don't hear defensiveness; I don't hear attacks. By you humbly asking questions and by you humbly working through corrections, I'm learning how to be a better board chair. I would also like to thank and acknowledge Vice Chair Carol Ramsey who is coaching me on parliamentary procedures during the meetings. Thank you so much for your leadership.

### **Martin Nock                                      Windsor Lane**

- We lose a lot of historical and institutional knowledge. Willingboro is a dry town and we had to get together, pass a referendum, and get signatures and the first time it failed to allow liquor in the community. We had to wait four years, I went out there and got a referendum passed with the specific language that the golf course would get one. I am for the golf course having liquor license, but you have to follow the referendum. I don't know the new ounces of language whether consumption is a regular license or not. When I was Mayor, I met with the other ownership, and we talked about having enough chairs and seats inside the area and club. We tried using a tent to make a quarter of 150 or 180 seats that you have to have. That is the referendum that was passed. Now the consumption of liquor license beat the fine because I wanted to change it down to 100 or even 75 people because nobody is doing a 150-seat situation as a restaurant. That's the background in it. I was one of the people trying to convince people to petition. I was aware of restaurants and a lot of value that comes in that.
- In regard to elections, Willingboro is always the last to turn in those numbers to see who has won or loss. You can't sit there and wait two hours for numbers to come in, sometimes the numbers come in after 12am. When Andy Kim first won, the numbers in Willingboro were well after 12 o'clock. If you want to keep it locally, there must be some kind of way that we need to be able to keep it locally but make sure those numbers get to the county to be dropped into the totals to see who has won and who has loss. I just wanted to put out there that's why it's done. I appreciate Mr. Montgomery for buying the golf course, putting it together and making the benefit resolve.

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We have to follow the way the referendum is. There's a lot more into the election night process than one thing. Evesham is double our size, they have 55,000 residents and they still get their total votes in before us. I am willing to speak with anyone, I am the current Democratic chair.

### **Shirley Dilworth**

### **Newport Lane**

- I would like to thank the Council, Township Manager, and all of the departments, I've noticed improvement in the paper, the debrief along the main roads in Willingboro. Now that we're into the grass cutting season, the township is beginning to really look good especially last Saturday. The main roads were cleaned, the grass was cut, and I really appreciate that. I just want to say thanks to all of you for the work that you're doing to help make Willingboro a cleaner and better place to live. I did notice around the perimeter of Acme Market they started to pick up some of the paper, they still have long ways to go but it is still happening.
- Even Code Enforcement, from time to time I reach out to Code Enforcement, and they have been very helpful in getting things done. They have been very diligent in terms of getting back to me and responding to my questions. I just want to give a thank you to the department of Inspections.
- Last Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the friends of the Willingboro Public Library we had first Post Pandemic Book Sale. It really was a nice one and very successful. The library had a lot of people in attendance, there were several different types of activities going on at the library. In addition to our book sale, Senator Singleton showed up. I just want to share this information with the leaders of the town as well as community because when we have our book sales these book sales are designed to provide a service to the local community of Willingboro.
- I expressed concern about paper in the children's garden at the library, that was not done. Hopefully the next time we have a book sale one of the members of council can show up. We have a lot of activities going on now that the library has extended their hours. I just wanted to share with the community what a wonderful institution that we do have here and hopefully prayerfully the community will continue to support the library.

### **Jacqueline Mack**

### **Maplewood Lane**

- I had a chance to go pick up an agenda and pay my taxes, the front door at the Municipal Building is still not working. I want to thank Ms. Bligen and her staff they are always helpful when I come to pick up my packet.
- There was a 90-year-old man coming to pay his taxes. I told him there was handicap parking in the back and he could ring the doorbell to be let in the building and utilize the elevator. He told me he was fine, I noticed security come outside to help him up the steps. I thought that was very nice. Then I went towards the police department, and I noticed there was a man on his knees with a cane in his hand trying to get up. I did a reroute to turn back around to try to get him help. By the time I turned back around, there was a policeman and another young lady out there helping the man. I thought what a great place this is. This is truly Willingboro where people care, and I want to say thank you so much to everybody up there.

### **Public Comment Closed**

#### *Township Manager addresses Public Comments*

- Most of the comments were commentary and about the Clerk's decision to no longer do manual counting of the votes. I will not fight Ms. Bligen's battle, and I respect her decision which really came about after the state kind of went to the digital machines where the results cartridges were computerized, and those results were transmitted to the county who tabulated the votes. Which

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are the official counts in a municipality kind of rendering Mrs. Bligen's task tallying locally kind of made it redundant. Since the state has re-transitioned, their equipment the reports and things that the clerk received out of those machines are complicated and difficult to decipher and they're extensive. Now you get reports that say undervotes, mis votes, neglected tallies and retallies. I would encourage everyone to do their due diligence and really understand that elections today are not the same as elections were 50 years ago.

- Regarding Ms. Beuluh Williams and her reference to bonds, I do not know what she is referring to. ( \***Mayor McIntosh** – I will have Deputy Mayor speak on that. )
- There was also a reference to the Mill Creek Bridge, I'm unfamiliar with it.
- Mr. Youngkin talked about the consumption license, I would encourage him to read and review his application to apply to the state. There may have been a referendum. As far I understand, the Township has not issued any liquor licenses. Based on the population in Willingboro, you would be eligible to issue ten consumption licenses which is going on for every 3,000 residents and you could probably do four distribution licenses, but I don't know that you have gone ahead and officially taken the steps to do so. I would encourage him again to revisit his application, so he is very clear.
- Ms. Dilworth mentioned trash in front of Acme, yes Acme and that shopping plaza has made some improvement with cleaning up. The Town Center from Rita's Ice down to the Pending Snapback building is under new ownership. They had some difficulty securing their landscaping contracts. Supposedly, that resolution has been resolved. You will start to see a little more diligence and clean up those locations. I believe in giving credit when credit is due. I would like to thank our township as well as residents for all that they do to keep our community clean.
- Ms. Mack, thank you for acknowledging the atmosphere here at the Municipal Complex. There is a new air that is flowing through this building that people experience in here. It's beginning to reflect outside in the service they are providing. I will again look at the doors you have been referring to. If the next time you're in the building and you want to meet with me, I will be more than happy to visit those different locations to see what you're referring to. There are only two parking spots for Handicap in the back of our building. More often than not they are full, which defaults for our needy residents who utilize the spaces in the front and across the street.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Ms. Mack is referring to the handicap panel. When you push the button, it does not open. Security did indicate that those parts were being ordered and that it was still being addressed. It has been a couple of weeks since the Handicap button has worked for the door. Deputy Mayor did you want to address the bonds?

**Deputy Mayor Whitfield** – Yes, Ms. Williams thank you for following up on that. This was an idea that I had that was brought up as a possibility in 2020. We were looking for ways to finance some different projects. In exploring that, I will say that it kind of fell to a dead end. We had some challenges in forming the program as well as understanding the administrative workload that would be required to administer the program. We have a bit of a pushback from some of our professionals on the feasibility of that project. It's not off the table but it definitely will take a bit more understanding to how it has worked in other municipalities and working with our professionals that would be supportive. For the Creek Road Bridge, that issue was at the county level, you can ask any questions on future plans for the bridge at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. That will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. You can find more information on their meeting schedule on the county website.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Yes, that's a county bridge. As a council and council administration of township we understand the importance of that bridge to some people when it comes to different stores and services. For Willingboro, we are trying to make sure we do Economic Development here. In the

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case that, that bridge does not open we have access in our town to the things that we're trying to drive to, to spend our hard-earned money across the bridge. We don't have control of that bridge. Ms. Bligen can you give insight, someone mentioned we are the last to get votes? Can you give explanation as to why that may be?

**Township Clerk** – The tallying, we have nothing to do with being the last or the first ones to have those turned in. The Superintendent of Elections Day those poll workers who they send to collect those documents all of that depends on them. Willingboro's Clerk Office has nothing to do with when those votes get to the county. That is one of the reason's I felt like the tally that we were doing it means nothing, because it just goes in our file cabinet. They're not sent to the county, they don't use them for anything, its just the matter of the people sitting in the room they know unofficially who is in the lead or counts they have. What we do here, goes nowhere. Those bags that are brought back here, the county sent two people to get those bags. They take those bags from here, which has the mechanical piece with the votes in it, and that's when the county does the counting. The only thing I get out of that bag is an envelope with a ticket in it already from the machine. Everything else is done by the county. Poll workers come in, they give the bag to the people the county selected, those people bag those items up, they take them to the county and when the county gets them that's when the count starts. So, when they leave here, that's why they are done at 2, 3 o'clock in the morning.

**Mayor McIntosh** – just for clarification, whether you tally or don't tally it has nothing to do with the time the county would get it or whenever they tally the vote from Willingboro?

**Township Clerk** – No.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Ms. Williams thank you for mentioning the WMUA, a representative typically the way the WMUA operates outside of council, independent of council. However, we do have a representative that comes quarterly. Mr. Diggs who was the Acting Director prior to Mr. Mackee. They are about due to make an appearance. The WMUA is working really hard trying to rectify any violations. Our legislators Mr. Singleton, Andy Kim, Senator Booker, we've been reaching out to them collaborating and partnering with them. There's a lot of movement to make sure that our water system is secure and safe. The WMUA does have their monthly meetings the third Wednesday of the month. If you have any further questions, please attend their meetings.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

**Councilman Anderson** –

- I would like to thank the residents for coming out.
- Congratulations to Dr. Worthy, I attended Voices of Burlington County – Dr. Worthy received an award for Outstanding Woman Business Executive Award
- Dr. Worthy, Mr. Harris, Deputy Mayor Whitfield, and I had the opportunity to attend Phenomenal Woman Event – Thank you Dionne Bolden from Recreations for putting on a wonderful event with wonderful talent
- As it relates to the golf course, we did an Amendment if this council remembers a liquor license ordinance, I believe it was last year so we could expand so it would include Acme and the golf course, at that time no one responded back to us, so as we look further into this, I just want to remind you that we did look into this
- Thank you to Mr. Harris for setting up the realtors follow up meeting that will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
- Happy Mother's Day to everyone

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**Councilwoman Worthy –**

- Thank you, Councilman Anderson, for your support and Mr. Harris for coming out
- Just want to wish an Eid Mubarak to our Muslim brothers and sisters at the conclusion of Ramadan
- I want to wish the best to our Willingboro School District teachers, this week is Teacher Appreciation Week
- I also want to acknowledge Mental Health Awareness month for the month of May
- I want to acknowledge Louise Calloway the Founder of the Burlington County Underground Railroad who was acknowledged Saturday at the Burlington County Library
- Thank you, Mayor, for your leadership

**Councilwoman Perrone –**

- Thank you to the residents for coming out
- Thank you, Ms. Pat Lindsay – Harvey for the condolences
- My father did pass away April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Thank you, Willingboro Clerk's Office for the Edible Arrangements,
- Former President Trump passed a bill that protects Doctors or Hospitals from the new illness COVID so any patients that had COVID you cannot sue or file any lawsuits against any hospitals or clinics, there's a small clause in there that covers anybody
- My father's funeral will be in New York on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Thank you for the cards and flowers

**Deputy Mayor Whitfield –**

- My sincere condolences to Councilwoman Perrone, the story she shared highlights the importance of our votes closer to our June 7<sup>th</sup> election and every election
- To our residents, May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be an important meeting for this council – we will have the public hearing for our budget, please review the budget and bring any comments or thoughts to the public hearing at the meeting
- Happy Mother's Day to my council colleagues Councilwoman Perrone and Dr. Worthy, my mother and all of the mothers in Willingboro, Ms. Bligen, everyone on the staff and administration, thank you for being a mother and all of the support you give to your family and our community

**Mayor McIntosh –**

- I am grateful to see my colleague Councilwoman Perrone here today, I ask that Willingboro you please lift her up in prayer and please keep her covered
- I would like to acknowledge the residents tonight for stating the positives that our departments are showing
- Ms. Mack thank you for pointing out the acts of kindness that some of the employees are displaying
- Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in Willingboro, all the aunties and all of the sister's that are mothers, to those who have loss their mother, and to mothers who have loss their children as a community also surround them with love and support
- Thank you for all of the comments and insights

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I need a motion

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilman Anderson	X		X				
Councilwoman Perrone			X				
Councilwoman Worthy		X	X				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			X				
Mayor McIntosh			X				

**Township Manager** – Mr. Evan Crook will be joining us for executive session since three employees from a department asked that we hold a public session to talk about this matter...

**Solicitor** – Mr. Harris, I ask that we come out of executive session since we voted to be in executive session. That way you can continue where you ended off to talk about this matter.

I need a motion to come out of executive session

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilman Anderson			X				
Councilwoman Perrone			X				
Councilwoman Worthy	X		X				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield		X	X				
Mayor McIntosh			X				

**Township Manager** – I would like to thank Mr. Evan Crook for joining us. Wherever there is a department there should've been an ordinance by the governing body creating the ordinance. It has been brought to my understanding that the township has a Facilities Maintenance department that was never structured by ordinance through the township council and is not supported through the code. However, under Public Works there is a section that states there will be another division for facilities with janitorial services and office services. They should clean, take care of parks, public and recreational areas. A lot of these functions are divided and split in Public Works. These risks and changes are being reviewed.

**Mr. Crook** – Thank you for having me. My condolences to Councilwoman Perrone, my thoughts and prayers are with you. You do have the authority to create terms and conditions to restructure how you want to. If there's no ordinance that actually created it, there's questionable legal authority to that specific department. There are some civil service regulations that would imply the restructuring in terms of job titles. There's union provisions in terms of those who are a part of the union. In terms of the decision, that's overall, the council's decision.

**Township Manager** – There's no discussion so we can move forward with voting to go in executive session.

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I need a motion to go into executive session

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilman Anderson			X				
Councilwoman Perrone			X				
Councilwoman Worthy	X		X				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield		X	X				
Mayor McIntosh			X				

I need a motion to come out of executive session

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilman Anderson			X				
Councilwoman Perrone			X				
Councilwoman Worthy	X		X				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield		X	X				
Mayor McIntosh			X				

**ADJOURNMENT**

I need a motion to adjourn

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilman Anderson			X				
Councilwoman Perrone			X				
Councilwoman Worthy	X		X				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield		X	X				
Mayor McIntosh			X				

**Meeting adjourned at 11:18pm**

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