

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 October 16, 2023.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc 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, Settembrino, Mayor Perry
Absent: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation by Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners Director Tom Arnone and Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon for the Monmouth250 Semi Quincentennial

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc invited Director Arnone and Clerk Hanlon to the front of the room for the presentation.

County Clerk Christine Hanlon and Commissioner Director Thomas Arnone announced the Monmouth250 Semi-Quincentennial. They discussed how Monmouth County was the crossroads of the Revolution and that 2026 will be 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This celebration will focus on history and attract tourism in Monmouth County. The logo is going to be "Freedom's Battleground". A video presentation was shown to the public.

Proclamation Recognizing October 22, 2023, as Middletown Day in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Middletown Township is a 42-square mile community that approximately 68,000 residents call home; and

WHEREAS: Middletown is a unique collection of neighborhoods, each with its own geographic flavor and historic personality. Together, we form a dynamic community with a strong volunteer spirit; and

WHEREAS: Middletown Township began to hold an annual fall festival over a decade ago to offer residents the opportunity to meet friends and neighbors from Middletown Village, Leonardo, River Plaza, Lincroft, and everywhere in between; and

WHEREAS: Middletown Day 2023 will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall. The event has been postponed twice this year due to bad weather; and

WHEREAS: Middletown Day 2023, which is sponsored by local businesses, groups, and individuals, promises to be a spectacular day for the whole family. Highlights include a car show and the return of the popular Business and Community Showcase, as well as many familiar favorites including a food court, first responder demonstrations, live entertainment, and more. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2023 as **Middletown Day** in Middletown Township. We encourage all our residents to come celebrate everything that makes Middletown so special.

Proclamation Recognizing November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Veterans Day, once called Armistice Day, originated as a national commemoration of the anniversary of the ending of World War I. Congress changed the name to Veterans Day in 1954 to expand the significance of the commemoration so that a grateful nation might pay homage to the veterans of all wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of the nation; and

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WHEREAS: Middletown Township and VFW Post 2179 will honor the sacrifice and valor of our brave servicemen and women with a Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 5th; and

WHEREAS: We, as citizens of a grateful nation, are thankful for the opportunity to recognize our distinguished veterans whose service has allowed our nation to prosper and let us live in freedom. We pay special tribute to the valiant guardians of our freedom who remain listed as Missing in Action, and we offer support to the loving families who hope for their safe return; and

WHEREAS: This year we celebrate the 66th anniversary of the Veterans Day Parade. On behalf of all Middletown residents, we will use this milestone to rededicate ourselves to honoring all the veterans who have served our great nation. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023 as **Veterans Day** in the Township of Middletown in recognition of the courageous efforts of our veterans. We invite residents to join us at the Veterans Day Parade starting at Bayview Elementary School on Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. to honor our American heroes, both past and present.

Proclamation Recognizing November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: The Lenni-Lenape Native Americans were the original settlers of Middletown. This peaceful Native American tribe lived a hunter-gatherer lifestyle. They grew and cultivated crops such as corn, squash, and tobacco. They hunted and fished using tools made from rocks; and

WHEREAS: Some white settlers learned the language of the Lenni-Lenapes, although the settlers' articulations often led to slightly different pronunciation of words. The name Navesink, pronounced by the Lenni-Lenape as *ne-was-ink*, was borrowed from the Native American word for fishing place. On June 8, 1662, the purchase of the first land to become Middletown was recorded in the First Town Book of Middletown. The land, called Chaquasitt, was reported to have been purchased by the settlers from the Lenni-Lenape. These original Middletown settlers were called the Weapsiel Lenapes, or the white people, by the Native Americans. The book

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also refers to Poricy Brook, the stream which runs into Poricy Pond, as *Choncsis supus Run* and a boundary for five outlots; and

WHEREAS: Beach plums, which grow wild on Sandy Hook, were a delicacy of the Lenni-Lenape Native Americans and the colonists alike. Richard Hartshorne, an early Middletown resident, made a pact with the Native Americans to preserve the beach plum plants; and

WHEREAS: In 1664, Middletown was settled by the English. Thomas Whitlock purchased land from the Lenni- Lenape Native Americans. More land was purchased by Captain John Bowne, Richard Stout, and 10 others. The town was laid out with two rows of building lots bifurcated by an old American Indian path, which later became Kings Highway; and

WHEREAS: Middletown Township's logo is a long-standing symbol of our heritage. It depicts Sachem Popamora, the Lenape chief who was thought to have sold the land that encompassed Middletown to the first settlers. It is a tribute to our past and a reminder to present day residents of those who were responsible for giving us the wonderful place we are fortunate enough to call home. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby recognize November 2023 and every November going forward, as **Native American Heritage Month** in the Township of Middletown. We encourage the community to join us in honoring and thanking those responsible for laying the groundwork for our community.

Presentation Recognizing MSC U8 Courage Red for Winning the 2023 MOSA Championship

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc invited the Courage Red Coach and team to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room.

Mayor Perry congratulated Courage Red on their 20-0 season. The Coach discussed how proud he is of all the girls who have gotten better over the last 2 seasons and being undefeated the entire year scoring 108 goals.

Mayor Perry read the certificate that was presented to each of the team members and the Coach.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc 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:

September 18, 2023, Regular Meeting, October 5, 2023, Workshop Meeting

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated Motion carries to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2023-3391 – Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Quitclaim Deed Releasing Reversionary Rights and Amending and Restating Restrictive Covenants Upon Block 607, Lot 6 Pursuant to Settlement Agreement Between the Township and The NJ Titans Hockey Club in Consideration For \$1.5 Million

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Don Watson, resident of Collinson Drive, requested a brief description of the ordinance. Township Attorney Brian Nelson explained the ordinance and what it entails.

Hearing no further 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 Pieluc stated the motion carried to pass this ordinance.

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Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2023-3392 – Ordinance Authorizing Entry into Lease/Sublease Agreement with The County of Monmouth and Port Belford Solar Farm, LLC, The Designated Sub-Redeveloper of a Portion of Block 306, Lot 66 Within the Port of Belford Redevelopment Plan Area

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Susan, resident of Maple Drive, asked that the land be preserved. She is concerned about the impact on the area.

Tara Fleming, resident of North Fox Avenue, requested information on where the power is going. Mayor Perry responded it is going directly to the grid.

Hearing no further 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 Pieluc stated the motion carried to pass this ordinance.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2023-3393 – An Ordinance of The Township of Middletown, In the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Providing for A Special Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-53(D) In the Amount Of \$175,000 For Preparation of a Master Plan.

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

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Abstention: None
Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated the motion carried to pass this ordinance.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2023-3394 – Ordinance Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of Garrett Hill Boulevard Within the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, New Jersey To the Property Owner of Block 459, Lot 21

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Vincent Ferrasa, resident of North Fox Avenue, he is the house adjacent to the block and asked for information. Township Administrator discussed the process of a paper street and vacating the portion.

Hearing no further 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 Pieluc stated the motion carried to pass this ordinance.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2023-3395 – Ordinance Amending § 240-25 Of the Code of The Township of Middletown Governing Recreation Permitting and Fees

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

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Abstention: None
Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated the motion carried to pass this ordinance.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2023-3396 - Ordinance Adopting the River Centre South
Redevelopment Plan for Block 1131, Lots 30, 31 And 32 Within the Exit 109
Redevelopment Plan Area**

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 Pieluc stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on November 20, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 23-257 through 23-267 and Firefighter Application.

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:

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

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Resolution 23-257 – Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159 Additional Item of Funding in the 2023 Budget – “FY 2022 Emergency Management Agency Assistance” Grant

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown has received a \$10,000.00 grant from the State of New Jersey for the Emergency Management Assistance grant and wishes to amend its 2023 budget to include this amount as revenue, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Middletown Township, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2023 budget in the sum of \$10,000.00 which is now available as revenue under Special Item of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
State of New Jersey
“Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sum of \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from “CAPS”:
State of New Jersey
“Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 23-258 - Resolution Authorizing A Chapter 159 Additional Item Of Funding In The 2023 Budget – “SFY 2024 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (DDEF)” Grant

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation

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for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown has received a \$70,896.75 grant from The State of New Jersey for the DDEF grant and wishes to amend its 2023 budget to include this amount as revenue, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Middletown Township, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2023 budget in the sum of \$70,896.75 which is now available as revenue from:

The State of New Jersey - Division of Highway Traffic Safety

2023 DDEF Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sum of \$70,896.75 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
Operations Excluded from the 3.5 % CAPS
The State of New Jersey – Division of Highway Traffic Safety
2023 DDEF Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer will forward this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 23-259 - Resolution Authorizing A Chapter 159 Additional Item Of Funding In The 2023 Budget – FY 2023 BJA Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown has received a \$37,620.12 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and wishes to amend its 2023 budget to include this amount as revenue, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Middletown Township, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2023 budget in the sum of \$37,620.12 which is now available as revenue under Special Item of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the

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Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
The Bureau of Justice Assistance

“FY 2023 BJA Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sum of \$37,620.12 is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from “CAPS”:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance

“FY 2023 BJA Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 23-260 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for East Road Roadway Improvements – Phase 1

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for and received bids for the East Road Roadway Improvements – Phase 1 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, seven bids were received and publicly opened on October 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for East Road Roadway Improvements Phase 1 be awarded to **Lucas Brothers Inc., 80 Amboy Road, Morganville NJ 07751** the lowest bidder with a total price for the bid of **\$333,333.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of **\$333,333.00** are available for this purpose in account/line-item number **C-04-55-923-383-001**. 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 that the award for East Road Roadway Improvements – Phase 1 be awarded to Lucas Brothers Inc., pursuant to the terms of their bid at the above prices, and that the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

Resolution 23-261 - A Resolution of The Township of Middletown Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on An Online Auction Website

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown has determined that the property described on Schedule A attached hereto and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, these items include vehicles and miscellaneous equipment for which various departments provided an estimated fair market value, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the award of the contract to USGovBid (Auction Liquidation Services), located at USGovBid.com, as they provided the lowest rate for the service.

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

1. The award for auction services is hereby awarded to USGovBid.
2. The Township of Middletown is authorized to dispose of surplus vehicle(s) and miscellaneous equipment through the process of public auction.
3. The Purchasing Department is hereby authorized to forward the attached list of surplus vehicle(s) and miscellaneous equipment to USGovBid.com, for an on-line auction.
4. Notice of the sale shall be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in the Township of Middletown not less than 7 or more than 14 days prior to the sale.
5. The appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

Resolution 23-262 - Resolution Authorizing Release of Cash Guarantees to Satisfy Outstanding Professional Fees Not Covered by Depleted Escrow Accounts for Mark Middletown, LLC Project Associated with Block 807, Lot 1.01

WHEREAS, the Mark Middletown, LLC project owner (Block 807, Lot 1.01) posted certain cash guarantees associated with its application; and

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WHEREAS, outstanding engineering inspections fees due and owing to T&M Associates totaling \$897.00 could not be paid due to the depletion of escrow accounts associated with this project; and

WHEREAS, multiple failed attempts to reach the project owner to replenish its escrow balance have failed, creating the need to utilize available remaining cash guarantees to satisfy their escrow balance deficiency needed to cover outstanding engineering fees.

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 Township's Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to utilize remaining cash guarantees posted by the project owner of Mark Middletown, LLC associated with Block 807, Lot 1.01 to satisfy outstanding engineering inspection fees not covered by depleted escrow accounts in the sum of \$897.00 to be paid to T&M Associates from account number T-03-56-864-730-018.

Resolution 23-263 - Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contract for the 2024 Master Plan Update

WHEREAS, there exists a need to appoint an individual or firm to complete an update to the Township's master plan; and

WHEREAS, while the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)) does not require competitive bidding for this position it was nevertheless advertised pursuant to the Fair and Open Process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5); and

WHEREAS, the Township received a total of six proposals which were reviewed by the Township's Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer and per the recommendation of the Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee, the firm of Buckhurst, Fish, & Jacquemart, Inc. has qualified to provide services in relation to the update of the master plan.

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 firm of Buckhurst, Fish, & Jacquemart, Inc., 115 5th Avenue, New York, New York 10003 is hereby awarded a professional services contract for the completion of an update to the Township's master plan for an estimated amount not to exceed \$155,000.00.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for the provision of such professional services, a copy of which shall be maintained by the Clerk and advertised in the Township's official newspaper pursuant to law.

Resolution 23-264 - Resolution Authorizing Emergency Award of Contract for Pine Street Washout

WHEREAS, there was a public emergency declared in May of 2023 due to a washout on Pine Street in Lincroft; 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 Flynn's Tree Service, 44 Swartzel Dr., Middletown, NJ 07748 for the clearing and repairs related to the washout in the amount of \$61,000.00.

Resolution 23-265 - Appointment Of Special Law Enforcement Officers - Class I

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 and Class II); and Special Crossing Guards.

WHEREAS, § 44-7B of the Code of the Township of Middletown (1996) was amended and supplemented by Ordinance No. 2015-3136; and

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 Special Crossing Guards, 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

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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 Special Law Enforcement Officers – Class II, and Special Crossing Guards in the Middletown Township Police Department for the calendar year of 2023.

Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I – Patrick Smit

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 23-266 - Resolution By the Township Committee, Authorizing Volunteer Appointment to The Planning Board of The Township of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

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 is hereby appointed member of the Planning Board pursuant to the "Code of the Township of Middletown" for terms as set forth below.
2. The Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to each of the following:
 - a. The appointee listed below shall present themselves before the Township Clerk to take and subscribe to the Oath of Office.
 - b. Boards and Commissions

JAMES PISANO
ALTERNATE II

Seat V
Unexpired Term
Ending 12/31/2023

Resolution 23-267 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for October 16, 2023

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for October 16, 2023, in the amount of \$2,857,135.55

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FIREFIGHER APPLICATION

Harold J. Bane – Brevent Park Station #2

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, spoke regarding the decisions the Township Committee makes to better the municipality. He also spoke about the benefits of the solar farm.

Committeeman Settembrino, commented on Courage Red's spirit during the National Anthem. He announced that Middletown Day is Sunday October 22nd.

Committeewoman Kratz, commented it was great to have the 8 year old soccer team doing the Pledge of Allegiance. She congratulated the Belford Engine Fire Cre Show. She also announced the Food Drive on the website and social media.

Deputy Mayor Hibell, announced Middletown Day is Sunday October 22nd.

Mayor Perry, announced this is the last meeting before election day, make sure you vote. Early voting begins October 28th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan, President of the Kings Landing Condo Association, asked the Township Committee to please consider paving Kings Landing. She also inquired what work the DOT is doing on 35 and Kings Highway East. Township Administrator responded they are dredging and cleaning out the pipe to correct flooding issue.

John Hellwig, resident, concerned there is a Tier 3 registered sex offender in his neighborhood. He stated the police department was great in notifying residents, but inquired what else can be done? Mayor Perry discussed the issues derived by the sex offender. Stated he hopes legislatures will create a bill before the State House and everyone should call their representatives by calling 609 292-6000.

Don Watson, resident Collinson Drive, questioned the food drive and the process of dissemination of food. He also inquired if the police blotter can be published monthly.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated the motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi R Pieluc
Township Clerk

Approved:

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor