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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 June 24, 2024.

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena 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 11, 2024.

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**

**Administration of Oath of Office to Lieutenant Christopher Dee**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Christopher Dee and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Christopher Dee and congratulated him on his promotion to Lieutenant.

**Administration of Oath of Office to Lieutenant Stephanie Geisel**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Stephanie Geisel and her family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Stephanie Geisel and congratulated her on her promotion to Lieutenant.

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**Administration of Oath of Office to Lieutenant Brian McGrogan**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Brian McGrogan and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Brian McGrogan and congratulated him on his promotion to Lieutenant.

**Administration of Oath of Office to Sergeant Elzbieta Banel**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Elzbieta Banel and her family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Elzbieta Banel and congratulated her on her promotion to Sergeant.

**Administration of Oath of Office to Sergeant Anthony Bumbico**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Anthony Bumbico and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Anthony Bumbico and congratulated him on his promotion to Sergeant.

**Administration of Oath of Office to Sergeant Kevin Mahon**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Kevin Mahon and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Kevin Mahon and congratulated him on his promotion to Sergeant.

**Administration of Oath of Office to Sergeant Jason Troshane**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Jason Troshane and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Jason Troshane and congratulated him on his promotion to Sergeant.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Distinguished Citizen of the Year Presentation**

Deputy Township Clerk invited longtime volunteer firefighter and LOSAP coordinator John Drucker to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry commended John for his many years of service and constantly being on call. Mayor Perry presented John with the Key to the Town and read the proclamation being presented to him. John thanked Mayor Perry and the Township Committee and commented that this is a great community and that being born and raised here makes it a great honor to serve.

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**Presentation Recognizing Individuals for Assistance with The Conover Beacon Restoration**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Department of Public Works Master Welder Justin VanArsdale along with Director of Public Works Ted Maloney to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry discussed his reaction the first time he saw the Beacon. He said it was in bad shape and that the center support was rusted right through. He mentioned that many vendors were contacted and did not want to touch it. Director of Public Works Ted Maloney called and said that Justin can do the work needed. Mayor Perry said that Justin made it happen he rebuilt it with his hands saving the Township hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mayor Perry commented that after the recent storm over the weekend had the Beacon not been restored by Justin it may have been knocked over from the wind.

**Presentation Recognizing Middletown High School South Track & Field State Champion Rosemary Shay**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited State Champion Rosemary Shay and Coach Vic Bayers to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry commented that since moving into the new building Middletown School teams keep on winning. Mayor Perry congratulated Rosemary on running the 3200 meters to win the race and wished her the best of luck next year at Villanova University.

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Youth Citizenship Award Presentation to Rylee Higgins**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Rylee Higgins, Middletown DAR Representative Kim Best, Serena Schrieber, Molly McCabe and Detective Ric Cruz to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Kim Best outlined Rylee's achievements with the organization and that she was nominated by Detective Ric Cruz for the award. Mayor Perry congratulated Rylee and the organization.

**Proclamation Recognizing July 10, 2024 as World Airway Disorders Day in the Township of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** Laryngomalacia (LM) is the most common cause of noisy breathing in infants and occurs when the tissues above the vocal cords collapse and prevent children from breathing easily. Its prevalence has been estimated to be anywhere from 1 in 2,000 to 3,000 infants; and

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**WHEREAS:** The primary symptom of LM is stridor, or noisy breathing, and it is important to diagnose in early infancy as it may affect multiple aspects of growth and development. This can be done by an ear, nose, and throat (ENT) specialist; and

**WHEREAS:** Most children will outgrow the ailment by 12-18 months of age, however, 10-20 percent will have severe symptoms affecting their ability to breathe and eat and will require surgery; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2010, Middletown resident Stephanie Hueston founded Coping with Laryngomalacia (CWL) shortly after her daughter, Seraphina, underwent surgery to treat her life-threatening LM. CWL is an all-volunteer non-profit that provides support, strength, and education for families coping with infantile airway disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2015, CWL founded World Airways Disorders Day, a day for the world to paint their nails light blue for LM and help raise awareness. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2024 as **World Airway Disorders Day** in the Township of Middletown to show support for CWL's mission and the families who are affected. We encourage the community to visit [copingwithlm.org](http://copingwithlm.org) for more information and resources.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena requested a motion to approve the minutes.

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

May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting, June 10, 2024, Workshop Meeting

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated Motion carries to approve the minutes.

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**PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3420 – Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation Of \$1,800,000 For Acquisition of Properties by And for The Township of Middletown In The County Of Monmouth, New Jersey And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,710,000 In Bonds Or Notes Of The Township For Financing Part Of The Appropriation**

No Action was taken

**Ordinance 2024-3421 – Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation Of \$2,525,000 For the Acquisition of Emergency Services Radios and Other Related Equipment for Various Departments by And for The Township of Middletown in The County of Monmouth, New Jersey And Authorizing the Issuance Of \$2,398,750 In Bonds or Notes of The Township for Financing Part of The Appropriation.**

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Sheriff Shaun Golden thanked the Township Committee for their support of law enforcement and congratulated superior officers and John Drucker for assisting him and also thanked all the Fire Chief's it was a big transition for all. Mayor Perry thanked Sheriff Golden for all his support as well.

Second Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Morrissey thanked the Township Committee and Sheriff Golden for looking out for the department.

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

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated that motion carries to pass this ordinance.

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**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3422 – Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 2024-3418 Amending and Restating Ordinance No. 2023-3371 Solely as To the Established Fair Market Value for Property Identified as Block 1045, Lot 2 (Nut Swamp Road), Block 1045, Lot 3 (1114 Nut Swamp Road), And Block 1045, Lot 4 (Dwight Road) Within the Township of Middletown**

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

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on July 15, 2024.

**OPEN SPACE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monmouth County Open Space Grant Application for Improvements to Kunkel Park**

Recreation Director Janet Dellett gave a presentation to the Township Committee, outlining the Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program. She discussed the improvements to Kunkel Park which would include field improvements, tennis court improvements, playground improvements and a new walking path. She also mentioned that not listed is resurfacing the basketball courts. She spoke about Bill Kunkel who was an MLB baseball player and umpire. She stated that once the improvements are complete, they will rededicate the park in his memory.

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

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Hearing no comments from the public it was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Committeeman Settembrino to close public hearing.

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated the motion carried to close the public hearing.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 24-186 through 24-196 and Firefighter Applications.

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

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated the motion carried to adopt the consent agenda.

**Resolution 24-186 - Cancellation of Community Development Mortgages**

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

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
636	43	Geraldine Schleyer	8 Frisk Drive	12,100

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

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

A. Community Development

**Resolution 24-187 - Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application to The County of Monmouth's Municipal Open Space Grants Program for Improvements to Kunkel Park**

**WHEREAS**, the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Open Space Program to provide Program Grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County Park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for County recreation and conservation development and maintenance purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Township of Middletown (the "**Township**") desires to obtain County Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to fund improvements at Kunkel Park, located at Brevent and Highland Avenues, Leonardo, New Jersey 07737 (the "**Project Site**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is \$1,742,910.00 and

**WHEREAS**, the Township owns and controls the Project Site.

**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 Township Administrator, Anthony Mercantante, is hereby authorized and directed to: (a) make an application to the County of Monmouth for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Open Space Grants Program, and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent for the Township.
2. The Township is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the project as described in the grant application in the form of non-County matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program.
3. If the County of Monmouth determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Program and the



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Policy and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the Township is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such policies and procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations, and statutes thereto.

4. The Township Administrator, Anthony Mercantante, is hereby authorized and directed to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Monmouth for the approved Open Space Trust Funds for the purposes specified under this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**Resolution 24-188 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for contract #2024-Bid-16 – Landscaping Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, nine proposals were received and publicly opened on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Director of Public Works has recommended that the award of contract #2024-Bid-16 be awarded to D&M Lawn Care, 9 Waltuma Ave., Edison, NJ 08837 with their total price for the initial contract term of \$37,920.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract term shall begin, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and end October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024; running for approximately sixteen (16) weeks with the option of two (2) one (1) year extensions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$37,920.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 4-01-26-290-102-310. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof. 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 2025 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** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the award for contract #2024-Bid-16 – Landscaping Services be awarded to D&M Lawn Care, pursuant to the terms of their bid at the above prices, and that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

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**Resolution 24-189 - Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Contract #22-12 For Police Uniforms & Equipment**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for contract #22-12 – Police Uniforms & Equipment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, contract #22-12 was awarded to Action Uniform Co., LLC on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, per resolution #22-216 with the option for two (2) one (1) year extensions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Purchasing and the Chief of Police have recommended that contract #22-12 be extended for an additional year per the bid specifications in a not to exceed amount of \$95,000.00 with their prices for optional year #3 as follows:

- Group 1 - \$2,725.00**
- Group 2 - \$1,685.00**
- Group 3 - \$2,240.00**
- Group 4 - \$856.00**
- Group 5 - \$2,224.00**
- Group 6 - \$52.00**

**WHEREAS**, this contract term shall begin, August 17, 2024, and end August 16, 2025,; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriation to be charged is budget line item number 4-01-25-240-100-235 and no amount of this contract shall be chargeable until certification of available funds are made and upon receipt of a properly executed purchase order.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that contract #22-12 – Police Uniforms & Equipment be extended for optional year #3 pursuant to the terms of Action Uniform Co., LLC’s bid at the above prices, and that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

**Resolution 24-190 - Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159 Additional Item of Funding in the 2024 Budget – “National Opioids Settlement Fund”**

**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

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown has received a \$35,806.90 grant from the National Opioids Settlement Fund which will bill overseen by the NJ Dept. of Human Services and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 budget in the sum of \$35,806.90 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:

“National Opioids Settlement Fund”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a sum of \$35,806.90 is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from “CAPS”:

“National Opioids Settlement Fund”

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

**Resolution 24-191 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract For Middletown Veterans Housing**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for the Middletown Veterans Housing project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, nine bids were received and publicly opened on June 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for Middletown Veterans Housing be awarded to Woodward Construction Company, P.O. Box 393, Matawan, NJ 07747 the lowest bidder with a total price for the bid of \$7,225,027.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$7,225,027.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-924-409-001. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof.

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the award for Middletown Veterans Housing be awarded to Woodward Construction Company, 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 24-192 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Tindall Park Tennis Court Improvements Project**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for the Tindall Park Tennis Courts Improvements in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, four bids were received and publicly opened on June 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the low bidder **Shore Top Construction Corp.** withdrew their bid do to a clerical error, therefore the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for **Tindall Park Tennis Court Improvements** be awarded to the next lowest bidder, **Halecon Inc., 136 Billian Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807** for a total amount of \$2,005,230.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of **\$2,005,230.00** are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) **C-04-55-923-397-001 and C-04-55-922-329-001**. 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 Tindall Park Tennis Court Improvements be awarded to **Halecon 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 24-193 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for Professional Engineering Services for Construction Administration and Inspection**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown (the "**Township**") requires construction administration and inspection services in relation to the Tindall Park Tennis Courts Improvement project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the fair and open process and Resolution No. 24-17, the Township previously qualified multiple engineering firms to provide consulting engineering services; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township has received a proposal from Colliers Engineering & Design to provide the required professional engineering services in the amount of \$194,950.00, which the Township Engineer has deemed acceptable.

**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. It hereby authorizes the award of a contract to Colliers Engineering & Design, 101 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733 for professional engineering services related to the Tindall Park Tennis Court Improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$194,950.00.
2. It hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Clerk, subject to final attorney review, to execute an Agreement for the provision of such professional services, a copy of which shall be maintained by the Clerk.

**Resolution 24-194 - Resolution Of the Township Committee of The Township of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, Authorizing the Official Filing of The 2023 Municipal Audit**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, The Annual Report of Audit for the year 2023 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

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and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit

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entitled:

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as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - AA local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of Middletown, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968, and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**Resolution 24-195 - Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Shared Services Agreement with Middletown Board of Education for Provision of Armed Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers at All Middletown Schools**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidations Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. authorizes local governmental entities to enter into an agreement, among other things, for the sharing of services with boards of education; and

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**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10 establishes the position of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to provide security to schools in the State of New Jersey when school is in session for students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2022, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-220, the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) and the Middletown Township Board of Education (the “**Board**”) agreed to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of armed police officers at each Middletown school (the “**Agreement**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement was entered into by the parties on August 25, 2022, for a two year term, which may be renewed one time for another two school years; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to renew the Agreement for another two school years pursuant to the same terms and conditions.

**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 Agreement with the Board for the provision of armed police officers at each Middletown school is hereby renewed for another two school years pursuant to the same terms and conditions contained in the Agreement.

**Resolution 24-196 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for June 24, 2024**

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills for June 24, 2024, in the amount of \$3,628,727.35.

**FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION**

Daniel Adler – Port Monmouth Fire Company Station 6

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE ABC ISSUING AUTHORITY**

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena requested a motion to pass Resolution 24-197

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Committeeman Settembrino to adopt resolution 24-197.

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

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**Resolution 24-197 – Resolution Authorizing Place to Place Liquor License Transfer  
Plenary Retail Consumption License 1331-33-010**

**WHEREAS**, Middletown Beverage, LLC, submitted an application for a Place to Place license transfer on May 17, 2024, of license 1331-33-010 currently inactive; and

**WHEREAS**, the application has been deemed complete and the Township of Middletown has no objection to the Place to Place license transfer; and

**WHEREAS**, the License has been properly renewed for the current license term, and the applicant/licensee is qualified to be licensed according to the requirements of Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes as well as local ordinances consistent with Title 33 and the applicant/licensee has disclosed the necessary requirements for this application.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the Township Committee, acting. as the local A.B.C. Board, approves the Place to Place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1331-33-010 for Middletown Beverage, LLC as an inactive license with new licensed premises at 1283 Highway 35, Middletown, NJ 07748.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of the Resolution and Application be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following: NJ State Division of the Alcohol Beverage Control, Middletown Township Police Department, and Middletown Beverage, LLC 1285 Highway 35, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena requested a motion to pass Resolution 24-198

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Committeeman Settembrino to adopt resolution 24-198.

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



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**Resolution 24-198 - WHEREAS**, applications have been made to the Middletown Township Committee for Liquor Licenses in the Township of Middletown for the licensing year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, accompanied by an assigned fee per Chapter 240-1A of the Code of the Township of Middletown.

**WHEREAS**, the premises where the licenses are sought have been duly inspected by the Office of the Chief of Police of the Township of Middletown, and it appears that the applications are in due form and that all legal formalities have been met.

<b>Liquor Lic. ID Number</b>	<b>Corporate Name</b>	<b>Establishment Name</b>
1331-31-035-001	Amer. Leg. Post 338	American Legion Memorial Post 338
1331-33-011-005	Apple Food Service of Middletown LLC	Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
1331-31-036-001	Bayshore Columbian Club	Bayshore Columbian Club
1331-31-037-001	Beacon Hill County Club, Inc.	Beacon Hill Country Club
1331-33-001-002	Bushwick Management LLC	pocket license
1331-33-015-006	C. Ciccone, Inc.	Old Village Pub and Liquors
1331-32-005-003	Circus Liquors, Inc.	Circus Wines, Beer & Spirits; CircusWines.com
1331-33-018-006	COATZA, LLC	Casa Calaveras
1331-33-013-009	COLOSSEO OF RED BNK CORP	Il Colosseo
1331-36-042-002	Courtyard Management Corporation	Courtyard by Marriott
1331-33-041-005	Grand Cru L.L.C.	Nicholas
1331-33-024-004	GVFB, LLC	Gabriella's Italian Steak House
1331-33-029-008	House of Chong Middletown, Inc.	House of Chong
1331-32-004-003	Jacques Reception Ctr. LLC	Jacques Reception Center
1331-44-019-009	Jalaraam Inc.	Lincroft Liquor
1331-33-023-004	Jersey Shore Restaurant Assoc., Inc	pocket license
1331-43-006-005	Kathco Corporation Inc.	Shop Rite
1331-44-031-004	Keshina Inc.	Trezza Liquors
1331-33-022-004	Lincroft Tavern, LLC	Charlie's of Lincroft
1331-33-030-011	LTF Club Operations Company, Inc.	Life Time
1331-33-014-006	MARKMART	Gateway Bar & Liquors
1331-31-040-001	Mdtn. Twsp. Post 2179 VFW	Mdtn. Twsp. Post 2179
1331-33-010-009	Middletown Beverage LLC	pocket license
1331-44-043-003	Middletown Bottle King Inc.	Bottle King Discount Wines & Spirits
1331-31-038-002	Middletown Elks Lodge BPOE 2179	Middletown Elks 2179
1331-33-017-004	Middletown Harmony Lounge Inc.	Harmony Lounge
1331-33-021-007	MJS MIDDLETOWN, LLC	MJ's
1331-31-039-002	Navesink Country Club	Navesink Country Club
1331-31-044-001	New Jersey Junior Titans Hockey Club Inc.	New Jersey Junior Titans Hockey Club
1331-33-034-002	Outback Mid Atlantic 1 Limited Partnership	Outback Steakhouse

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1331-44-033-006	Peninsula Liquors	Circus Wines Beers and Spirits
1331-44-028-005	Middletown Beverage, LLC	pocket license
1331-44-008-008	Saker Enterprises Company Inc.	ShopRite Wines and Spirits of Middletown
1331-33-026-002	Standard Hedge, LLC.	pocket license
1331-32-003-007	Ted LB. Inc.	Junction Bar & Liquors
1331-44-007-001	Wanamassa Liquors Inc.	pocket license
1331-44-012-004	Whole Foods Market Group Inc.	Whole Foods Market

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeeman Clarke, congratulated Police promotions, he commended the radio upgrade and thanked John Drucker and the Chief’s for on an excellent job. He thanked Recreation Director Janet Dellet for her presentation on Kunkel Park.

Committeeman Settembrino, stated he is amazed at people of all ages making Middletown the great town it is.

Committeewoman Kratz, congratulated police promotions. She also congratulated Rosemarie Shay and Rylee Higgins.

Mayor Perry, discussed the bad storm that hit over the weekend and commended the response of Township everyone worked seamlessly, and the fact that there were no messages at Town Hall on Monday morning shows it worked so well. He announced we are in the final three phases for the Veterans housing he is very proud of what we have done.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Carl Rathjen, 52 Pelican Road, came to the meeting tonight to see the awards to our wonderful volunteers and he said he is so proud to see the veterans housing. He thanked the Township Committee for all they do.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Drive, stated he is happy to see Shell Gas station something more useful. He inquired about the resolution for landscaping services, and reminded the Committee that he used to lead a group of volunteers who used to cut the grass in the jug handles. He also stated that Red Hill Road needs to be trimmed back it is hanging over into the road.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated the motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Heidi R Pieluc  
Township Clerk

Approved:

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Anthony S. Perry, Mayor