

Workshop Meeting

A Workshop 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 April 4, 2022.

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 Independent and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on January 07, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Present: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Settembrino, Mayor Perry  
Absent: None

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Township Engineer Ted Maloney, Assistant Administrator Jim Van Nest, Recreation Director Janet Dellett 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 South 9U Travel Basketball Team for Winning 2022 Mid-Monmouth Championship**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Head Coach Ron Borys, Assistant Coach Chris Eibeler and the team to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room.

Mayor Perry addressed the team and congratulated them on a 15-0 season. He also congratulated the coaches there were 22 teams and 1 finished undefeated. Mayor Perry read the certificate that was presented to all the teammates.

**Proclamation Recognizing April 3-9, 2022 as National Library Week in the Township of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** Today's libraries are less about what they have on the shelves and more about what they can do with and for their communities, whether it's through virtual services or in-person visits; and

**WHEREAS:** Libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for people of all ages, interests, and backgrounds. They are at the heart of their cities,

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towns, schools, and campuses; and

**WHEREAS:** Libraries offer members of the community opportunities to explore new passions through technology, programs, and services; and

**WHEREAS:** Libraries and librarians help patrons find tools and resources to help improve the quality of their life. The Middletown Township Public Library has been prioritizing user accessibility through different initiatives, such as its new locker pickup system and incoming Chromebook and hotspot kits; and

**WHEREAS:** Libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy. They strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

**WHEREAS:** Libraries and librarians work to create an equitable society by providing free access to accurate information to all people; and

**WHEREAS:** In times of crisis, libraries play a critical role in continuing to support their communities when they need it the most; and

**WHEREAS:** Libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week. Now,

**THEREFORE:**I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim it **National Library Week** in the Township of Middletown from April 3-9, 2022. During this time, we encourage community members to visit the Middletown Township Public Library's website, [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org), and social media channels to check out their diverse programming, special events, and new features.

**Proclamation Recognizing April 2022 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 which 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

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**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 Service 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 2022 as National Volunteer Month in the Township of Middletown.

**Proclamation Recognizing April 2022 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

**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

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**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 2022 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 2022 as Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** Since the 1970s, the month of 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 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 will be 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 2022 as Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Middletown.

**Proclamation Recognizing April 2022 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

**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

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**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, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to 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 2022 **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](mailto: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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2022-3336 - Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance Number 2021-3326 Finally Adopted by The Township Committee of The Township of Middletown, New Jersey On December 20, 2021**

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Hearing no comments from the public it was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to close public hearing and carried to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading.

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance.

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Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2022-3337 - Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-3327 Establishing Fair Market Value for Property Identified as Block 865, Lot 134 Generally Known as Fair View Fields Within the Township of Middletown and Authorizing Acquisition of Block 865, Lot 134 By Purchase or Eminent Domain for The Purpose of Maintaining the Public Recreational Facilities on Site**

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Hearing no comments from the public it was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to close public hearing and carried to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading.

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance.

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2022-3338 – Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation Of \$1,400,000 For Construction of a Skateboard Park in Kunkel Park by And for The Township of Middletown in The County of Monmouth, New Jersey And Authorizing the Issuance Of \$1,330,000 In Bonds or Notes of The Township for Financing Part Of The Appropriation**

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

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on April 18, 2022.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

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**Ordinance 2022-3339 – An Ordinance Providing Funding for Various Capital Purposes for The Township of Middletown and Appropriating \$1,400,000 For Such Purpose**

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, Settembrino, Mayor Perry  
                              Nays: None  
                              Abstention: None  
                              Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on April 18, 2022.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 22-116 through 22-123.

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, Settembrino, Mayor Perry  
                              Nays: None  
                              Abstention: None  
                              Absent: None

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

**Resolution 22-116 – Resolution Reducing the Performance Guarantee for Heritage at Middletown Block 615, Lot 86**

**WHEREAS**, the developer of the Site known as Brixmor, Middletown Plaza Minor Site (Block 615, Lot 86) had posted with the Township a Performance Guarantee, in the form of a Cash Bond in the amount of \$231,019.50.

**WHEREAS**, the developer has requested a reduction of said Performance Guarantee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consulting Engineer, as set forth in his letter of March 18, 2022, indicates he has inspected the premises and has recommended that the performance guarantee in the form of a cash bond be reduced as follows:

Improvement	Reduced Performance Guarantee	Cash to Remain	Cash to be Released
Brixmor, Middletown Plaza	<b>\$69,305.25</b>	\$69,305.25	\$161,714.25

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**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee agrees with said recommendation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Middletown Township Committee that the Performance Guarantee be reduced.

A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to the following:

- a. T&M Associates
- b. Planning
- c. Latasha Cryor (latasha.cryor@brixmor.com)  
Brixmor Property Group  
200 Ridge Pike, Suite 100  
Conshohocken, PA 19428

**Resolution 22-117 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract For 2022 Event Planner**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received quotes via a fair and open process for an Event Planner in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, two proposals were received and publicly opened on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, after review per the selection criteria included in the request for quotes the Township Administrator and the Communications Director have recommended that the award of the contract for 2022 Event Planner be awarded to Strategic Visions Unlimited, LLC, 97 Laurel Ave., Hazlet Township, NJ 07734 with their price of \$15,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$3,750.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 2-01-20-100-100-217. Availability of funds for the remaining balance of the contract amount is contingent upon the necessary funds being appropriated by the governing body in the 2022 Municipal Budget, inclusive of amount appropriated in the temporary budget as required by N.J. A.C. 5:34-5.3 (a). 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 2022 Event Planner be awarded to Strategic Visions Unlimited, LLC pursuant to the terms of their quote at the above prices, and that the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

**Resolution 22-118 - Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Contract For Landscaping Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for contract #22-05 – 2022 Landscaping Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, three proposals were received and publicly opened on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has recommended that the award of contract #22-05 – 2022 Landscaping Services be awarded as follows:

- 1) **Base Bid** – D’Onofrio & Son, Inc., 47 Van Ness Ter., Maplewood, NJ 07040
  - a. MAC/Train Station Lots and Library
  - b. \$12,740.00
- 2) **Alternate #1** – Terra Casa, LLC – 218 Maple Pl., Keyport, NJ 07735
  - a. Poricy Nature Center & Annex
  - b. \$16,520.00

**WHEREAS**, the contract term shall be for one year beginning April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$8,360.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 2-01-26-290-102-310. Availability of funds for the remaining balance of the contract amount is contingent upon the necessary funds being appropriated by the governing body in the 2022 Municipal Budget, inclusive of amount appropriated in the temporary budget as required by N.J. A.C. 5:34-5.3 (a). 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 #22-05 – 2022 Landscaping Services be awarded to D’Onofrio & Son, Inc. and Terra Casa, LLC pursuant to the terms of their bids at the above prices, and that the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractors.

**Resolution 22-119 - Authorizing an Annual Subscription for Govpilot Software Through The New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance**

**WHEREAS**, the Township may without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Co-Op #11BCCP) pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11; and

**WHEREAS**, SHI International, has been awarded the NJCPA Contract No. 19-34 for Computer Equipment & Peripherals; and

**WHEREAS**, under Contract 19-34, SHI International, can provide GovPilot Software; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$113,291.76 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number 2-01-20-140-100-233. 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 SHI International for an annual subscription to GovPilot in the amount of \$113,291.76.

**Resolution 22-120 - Resolution Authorizing Participation in The National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) And the Purchase of Managed Detection And Response Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown as a contracting unit, may without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), PO Box 701273 Houston, Texas 77270 pursuant to the provision of P.L.2011, c.139 and Local Finance Notice 2012-10 which both permit contracting units to use contracts awarded by national or regional cooperatives or other states that were competitively bid. The law supplements existing law on the use of such contracts and is intended to provide additional flexibility to local government in the area of procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires to authorize the participation in and purchase of various goods and services from National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) contracts; and

**WHEREAS** the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has complied with the public notification provisions of public advertisement and has received no protests in accord with law and regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, recommends the utilization of this contract based on the requirements of State Law; and

**WHEREAS**, under NCPA Contract #01-97 Aspire Technology Partners LLC, an authorized Cisco dealer, can provide the Township with managed detection and response services for the period of two years in the amount of \$105,180.00 per their quote dated March 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$8,765.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 2-01-20-140-100-226. Availability of funds for the remaining balance of the contract amount is contingent upon the necessary funds being appropriated by the governing body in the 2022 and subsequent Municipal Budgets, inclusive of amount appropriated in the temporary budget as required by N.J. A.C. 5:34-5.3 (a). A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown hereby authorizes the Director of Purchasing to join NCPA and also authorizes the Township of Middletown to enter into an agreement with Aspire Technology Partners, LLC for the provision of managed detection and response services in the amount of \$105,180.00.

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**Resolution 22-121 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for April 4, 2022**

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for April 4, 2022, in the amount of \$3,512,987.99

**Resolution 22-122 - 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 2022 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 2022 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$33,692,023.80 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 - 2022 Temporary Budget Worksheet		
Account Number	Description	4/4/2022 Meeting
2-01-23-220-100-200	Insurance O/E	1,000,000.00
2-01-25-445-100-273	Fire Hydrant Services	87,000.00
2-01-26-290-102-200	DPW Parks O/E	30,000.00
2-01-26-310-100-200	DPW Maintenance of Public Property O/E	30,000.00
2-01-26-315-100-200	DPW Fleet Maintenance O/E	60,000.00
2-01-31-435-200-271	Utilities - Street Lights - Electricity	90,000.00
2-01-31-440-200-200	Utilities - Telephone O/E	102,500.00
2-01-31-460-200-200	Utilities - Fuel O/E	60,000.00
2-01-42-101-204-233	Interlocal - Monmouth County Dispatch Services	380,907.56
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,840,407.56</b>

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 budget under the appropriate titles.

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

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**Resolution 22-123 – Resolution Authorizing Emergency Award of Contract For Software Licenses from Mitchell Humphrey & Co.**

**WHEREAS**, an emergency arose due to the criminal cyberattack that interrupted access to the Township of Middletown’s (the “**Township**”) servers; and

**WHEREAS**, to restore electronic mail service while systems were being fully recovered the Township had been required to utilize cloud-based services by acquiring software licenses for the same; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the cyberattack, the Township was required to restore its system and migrate its server to a cloud-based platform; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), contracts for the purchase of goods and services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer software are nevertheless exempt from public bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 permits a contract to be negotiated or awarded without public advertisement for bids, notwithstanding the contract price will exceed the bid threshold, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.12, contracts awarded under such circumstances are also exempted from pay to play regulations.

**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 ratifies the award of an emergency contract to Mitchell Humphrey & Co., 1285 Fern Ridge Parkway, St. Louis, MO 63141 for cloud-based software licenses in an amount not to exceed \$23,971.25; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby ratifies and confirms all actions taken by the Township with regard to this emergency contract prior to the date of this resolution.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Mayor’s Wellness Campaign**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Recreation Director Janet Dellett to come forward. Janet presented a power point presentation outlining the details for this years Mayor’s Wellness Campaign free for employees at Croydon Hall.

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**Kunkel Park**

Recreation Director Janet Dellett presented plans, photos and concepts for the new skatepark at Kunkel Park.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeewoman Kratz, congratulated the Middletown South 9U Basketball team on winning the championship.

Committeeman Clarke, congratulated the Middletown South 9U Basketball team and also congratulated St. Mary's on the St. Patrick's Day Parade they did a great job.

Committeeman Settembrino, None

Deputy Mayor Hibell, None

Mayor Perry, congratulated the Middletown South 9U Basketball team on winning the championship. He expresses his excitement for the plans at Kunkel Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Frankie Stella, 11 Bridge Avenue, commented on the statistics of LGBTQ. She requested a LGBTQ flag be hung at Town Hall in June.

Sloan Timson, 135 Oakland Avenue, commented on advocating for her LGBTQ child and fight for their rights. She requested the Town raise a pride flag.

Christian Richards, Atlantic Highlands, thanked Mayor Perry for work on the skate park at Kunkel park.

Mark Soporowski, 38 Powell Avenue, discussed the storm drain issue he discussed back in December and is still in disrepair. He said his homeowner's insurance is involved and they are not happy about the disrepair. Township Engineer Ted Maloney commented this will be added to the next capital plan ordinance. Mayor Perry offered to come out with Township Engineer Ted Maloney to assess the issue.

Bruce Stafford, 39 Brainard Avenue, commented on the repair of the valve on the flood gate. Township Engineer Ted Maloney replied, the motor would be repaired April 12, 2022.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 7:43 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, 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