A Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of Middletown Township was held in the Court Room at Town Hall, One Kings Highway, Middletown, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2020.

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 Star Ledger, The Independent and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on January 09, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Present: Fiore, Hibell, Settembrino, Snell, Mayor Perry
Absent: None

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson and Township Clerk Heidi Brunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

No Executive Session was held.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Recognizing May 2020 as Older Americans Month in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Middletown Township includes older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and

WHEREAS: We are committed to strengthening our community by supporting older adults, their families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS: Middletown recognizes their many valuable contributions to society and the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS: Middletown encourages and celebrates the countless contributions that older adults make to our community. Their time, experience, and talents

benefit family, peers, and neighbors every day. School, organizations and individuals of all ages are also making their marks by supporting and enriching the lives of our seniors; and

WHEREAS: We will continue to promote home and community-based services that support independent living, involve older adults in community events and activities, as well as provide opportunities for them to work, volunteer, learn, lead and mentor. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as **Older Americans Month**. We urge every resident to take time during this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital members of our community.

Township Clerk Brunt read the following Resolution by title:

Resolution 20-122 – Resolution Authorizing Extension of Grace Period for Payment of Real Property Taxes Due May 1, 2020 From May 11, 2020 To June 1, 2020 Pursuant to Executive Order 130

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 establishes the grace period during which municipalities may not collect interest for unpaid real property taxes to be 10 days; and

WHEREAS, for municipalities, such as Middletown, operating under a calendar year budget, second quarter property taxes are due on May 1, 2020, but may be paid, without interest being assessed, at the end of the 10 day grace period expiring on May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Executive Order No. 130, which authorizes municipalities, by resolution, to extend the grace period for payment of real property taxes to June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the current financial hardships experienced by many residents of Middletown, the Township Committee has determined it appropriate to offer the maximum extension permitted under Executive Order No. 130 for the grace period for payment of real property taxes.

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 authorizes and directs the Township's Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector to immediately extend the Township's grace period for the payment of second quarter real property taxes due on May 1, 2020 from May 11, 2020 to June 1, 2020 during which time no interest shall be charged for late payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the May 1, 2020 installment of second quarter real property taxes is not paid on or before June 1, 2020, then the interest rates set forth in Resolution No. 20-23 shall apply retroactively to the May 1, 2020 due date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no refunds of real property taxes already paid for the second quarter shall be granted during the extended grace period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other deadlines and interest rates penalties set forth in Resolution No. 20-23 shall remain in full force and effect, but for the grace period for the May 1, 2020 installment, which is amended to the extent set forth in this Resolution only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Executive Order No. 130, the Clerk of the Township of Middletown is hereby directed to immediately transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Committeeman Hibell to pass this resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Settembrino, Snell, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 20-123 through 20-125

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Settembrino, Snell, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

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

Resolution 20-123 – Resolution for 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 2020 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 2020 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total $32,471,531.35 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:

Attachment 1 - 2020 Temporary Budget Worksheet		
Account Number	**Description**	**5/4/2020 Meeting**
Current Fund		
0-01-20-100-100-200	A/E O/E	15,000.00
0-01-20-145-100-200	Collector - O/E	6,700.00
0-01-20-155-100-200	Legal - O/E	75,000.00
0-01-23-210-100-200	Insurance Control Account	(75,645.96)
0-01-25-445-100-273	Fire-Hydrant Services	55,000.00
0-01-26-290-101-200	Snow - O/E	(122,937.50)
0-01-26-290-104-100	Dept of Public Works Administration & Engineering-S&W	10,000.00
0-01-26-290-104-200	Dept of Public Works Administration & Engineering-O/E	2,500.00
0-01-31-430-200-200	Utilities - O/E	15,000.00
0-01-31-435-200-271	Street Lights - Electricity	49,000.00
0-01-31-440-200-200	Utilities - Telephone	30,000.00
0-01-31-447-100-275	Utilities - Heating Oil	2,000.00
0-01-43-495-100-101	Public Defender - S&W	2,400.00
	TOTAL	**$64,016.54**

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2020 budget under the appropriate titles.

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

Resolution 20-124 - Resolution Confirming Purchase Price of Real Property Known and Designated as Tax Block 1029, Lot 1 On The Tax Map of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Land and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et. seq., authorizes a municipality may acquire any real property for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown (the "Township Committee") promulgated Ordinance 2020-3288 authorizing the purchase of real property known and designated as Tax Block 1029, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Township of Middletown and located along Hubbard Road in the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey (the "Property"), which ratified all actions taken in furtherance of the purchase of the Property prior to its adoption;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2020-3288 authorizes the adoption of a subsequent resolution by the Township Committee confirming the purchase price of the Property; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 2020-3288, a Purchase and Sale Agreement was entered into with regard to the Property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The purchase price for the Property is $517,043.00, inclusive of closing costs, which is to be funded exclusively from the Borough's Open Space Trust Fund with no borrowing and through possible grants;

2. The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to issue a check on-demand in the amount of $517,043.00 payable to "Trident Title Abstract Agency, LLC", which will be included on the Township's next available bill list, to fund the purchase of the Property.

<u>Resolution 20-125</u> – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for May 4, 2020

The Township Committee herby approves a resolution for the payment of bills in the amount of $8,636,488.03.

<u>TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:</u>

Committeewoman Snell, congratulations and praise to teachers and parents for there at home learning. Also praise the town residents for complying with Covid 19 state deadlines. Congratulations to this year's graduates.

Committeeman Settembrino, commended the people of Middletown for no incidents upon park reopening at State and County Parks. Sends his condolences to the family of Paul Smith the Mayor of Union Beach on his passing. He commented he is looking forward to the possible sunset of the stay at home order.

Committeeman Hibell, reminded residents to stay safe and also to support local business and participate in take out Thursday.

Deputy Mayor Fiore, commented that the passing of Mayor Smith was a deep loss to the Community. He is hoping to flattening the curve and lifting the stay at home order soon.

He stated we need a balanced plan to reopen. He is also concerned for people who cannot get through to Unemployment.

Mayor Perry, thanked Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Director of Recreation Janet Dellett and Police Chief Weber for the active monitoring of parks this weekend when the parks reopened. He is thankful for Resolution 20-124 and the purchase of property on Hubbard Avenue, developed land that will be open space and enhance safety of River Plaza schools for walkers. He is sad for the loss of Mayor Paul Smith of Union Beach he cared deeply for his community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Sprague, Lional Court, said he would like to ask questions on the permits of house addition.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Drive, requested the TV broadcast schedule. He also commented the floodgate on Wilson Avenue is a concern. Township Administrator stated he will check into the status of repairs on the gate due to a lightning strike. He also requested information on the purchase of the property on Hubbard Avenue.

Pat Miller, 151 Borden Road, commended the town on the Renewable Energy Agreement. She requested a contract for clean energy for residents and businesses. Mayor Perry thanked Ms. Miller for her comments.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fiore and carried to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Settembrino, Snell, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Heidi R Brunt
Township Clerk

Approved:

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Anthony S. Perry, Mayor