

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of Middletown Township was held in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall, One Kings Highway, Middletown, New Jersey and virtually through WebEx at 7:00 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to The Asbury Park Press, The Middletown Sun and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on January 05, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Present: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Mayor Perry
Absent: Settembrino

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp, Township Engineer Ted Maloney, Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena and Township Clerk Heidi Brunt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a moment of silence to honor the troops serving worldwide defending our freedoms and way of life.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation Recognizing Middletown High School North Ice Hockey Team for Winning NJSIAA Public B State Championship

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited the coaches and the team to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry congratulated the team and coaches on the exciting win and the fire truck escort that the team received on the way back to the school after the game. We woke up the neighborhood in a great way.

Proclamation Recognizing April 2023 as Alcohol Awareness Month in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States. Excessive drinking is responsible for more than 95,000 deaths in our nation each year, approximately 3,500 of those deaths being among underage youth; and

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WHEREAS: Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS: The typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before they turn 18; and

WHEREAS: Kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and have serious school-related problems; and

WHEREAS: A supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use in adolescents. Consistent and sustained parental attitudes can influence a child's decision about whether to use alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS: Kids who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, join the Middletown Municipal Alliance and Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex in proclaiming April 2023 **Alcohol Awareness Month** in Middletown Township. We call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in Middletown to support efforts that will provide early education about alcohol and substance use or misuse to increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. If you know a loved one who needs help, call Crossroads at 732-615-2277 or email crossroads@middletownnj.org. Through these efforts, together we can provide hope, help, and healing for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use or misuse.

Proclamation Recognizing April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Since the 1970s, April has been recognized as National Autism Awareness Month and has been used as an opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community; and

WHEREAS: Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting sensory, social, communication, learning, and behavioral skills which include High Functioning Autism, Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, and Pervasive

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Developmental Disorder which manifests itself in the first three years of life; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that autism affects 1 in every 44 children nationally and 1 in 35 in New Jersey, and with no current medical detection or cure, it is essential that when autism is suspected an early diagnosis accompanied by appropriate education is vital to the development of the affected individual; and

WHEREAS: OASIS (Ongoing Autistic Success in Society) tlc was formed with the mission of promoting inclusion and acceptance of autistic individuals into local communities by establishing farm centers where autistic adults can live and work; and

WHEREAS: The OASIS tlc philosophy embraces human beings for their interconnectedness to each other and all living things. Its centers are set up to foster interdependence and social connectedness to better the quality of life of adults on the autism spectrum and with autism. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim April 2023 as **Autism Awareness Month** in the Township of Middletown.

Proclamation Recognizing April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: In Federal fiscal year 2020, 3.9 million reports were made to child protective services; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS: Our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Township of Middletown and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS: Protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

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WHEREAS: Communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS: Middletown acknowledges that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS: Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the Township of Middletown and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Proclamation Recognizing April 2023 as Donate Life Month in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Realizing the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country, the National Donate Life Month observance promotes a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation and transplantation. Moreover, the need is increasing. NJ Sharing Network is committed to addressing that need through increased awareness; and

WHEREAS: The transplantation of organs and tissue is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 others. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, and religions are touched by donation and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists. Currently, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and over 100,000 Americans awaiting life-saving transplant operations; and

WHEREAS: Every capable person should support this vital effort by registering as an organ and tissue donor, making their family aware of their wishes, and being willing to give the precious gift of health, sight, and life to people in need; and

WHEREAS: Registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others. Now,

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THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as **Donate Life Month** in the Township of Middletown. I urge all residents to join me in promoting organ and tissue donor education throughout **Donate Life Month**.

Proclamation Recognizing April 2023 as National Volunteer Month in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Middletown Township is well known for its spectacular volunteer spirit. A large measure of Middletown's strength, beauty, and unique character is derived from the outstanding contributions made by thousands of residents who volunteer and play a vital role in many organizations and groups; and

WHEREAS: Residents who volunteer their time provide assistance that cannot be measured in terms of dollars. When people reach out to help one another, their support and positive actions multiply in value; and

WHEREAS: Residents also donate a significant amount of time helping Middletown through their service on nearly two dozen Township boards, committees, and commissions; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers throughout the Township of Middletown donate their time to a wide variety of programs such as the arts and recreation, youth athletic leagues, and many more areas of interest and service; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers provide vital emergency services through the all-volunteer Emergency Medical Services Department, Fire Department, Police Auxiliary, and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Township Committee extend their deepest gratitude to the fine individuals who generously donate their time to our community. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim April 2023 as **Volunteer Month** in the Township of Middletown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to approve the minutes.

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adopt the minutes of the following meetings:

February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting, March 6, 2023 Workshop Meeting

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: Settembrino

Township Heidi Brunt stated Motion carries to approve the minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2023-3366 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing §§ 355-10 And 11 Of the Code of The Township of Middletown Governing Skate Park Rules and Regulations

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to pass this ordinance on first reading.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: Settembrino

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on April 3, 2023.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2023-3367 - Calendar Year 2023 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to pass this ordinance on first reading.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: Settembrino

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on April 3, 2023.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 23-103 through 23-114 including Firefighter Applications.

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adopt the consent agenda:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: Settembrino

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated the motion carried to adopt the consent agenda.

Resolution 23-103 - Cancellation of Community Development Mortgages

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the mortgages of the Township securing the Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Program loan/grants in connection with the following properties be and hereby are authorized to be canceled because these mortgages have been repaid, expired or otherwise satisfied.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
594	10	Karl & Jean Strauch	832 Palmer Ave	25,525
111	4	Helen C. Clemente	225 Thompson Ave	16,925

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and other authorized appropriate and responsible officials including the Township Administrator, the Director of Planning, the Community Development Director, or Township Attorney be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Township of Middletown such certifications and other documentation as may be required by the Monmouth County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to the following:

- A. Community Development

Resolution 23-104 - Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III - Jose Pereira

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Chief of Police have previously recommended that the structure of the Police Department be adjusted to include allowing the appointment of certain Special Law Enforcement Officers (Class I, II, and III).

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WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:14-146.1 regarding the appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers and represents that the applicants named below meet all the requirements set forth by statute and recommends the appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. That the following individual(s) are hereby appointed as Special Law Enforcement Officers – Class III, in the Middletown Township Police Department for the calendar year of 2023.

Special Law Enforcement Officers Class III –

Jose Pereira

2. The Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to each of the following:
- a. Each appointee as listed above who shall present themselves before the Township Clerk to take and subscribe to the Oath of Office.
 - b. Police Department

Resolution 23-105 - Resolution Authorizing Tax Foreclosure Counsel to Initiate Foreclosure Proceedings Upon The Properties Included Within The Tax Collector’s Tax Foreclosure List Due To Non-Payment Of Delinquent Taxes By Summary Proceeding In Rem And In Personam As Necessary

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.35, the governing body of any municipality may, from time to time, determine, by resolution, to foreclose on any of the tax sale certificates held by it by summary proceedings In Rem, and as necessary, In Personam; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) is the holder of several tax sale certificates as set forth within Tax Foreclosure List prepared by the Township’s Tax Collector attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township to institute In Rem and In Personam tax foreclosure proceedings against the properties set forth within the Tax Foreclosure List.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby

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authorizes and directs its Special Tax Foreclosure Counsel Kevin I. Asadi, Esq. of Zager Fuchs, PC to initiate summary proceedings In Rem and In Personam, if necessary, as set forth under the In Rem Foreclosure Act (N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 et seq.), and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey, as to the tax sale certificates held by the Township, as listed on the Tax Foreclosure List attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Resolution 23-106 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Allstate Office Interiors to Provide Custom Wood Benches

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown has a need to add additional matching benches to the courtroom; and

WHEREAS, the Township has elected to award this contract via a non-fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Allstate Office Interiors, in the aggregate is expected to receive more than the pay to play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Allstate Office Interiors, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Political Contribution Disclosure form, which certifies that Allstate Office Interiors has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Middletown in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Allstate Office Interiors from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$20,067.66 is available for this purpose in account/line-item number C-04-55-922-347-001. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Township enter into an agreement with Allstate Office Interiors for the provision of custom matching benches for the courtroom, in the not to exceed amount of \$20,067.66 and that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure form, and Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

Resolution 23-107 - Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Vendor with A State Contract for The Purchase of Four (4) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any

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State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, Gentilini Motors, 2703 Fire Rd., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 21-FLEET-01485; and

WHEREAS, under Contract 21-FLEET-01485, Gentilini Motors, can provide four (4) Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$212,956.00 is available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 3-01-44-915-200-800. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Township of Middletown enter into an agreement with Gentilini Motors for the delivery of four (4) Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs in the amount of \$212,956.00.

Resolution 23-108 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for TV Studio Lighting & Control Room Equipment

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for and received bids for contract #23-01 - TV Studio Lighting & Control Room Equipment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received and publicly opened on March 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has recommended that the award of the contract for TV Studio Lighting & Control Room Equipment be awarded as follows:

- **Item #1 – TV Studio Lighting**
 - RDM Rigging – 256 Bayville Ave., Bayville, NJ 08721
 - Total Bid: \$49,834.00
- **Item #2 – Control Room Equipment**
 - G&G Technologies – 280 N. Midland Ave., Building F, Suite 202, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
 - Total Bid: \$37,913.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$87,747.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) G-02-40-700-530-016. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the award for contract #23-01 - TV Studio Lighting & Control Room Equipment be awarded to the vendors noted above, pursuant to the terms of their bids at the

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above prices, and that the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

Resolution 23-109 – Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Emergency Appropriation

WHEREAS, emergent conditions have arisen with respect to the payment of bills in a number accounts and no adequate provision has been made in a Year 2023 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the Year 2023 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$33,879,738.84 for the Current Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two thirds of all members of the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, New Jersey affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation shall be and the same is hereby made for the following purposes:

SEE ATTACHED

Attachment 1 - 2023 Temporary Budget Worksheet		3/20/2023 Meeting
Account Number	Description	
Current Fund		
3-01-20-100-100-100	A/E S&W	50,900.00
3-01-20-100-101-100	Purchasing S&W	11,700.00
3-01-20-110-100-100	Township Committee S&W	1,600.00
3-01-20-120-100-100	Township Clerk S&W	34,500.00
3-01-20-130-100-100	Finance S&W	61,300.00
3-01-20-140-100-100	MIS S&W	42,800.00
3-01-20-145-100-100	Tax Collector S&W	29,800.00
3-01-20-150-100-100	Tax Assessor S&W	19,400.00
3-01-21-180-100-100	Planning S&W	25,900.00
3-01-21-180-101-100	Planning Board S&W	2,800.00
3-01-21-185-100-100	Zoning Board S&W	2,800.00
3-01-22-195-100-100	Building Dept. S&W	130,000.00
3-01-25-240-100-100	Police S&W	1,380,000.00
3-01-25-252-100-101	Emergency Management S&W	2,400.00
3-01-25-260-100-100	First Aid S&W	400.00
3-01-25-265-100-100	Fire S&W	4,000.00
3-01-25-265-101-100	Uniform Fire Safety S&W	32,900.00
3-01-25-275-100-100	Prosecutor S&W	5,800.00
3-01-26-290-100-100	Dept of Public Works & Engineering S&W	78,600.00
3-01-26-290-101-100	DPW Storm Response S&W - Storm Overtime	40,000.00
3-01-26-290-102-100	DPW Parks S&W	75,900.00
3-01-26-290-104-100	DPW Administration & Engineering S&W	27,300.00
3-01-26-305-100-100	Solid Waste & Recycling S&W	64,900.00
3-01-26-310-100-100	DPW Maintenance of Public Property S&W	63,400.00
3-01-26-315-100-100	DPW Fleet Maintenance S&W	54,200.00
3-01-27-330-100-100	Health S&W	33,200.00
3-01-27-330-100-200	Health O/E	2,500.00
3-01-27-330-101-100	Alliance S&W	7,300.00
3-01-27-330-101-200	Alliance O/E	2,200.00
3-01-27-340-100-000	Animal Control S&W	10,500.00
3-01-28-370-100-100	Recreation S&W	46,900.00
3-01-29-390-100-100	Maintenance of Free Public Library	150,000.00
3-01-36-472-200-284	Statutory - Social Security	117,000.00
3-01-36-477-200-284	Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	8,000.00
3-01-42-101-200-278	Interlocal Agreement - Middletown BOE SLEO III	158,926.77
3-01-42-101-206-233	Interlocal - Monmouth County Board of Health	30,000.00
3-01-43-490-100-100	Court S&W	48,500.00
3-01-43-495-100-101	Public Defender S&W	2,100.00
	TOTAL	2,860,426.77

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2023 budget under the appropriate titles.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 23-110 – Resolution Authorizing the Middletown Township to Accept a Subgrant Award of The Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Of Emergency Management Performance Grant and Emergency Management Agency Assistance

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant AFN #97.042, Subgrant Award #FY22-EMPG-EMAA-1332 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. The subgrant, consisting of \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the City’s ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township will use these funds to enhance your Emergency Management Program and that the funds will be used for Emergency Management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the award period is from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award; and

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Office Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the **Middletown** Township, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey:

1. That the Council accepts the award of the FFY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant (EMAA) in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.
2. That the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents.
3. That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, the City Business Administrator, the Chief

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Financial Officer and the County Division of Emergency Management and Office of Treasury.

Resolution 23-111 - Resolution Directing Posting of Signage at Township Skate Park Including Rules and Regulations Adopted Pursuant To § 355-10 Of the Township Code

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the “Township”) is completing construction of a new skate park within Kunkel Park; and

WHEREAS, the new skate park is being developed in conformance with the rules established for coverage by the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (the “MEL”); and

WHEREAS, the Township is updating the Township Code to establish new rules and regulations for the new skate park, which need to be publicly posted to conform with MEL Bulletin No. 21-06 to maintain adequate insurance for the skate park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Department of Public Works shall hereby install adequate signage containing the rules and regulations established under § 355-10 of the Code of the Township prior to the opening of the new skate park facility at Kunkel Park.

Resolution 23-112 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract For 2023 Recreation Bus Trips

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for and received bids for contract #23-02 – 2023 Recreation Bus Trips in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, one proposal was received and publicly opened on March 14th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Township received pricing for parts one and two only and did not receive pricing for part three; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation has recommended that the award of contract #23-02 be awarded to Road To Success, LLC., 281 Summerhill Rd. #202 East Brunswick, NJ 08816, the lowest bidder for both parts one and two, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation to be charged is Budget Line Item T-03-56-802-200-003, and that no amount of this contract shall be chargeable until certification of available funds are made and upon receipt of a properly executed Purchase Order.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the award for contract #23-02 – 2023 Recreation Bus Trips be awarded to Road To Success, LLC., pursuant to the terms of their bid, and that the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to rebid part three for Senior Center Bus Trips.

Resolution 23-113 - Appointment to Middletown Housing Authority

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. That the following individuals are hereby appointed as members of the Middletown Housing Authority for terms set forth below:

RUDOLPH CHERNEY

SEAT V
Expiring 12/31/2023

2. The Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to each of the following:
 - a. The appointees listed above who shall present themselves before the Township Clerk to take and subscribe to the Oath of Office.
 - b. Middletown Housing Authority

Resolution 23-114 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for March 20, 2023

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for March 20, 2023, in the amount of \$23,088,939.58.

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS

Graham C. Schumann – River Plaza Fire Co.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, congratulated Middletown High School North Hockey team on the awesome win.

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Committeewoman Kratz, congratulated Middletown High School North Hockey team on their big win. She announced that March 31, 2023 is the deadline to donate Easter Baskets to Social Services.

Deputy Mayor Hibell, congratulated Middletown High School North Hockey Team on their win. He also thanked Principal Whitman at River Plaza School for allowing him to read to a class.

Mayor Perry, congratulated Middletown High School North Hockey Team again on their big win.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kate McKiernan, 129 Mohawk Avenue, stated she was at the Route 36 Corridor meeting and asked where she could provide feedback. The mayor responded that more meetings would occur where the public can speak.

John Spinelli, 91 Burlington Avenue, commented with filming movies in New Jersey is on the rise, he suggested the possibility of a film studio on the circus liquor land instead of a strip mall. Mayor Perry responded speaking about the filming in Middletown and he liked the idea, it would be great for small businesses.

Tom Serpa, 10 Wealthy Avenue, discussed issues with Tindall Park with the repair of the tennis courts. He spoke with Township Engineer Ted Maloney who stated it would be costly to repair before the summer. The resident was only asking for a post replacement. Ted Maloney responded speaking about the \$1,000 cost to repair. Mayor Perry stated that he would come out to the location and take a look.

Blake Drummond, 252 Navesink Avenue, stated he supports the tennis team at High School North and they need the courts to play on.

John Sutton, Belford, requested information on the \$250,000 grant dedicated to the project and is the money in place ready for bids.

Mark Soporowski, 39 Powell Avenue, requested an update on the drainage issue. Ted updated the resident on a list being designed, extending the easement and that a capitol ordinance needs to be done. The resident also discussed the vacant house at 39 Powell Avenue which is a hazard. He stated that Code Enforcement said nothing can be done. The Mayor responded that the Town will work on boarding up the house.

Bruce Stafford, 39 Brainard Avenue, apologized for repeating the same question from the March 6th meeting. He asked what does it mean as it was reported in Middletown Minutes that the slide gates will be in Spring mode until further notice? He discussed the DEP involvement and the position of the valve on the slide gate. The resident stated Ted Maloney

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was neglectful. Mr. Stafford discussed going forward on multiple dates and he disagreed with Mr. Maloney's decisions. Mr. Stafford discussed the use of the valve.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Drive, requested information on the benches and the studio design room. The Mayor explained that the Township received a grant from Comcast for the studio design room.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 8:08 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Settembrino

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi R Brunt
Township Clerk

Approved:

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor