

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 17, 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: Hibell, Kratz, Settembrino, Mayor Perry  
Absent: Clarke

Also present were Township Assistant Administrator Jim VanNest, 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**

#### **Proclamation Honoring Thomas P. Somerville for 50 Years of Service with EMS**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Tom Somerville, EMS Chief Floyd Goldstein and Fairview First Aid Squad President Richard Yarczower and Captain Scott Agrusti to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry spoke about how humbling it is to work with such volunteers as Tom. He stated that October 17 will forever be known as Tom Somerville Day in the Township of Middletown.

**WHEREAS:** Thomas P. Somerville became a member of Fairview First Aid Squad in September 1972. He rose through the ranks, first serving as Engineer, then as Lieutenant, and eventually advanced to the position of First Lieutenant. He also served in various administrative positions, including president. He is currently a trustee of the organization; and

**WHEREAS:** As an instructor for the squad since 1975, Tom has taught Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, Extrication, Rope Rescue, and other classes. This included extrication using the “Jaws of Life” when Fairview

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First Aid received the first “Jaws of Life” in Monmouth County in the mid-70s; and

**WHEREAS:** Tom also designed unique ambulances for the squad capable of carrying both normal ambulance equipment and extrication equipment including the “Jaws of Life”; and

**WHEREAS:** As a long-time member and boat handler of the Fairview Dive Team, Tom provides command post coordination, ground support, and surface support for the divers. He is also an Ice Rescue Technician and responded with the Fairview Dive Team to the Monmouth Beach incident on February 15, 1992 when Cecelia Cohen was pulled alive from her car submerged in the icy cold Shrewsbury River; and

**WHEREAS:** Tom has received various awards and recognition for calls including rescue extrications and a number of CPR saves; and

**WHEREAS:** The Middletown Township Committee wishes to join Fairview First Aid Squad in honoring Thomas P. Somerville for 50 years of dedicated service to Middletown’s Emergency Medical Services Unit and our residents. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby commend Tom for his invaluable contributions to the community by proclaiming October 17, 2022 as **Thomas P. Somerville Day** in the Township of Middletown. It is an honor and a privilege that you choose to call Middletown your home.

**Presentation Honoring Greene Street Joinery with Middletown Township Green Business Award 2022**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt Green Street Joinery owners Jeff Krug and Rob Barone along with Director of Public Works Ted Maloney and Jessi Ticno. Mayor Perry said he is amazed at the work they are doing with reclaimed wood and doing it sustainably and he loves that it is happening in Middletown.

**Proclamation Recognizing October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Township of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** Every year too many Americans are touched by the pain and hardship caused by breast cancer – a disease that is not only one of the most common cancers among women, but also the second leading cause of cancer-related death; and

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**WHEREAS:** An estimated number of 287,500 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women this year and an estimated 2,710 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Although both women and men can have breast cancer, women are at a significantly higher risk; and

**WHEREAS:** National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public awareness about the importance of early detection and how prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease; and

**WHEREAS:** There are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, and 65 percent of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized state in which the 5-year survival rate is 99 percent; and

**WHEREAS:** Making an appointment for a mammography, an x-ray of the breast, is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** in the Township of Middletown. We encourage our residents to schedule their routine mammography and spread awareness so we can fight this disease together.

**Proclamation Recognizing November 11, 2022 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

**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 6<sup>th</sup>; 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

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**WHEREAS:** This year we celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Veterans Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade is "For Those Who Fought for Our Tomorrows," and 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, 2022 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to honor our American heroes, both past and present.

**Proclamation Recognizing November 2022 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 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

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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 2022 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.

**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:

September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting, October 3, 2022 Workshop Meeting

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

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 2022-3357 - Ordinance Authorizing Township Clerk to Act as the Issuing Authority for Bingo and Raffle Licenses**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 22-264 through 22-272 removing 22-265 for a separate vote, including Bingo, Raffle Applications

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

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

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

**Resolution 22-264 – Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers -  
Class III**

**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).

**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 2022.

**Special Law Enforcement Officers Class III –**

**Michael Donahue, Michael Leeman, Antonio Tavares, Fernando Valente**

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 22-265 – REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE  
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**Resolution 22-266 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3 For The 2021 Roadway & Drainage Improvement Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee contracted with Jads Construction Co. of New Jersey for the 2021 Roadway and Drainage Improvement Program in the amount of \$2,265,176.98; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor and Township have encountered unforeseen circumstances requiring the change order as proposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township requires additional estimated quantities as listed on Change Order No. 3, increasing the contract by \$93,755.36, making the total amount of the contract to date \$2,705,010.13 and;

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the change order requested results in a net contract increase of \$439,833.15, which represents in total less than the aggregate maximum increase of 20% allowed by N.J.A.C 5:34-11-3(a)(9); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$93,755.36 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-920-290-005, C-04-55-920-290-006, C-04-55-921-325-001, C-04-55-917-188-004, C-04-55-921-321-002, & G-02-40-700-568-018. 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 Change Order No. 3, with an increase in the amount of \$93,755.36, be authorized and executed by the appropriate officials.

**Resolution 22-267 - Resolution Authorizing the Provisional Award of a Contract for The Marketing of Single Stream Class A Recyclable Materials**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received proposals via a fair and open process for the marketing of single stream class A recyclable materials in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, one proposal was received and publicly opened on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, after review per the selection criteria included in the request for proposals, the Director of the Department of Public Works has recommended that the provisional award of the contract for the marketing of single stream class A recyclable materials be awarded to Mazza Recycling Services, LTD., 3230 Shafto Rd., Tinton Falls, NJ 07753 with their current price of (\$96.23)/ton; and

**WHEREAS**, the permanent award is subject to the option awarded after the opening of bids for the solid waste and recycling collection contract; and

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**WHEREAS**, if permanently awarded, the contract term shall run in congruence with the contract awarded for solid waste and recycling collection; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriation to be charged is budget line item number X-01-26-305-100-800 and no amount of this contract shall be chargeable until certification of available funds is made and upon receipt of a properly executed purchase order.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the provisional award for the marketing of single stream class A recyclable materials be awarded to Mazza Recycling Services, LTD pursuant to the terms of their proposal.

**Resolution 22-268 - A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of An Application to The New Jersey Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown, State of New Jersey desires to apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown has designed the Campbell's Junction Improvements Project to meet all criteria necessary to receive funding under Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, and to maximize accessibility of multiple modes of surface transportation within Campbell's Junction (to be known as Project Area); and,

**WHEREAS**, the primary activity within this Project Area will be to improve the overall safety and usability of the Project Area by completing activities that include, but are not limited to accessibility improvements to the Project Area's bus stop, construction of new sidewalks, reconstruction of damaged sidewalks, and the installation of new street-lighting; and,

**WHEREAS**, if awarded, the County of Monmouth would maintain the right-of-way for these roads (curb-to-curb) in our jurisdiction, and the Township will be responsible for maintaining all other improvements in the Township's right-of-way (sidewalks, landscaping, infrastructure etc.); and,

**WHEREAS**, responsibilities for administering the proposed project in accord with federal and state guidelines (to be known as the Responsible Charge) will be Ted Maloney, full-time Department of Public Works Director and Township Engineer and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, State of New Jersey formally authorize submission of the electronic grant application identified as **TA-2023-Campbell's Junction Improvements**

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**Pro-00042** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program on behalf of the Township of Middletown.

**Resolution 22-269 - Authorizing Award of Contract for Annual Maintenance and Support of Police Department 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. 22-24 for Computer Equipment & Peripherals; and

**WHEREAS**, under Contract 22-24, SHI International, can provide Annual Maintenance and Support of Police Department Software ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$70,433.10 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number 2-01-25-240-100-232. 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 Annual Maintenance and Support of Police Department software to SHI International in the amount of \$70,433.10.

**Resolution 22-270 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for October 17, 2022**

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills for October 17, 2022 in the amount of \$4,385,885.89.

**Resolution 22-271 - Resolution Assigning Professional Services Contract for General Special Counsel**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 4-32E of the Code of the Township of Middletown there exists a need to appoint individuals or law firms to serve as special counsel to the Township of Middletown to handle general litigation, transactions and other legal representation as may be needed; and

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**WHEREAS**, on January 2, 2022, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 22-15, appointing Archer & Greiner PC as General Special Counsel pursuant to the Fair and Open Process; and

**WHEREAS**, effective November 1, 2022, Brian M. Nelson, Esq., who serves as the Township Attorney is moving from Archer & Greiner to the law firm of Spiro Harrison & Nelson; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee, therefore, wishes to assign its contract for General Special Counsel to Spiro Harrison & Nelson for the final two months of 2022 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as its contract with Archer & Greiner; and

**WHEREAS**, the law firm of Spiro Harrison is currently a duly qualified Special Conflicts counsel for the Township, which was also awarded a contract pursuant to the Fair and Open Process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that effective November 1, 2022, the law firm of Spiro Harrison & Nelson shall hereby be appointed to serve as General Special Counsel to the Township through December 31, 2022 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as Archer & Greiner was awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 22-15 at which time such contract with Archer & Greiner shall terminate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to the New Jersey Court Rules all matters assigned to Archer & Greiner shall now be assigned to Spiro Harrison & Nelson effective November 1, 2022.

**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, copies of which shall be maintained by the Clerk and advertised in the Township's official newspaper pursuant to law.

**Resolution 22-272 - Resolution Authorizing Submission of Corrective Action Plan to State Comptroller Concerning the Township's Sick and Vacation Leave Policies and Collective Bargaining Agreements**

**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2022, the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller (the "**OSC**") issued a report entitled "A Review of Sick and Vacation Leave Policies in New Jersey Municipalities" (the "**OSC Report**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the aim of the OSC Report was to gauge compliance by the State's municipalities with sick and vacation leave policies addressed in laws adopted in 2007 and 2010; and

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**WHEREAS**, the OSC Report raised certain issues with the Township of Middletown’s (the “**Township**”)’s policies and collective bargaining agreements and requested that the Township prepare a plan to address these issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has prepared a Corrective Action Plan for submission to the OSC highlighting actions already taken and the implementation of new policies and procedures moving forward.

**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 Administrator or Assistant Administrator to execute and file the Corrective Action Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A to the OSC subject to final review by the Township’s labor counsel.

**BINGO AND RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Hi Mar Striper Club	22-113
Harmony School PTO, Inc.	22-114
Lincroft Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary	22-115
The Ancient Order of Hibernian	22-116
American Legion Post #338	22-117
PTA Leonardo Grade School	22-118
American Legion Post #338	22-119
St. Leo the Great School PTA	22-120
St. Leo the Great School PTA	22-121

**RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to adopt resolution 22-265 Amending Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Redevelopment Investigation along the Route 36 Corridor to include additional properties Block 255, Lot 12; and Block 534, Lot 7 in the Preliminary Investigation  
It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Committeeman Settembrino and carried to adopt Resolution 22-265

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

**Resolution 22-265** – Resolution Amending Resolution 19-169 Authorizing And Directing The Planning Board To Undertake A Preliminary Redevelopment Investigation To Determine Whether The Portion Of The Route 36 Corridor Extending From The Intersection Of Route 36 And Palmer Avenue To The West And Route 36

**And Leonardville Road To The East And Identified With More Particularity As The Highlighted Area On The Zoning Map Attached Hereto As Schedule “A” And Described By Lot And Block, Zone District, And Area On Schedule “B” Attached Hereto And Made Part Hereof Satisfy The Criteria For Designation As An Area In Need Of Redevelopment To Include Additional Properties Block 255, Lot 12; And Block 534, Lot 7 In The Preliminary Investigation As Noted On Schedule “C” Attached Hereto And Made Part Hereof**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (“LRHL”), sets forth the criteria for a determination of whether a delineated area may be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 to determine that a delineated area in the Township is an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the Township of Middletown (“the Township”) to adopt a resolution directing its Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether a delineated area is an area in need of redevelopment (“Redevelopment Area”) according to the criteria set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township adopted Resolution No. 19-169 on June 3, 2019, authorizing one of its pre-qualified Redevelopment Planners to assist the Planning Board in its preliminary investigation of the proposed study area, namely that portion of State Highway 36 roughly extending from Palmer Avenue to Leonardville Road and identified with more particularity as the highlighted area on Schedule “A” and described by lot and block, zone district, and area on Schedule “B” attached hereto and made part hereof (the “Study Area”) to determine if the delineated areas qualify as an area in need of redevelopment for **non-condemnation purposes** pursuant to the criteria set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 40A:12A-3.

**WHEREAS**, the Township amends Resolution No. 19-169 to include additional properties encompassed by the following Blocks and Lots identified below to be added to those included within Schedule B to determine if they meet the criteria established by the LRHL as an Area in Need of Redevelopment:

**Block 255, Lot 12; and  
Block 534, Lot 7**

**WHEREAS**, authorizing this study shall not allow for the use of eminent domain and that the said area shall be a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area.

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

1. The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to undertake a preliminary redevelopment investigation of the proposed study area, namely that portion of State Highway 36 roughly extending from Palmer Avenue to Leonardville Road and described by lot and block, zone district, and area on Schedule “C” attached hereto to determine whether the delineated areas of investigation constitute being designated as an “area in need of redevelopment” according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 40A:12A-3 for non-condemnation purposes.
2. The Township Administrator and Township Planner are hereby authorized and directed to continue to work with the solicited pre-qualified Redevelopment Planners to assist the Planning Board in its preliminary investigation of the delineated area of investigation, and to solicit one of the Township’s pre-qualified qualified Redevelopment Planners to begin the preparation of a Redevelopment Plan in the event the Planning Board recommends that all or some of the delineated area of investigation constitutes an “area in need of redevelopment.”
3. The Township Administrator, Township Planner and Township Attorney are each hereby authorized and directed to take any necessary and appropriate actions in connection with the preliminary investigation of the delineated area of investigation, and are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions, including but not limited to, the negotiation of any and all documents necessary to undertake the investigation as being hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeeman Settembrino, congratulated Tom Somerville for 50 years of service with the EMS. He also commended that Green Street Joinery is a great example of sustainable functions for building projects.

Committeewoman Kratz, congratulated Skin for Life a non-profit fundraiser to benefit Oasis Farms for adults for autism. She also hosted with the Mayor, a mock Township Committee meeting for the girl scouts. She also congratulated Tom Somerville for 50 years of service to the EMS.

Deputy Mayor Hibell, congratulated Tom Somerville for not only 50 years of service to the Fire Department but no for 50 years of service to the EMS. He also congratulated Mayor Perry for receiving the Good Scout Award.

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Mayor Perry, congratulated No Limits Café's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K race. He congratulated Community Fire House for 100 years of service. He also congratulated Father Kegley for the Bishop attending St. Mary's chapel being designated a shrine. He thanked the Boy Scouts for the Good Scout Award it was an honor from Eastern Council. He said reinvesting in young people and leadership through scouts, sports and by doing good for the community. He spoke about the ceremony held to plant the 9/11 survivor tree from the World Trade Center. He thanked the Department of Public Works team for finding a location for the tree and planting it. The tree is a symbol of we will never forget. He thanked the Tietjen family for donating a flag with all the victim's names from 9/11. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote and exercise your duties and rights. He announced that Early voting begins October 29, 2022, running through November 6, 2022, at Croydon Hall and that Election Day is Tuesday November 8, 2022. He also announced the veterans open house is October 22, 2022 and the parade will be held Sunday November 6, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Spinelli, 91 Burlington Avenue, thanked Mayor Perry for attending the St. Mary's Chapel ceremony. He requested the Township Committee consider purchasing the wooded land on Block 372 Lot 136.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Dr., requested information on the Route 36 corridor study.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

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

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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