

Workshop Meeting

A Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of Middletown Township was held in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall, One Kings Highway, Middletown, New Jersey and virtually through WebEx at 7:00 p.m. on June 6, 2022.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to The Asbury Park Press, The Independent and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on January 07, 2022.

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

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp, 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/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Presentation Recognizing Middletown Graduating High School Seniors Enlisting in Military**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited the following high school seniors who will be enlisting in the military after graduation to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Samuel Funk from Middletown High School South who will be serving in the United States Navy, Robert Truair from Middletown High School North who will be serving in the United States Marine Corps., Jason DeSanctis from Middletown High School South who will be serving in the United States Coast Guard and Dante Miranda from Middletown High School South who will be joining the Virginia Tech Army Corps of Cadets. Mayor Perry commended them on their contribution to our country and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

#### **Presentation by Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor Lori Linskey on the Safe Place Program**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor Lori Linksey to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. She spoke about the new Safe Place Program and its benefits to the community.

**Proclamation Recognizing June 2022 as Pride Month in the Township of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** Our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, and that is what Middletown strives to provide. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that advocate on behalf of marginalized communities; and

**WHEREAS:** In the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identifying (LGBTQ+) people, a historic turning point occurred in New York City on June 28, 1969, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQ+ citizens rose up and protested against discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS:** All people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination. Middletown celebrates the proud legacy LGBTQ+ individuals have woven into the fabric of our nation. We continue our work to build an inclusive and stigma-free society where every citizen knows that this Township supports them; and

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as Pride Month in the Township of Middletown.

**Proclamation Recognizing June 11, 2022 as Relay for Life Day in the Township of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based volunteer health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through research, education, advocacy, and service; and

**WHEREAS:** **Relay For Life** is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature activity and a *Celebration of Life* where they *Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back*; and

**WHEREAS:** **Relay For Life** is a community event that celebrates survivors, remembers those who have lost their battle with cancer, and unites our community to fight against a disease that has taken too much from too many; and

**WHEREAS:** Because cancer never sleeps, **Relay For Life** teams spend the evening camping out, enjoying music, and engaging in family activities together while team members walk around a track relay-style for the duration of this event; and

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**WHEREAS: Relay For Life of Middletown** will be held on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Middletown High School South (900 Nutswamp Road) from 4:00 – 10:00 PM. For more information, visit [www.middletownnj.org/relayforlife2022](http://www.middletownnj.org/relayforlife2022).  
Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2022 as **Relay For Life Day** in the Township of Middletown and call upon all residents to support this inspirational event. We also encourage the community to support the American Cancer Society in their efforts to help everyone who has been touched by cancer.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2022-3345 - Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation of \$300,000 For Construction of a Portion of The Cost of a Dog Park and Dog Park Parking Lot in Tindall Park by And for The Township of Middletown in The County of Monmouth, New Jersey And Authorizing the Issuance Of \$285,000 In Bonds or Notes of The Township for Financing Part of the Appropriation**

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Drive, questioned the parking lot if it was being repaved? Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded yes as well as the basketball and tennis courts.

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

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2022-3346 - An Ordinance by The Township Committee Amending the Ordinances of The Township to Repeal and Replace Section 540-527 To Adopt a New Section 540-527; To Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; To Designate a Floodplain Administrator; And Providing for Severability and An Effective Date**

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Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Drive, questioned who will be the Flood Plan Administrator? Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded it will be Stacy Krause it was Joe Kachinsky in the past.

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

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2022-3347 – An Ordinance Providing Funding for Various Improvements to The Municipal Complex for The Township of Middletown and Appropriating \$600,000 For Such Purpose.**

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

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on June 20, 2022.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 22-160 through 22-172 removing 22-160 and 22-169 for a separate vote.

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

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

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

**Resolution 22-160 – REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE**

**Resolution 22-161 - Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159 Additional Item of Funding in the 2022 Budget – “2022 Click It or Ticket” 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 \$7,000.00 grant from the NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety and wishes to amend its 2022 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 2022 budget in the sum of \$7,000.00 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:

NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Safety

“Click It or Ticket”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a sum of \$7,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from “CAPS”:

NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Safety

“Click It or Ticket”

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

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**Resolution 22-162 - 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>
171	5	Kevin Callahan	16 South End Ave	19,825

**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.

**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 22-163 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Primepoint Payroll Processing Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received proprietary bids for payroll processing and data administration services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1(c) the attached memo (Exhibit A) illustrates the need for a proprietary designation; and

**WHEREAS**, one responsive bid was received for such services; and

**WHEREAS**, Primepoint LLC was the lowest responsive bidder and the Township's Chief Financial Officer has recommended awarding the Township's payroll processing and data administration services contract to Primepoint; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial contract term shall begin, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and end June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024; with an option for one (1) two (2) year extension; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that these services will not exceed \$75,000 annually, and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for these services.

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the award for payroll processing and data administration services be awarded to Primepoint LLC 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 22-164 - Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Contract For Fire And Security Alarm System Upgrades**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for Fire and Security Alarm System Upgrades in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, two proposals were received and publicly opened on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for Fire and Security Alarm System Upgrades be awarded to Haig's Service Corp. 211A Route 22, Green Brook, NJ 08812 the lowest bidder with a total price for the base bid and alternate number one of \$281,501.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$281,501.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-919-265-002 and C-04-55-921-321-006. 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 Fire and Security Alarm System Upgrades be awarded to Haig's Service Corp., 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 22-165 - Resolution Amending Resolution 21-228 As to Estimated and Authorized Expenditure**

**WHEREAS**, the Township by resolution 20-163 awarded the Road Materials contract to Stavola Construction Materials, Inc., in an estimated total expenditure amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for a twenty four (24) month period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township by resolution 21-228 amended resolution 20-163 to increase the estimated total expenditure from \$200,000.00 to \$400,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the extensive amount of road work needed throughout the Township, it is necessary to increase the estimated total expenditure as set forth in resolution 21-228 from the originally estimated \$400,000.00 to \$520,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that resolution 21-228 related to Road Materials is amended to increase the estimated authorized total expenditure for the services during the year 2021/2022. All other provisions of the resolution remain in effect.

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**Resolution 22-166 - Resolution Establishing Fair Market Value And Authorizing and Directing The Acquisition Of Properties Located In The Township Of Middletown Designated As Block 276, P/O Lot 77.01 And Block 276, P/O Lot 77.03 By Purchase Or Eminent Domain**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“**USACE**”) conducted an investigation and identified areas located in the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) that were subject to significant coastal storm damage and tide-induced flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the USACE’s investigation resulted in the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Port Monmouth Feasibility Report for Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (the “**Feasibility Report**”) dated September 25, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, and based on the Feasibility Report, the United States Congress authorized a hurricane and storm damage reduction project in the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Port Monmouth, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the hurricane and storm damage reduction project included the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Port Monmouth, Phase II, NJ Flood Risk Management Project (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, under public law 113-2, the Disaster Relief Appropriation Act of 2013, Chapter 4, Congress appropriated funds for this Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the USACE is now implementing the Project, which provides for hurricane and storm damage reduction and flood risk management and calls for certain improvements on certain real property, including, but not being limited to the construction of a floodwall and/or levee, road closure gates, interior drainage structures and other related work; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-3324, the Township is authorized and directed to acquire by purchase or gift, or, in the alternative, to take, or condemn certain real property identified as necessary components under the Project’s Phase II Contracts 4b and 5 for the purchase price and/or fair and just compensation as valued by the appraisal reports issued by J. McHale & Associates, Inc. (the “**Appraiser**”), subject to and upon receipt of final approval required by the Project’s Phase II Contracts 4b and 5 and the adoption of a resolution by the Township Committee memorializing the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is in receipt of the appraisal reports reviewed and approved pursuant to the Project’s Phase II Contracts 4b and 5 for the properties set forth in **Exhibit A** (each a “**Property**” and collectively the “**Properties**”) and wishes to proceed with the acquisition of the Properties for the Project.



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**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:

That the Township Committee hereby accepts the valuations by the Appraiser for the Properties in the amounts set forth in the appraisal reports reviewed and approved pursuant to the Project's Phase II Contracts 4b and 5 and identified in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, as having been performed in a competent manner and in accordance with the relevant appraisal standards and the applicable law as establishing the fair market value of the Properties (the "**Cost of Acquisition**").

The Mayor, Township Administrator, Archer & Greiner, PC and/or any other attorneys retained by the Township for purposes of the Project, and such other officials, employees and agents of the Township, specifically including, but not limited to professional appraisers, environmental experts, consulting engineers, surveyors and similar professionals as are appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute such documents and to perform all other acts necessary to negotiate in good faith or take, condemn (including the institution of any necessary legal action to acquire the real property including but not limited to action to gain necessary access to the real property for related purposes) or to acquire title to the Properties for dedication to the Project; and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of said real property; however, no settlement figure, purchase price or stipulation to purchase in excess of the Cost of Acquisition shall be binding on the Township or its agents until the Township Committee gives final approval to such figure or price by resolution.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized and directed to pay the purchase price and/or fair and just compensation to the owner of record in the amount of the Cost of Acquisition for each Property as valued by the appraisal reports issued by J. McHale & Associates, Inc., as well as to pay the Township's share of costs connected with title reports, appraisal reports, attorney's fees, professional consultant's fees, and other costs necessary for the general acquisition of any Property by way of condemnation of the real property.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution 22-167 - Resolution Authorizing Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Middletown and the County of Monmouth for Various 2022 Paving Projects**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq, authorizes local units of this State to enter into contracts with any other local unit for the provision of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Monmouth County is able to assist the Township of Middletown with various 2022 paving projects; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township and Monmouth County desire to enter into a shared services agreement whereby Monmouth County will provide paving services to the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township shall pay the County of Monmouth a total estimated fee of \$48,477.01 for the 2022 Paving Project.

**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 accepts and authorizes the entry into a new shared services agreement for various 2022 paving projects with the County of Monmouth for an estimated fee of \$48,477.01.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with Monmouth County.

**Resolution 22-168 – Resolution Urging Local, County, State and Federal Officials to Support Efforts to Improve The Availability Of Marine Pump-Out Facilities**

**WHEREAS**, as referenced in the Bayshore Region Strategic Plan (2006) and the more recent Monmouth County Master Plan (2016), the Monmouth County Bayshore is comprised of the following nine municipalities: Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Hazlet, Highlands, Keansburg, Keyport, Matawan, Middletown, and Union Beach, and also includes the Gateway National Recreation area at Sandy Hook; and

**WHEREAS**, the coastline of Raritan Bay extends into Middlesex County and along the shores of Staten Island in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, this watershed is home to thousands of boats that use these waters for fishing, other recreational enjoyment, and commercial shipping; and

**WHEREAS**, the coastal environment would benefit from increased availability of both land-based pump-out facilities and access to a pump-out boat for boat owners to empty marine waste tanks in order to reduce the amount of human waste that is discharged into our local coastal waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, providing these pump-out services requires the coordinated efforts of local, county and state government to improve the quality of our shared coastal environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Middletown urges government officials at the local, county, state and federal level to work collaboratively to improve the availability of land-based pump-out facilities and access to a pump-out boat for boat owners to empty marine waste tanks.

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2. The Township Clerk is directed to forward copies of this resolution to:

Congressman Frank Pallone  
New Jersey Senator Declan O'Scanlon  
New Jersey Assemblywoman Victoria Flynn  
New Jersey Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger  
The Monmouth County Board of Commissioners  
The Mayors of Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Hazlet, Highlands, Keansburg,  
Keyport, Matawan, and Union Beach

**Resolution 22-169 - REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE**

**Resolution 22-170 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for June 6, 2022**

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,410,776.80

**Resolution 22-171 - Appointment to Zoning Board of Adjustment**

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 individuals be and they are hereby appointed or reappointed as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to the "Code of the Township of Middletown" for the terms as set forth below:

Roberta Sheridan	Term to Expire 12/31/2023
<b>ALTERNATE I</b>	
Christopher Barvels	Term to Expire 12/31/2022
<b>ALTERNATE II</b>	
Steven Shanker	Term to Expire 12/31/2023
<b>ALTERNATE III</b>	

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. Zoning Board of Adjustment

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**Resolution 22-172 - Appointment to Landmark Commission**

**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 individuals are hereby appointed or reappointed as members of the Landmark Commission pursuant to the "Code of the Township of Middletown" for a term set forth below:

**Don Claussen**

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2. The Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to each of the following:
  - a. Each appointee listed above who shall present themselves before the Township Clerk to take and subscribe to the Oath of Office.
  - b. Landmark Commission

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following resolution by title:

**Resolution 22-160 - Resolution of The Township of Middletown County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey Authorizing Fireworks Display on Private Property Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 21:3-3**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 requires the Governing Body to authorize the display of fireworks on private property subject to the review and approval of the Municipal Fire and Police Officials;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that subject to the confirmation by the Fire Official that the agreements with the Fire Department and First Aid Squad are in place for making vehicles available during the Fireworks Display, that approval is hereby given for the Fireworks Display on private property by RIVERVIEW MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION located at the DiPiero residence at 810 Navesink River Road, Rumson on the date provided on their application for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Hibell and seconded by Committeewoman Kratz to pass Resolution 22-160.

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

Township Clerk Heid Brunt stated motion carried to adopt Resolution 22-160.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following resolution by title:

**Resolution 22-169 - Resolution Authorizing Entry of Letter of Intent With The Middletown Township Board Of Education For Provision Of Armed Police Officers To Be Present At All Middletown Schools**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown (the “Township”) and the Middletown Township Board of Education (the “Board”) have agreed to general terms for the provision of armed police officers at each Middletown school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and the Board wish to memorialize these general terms through the immediate entry of a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) to authorize the presence of armed off duty police officers at Middletown’s schools through the end of the current school year while a formal agreement is established for the provision of armed Class III special law enforcement officers at the start of the next school year.

**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 Mayor to execute the LOI attached hereto and made part hereof with the Board for the immediate provision of armed off duty police officers at each Middletown school at a rate of \$50 per hour while a formal agreement is negotiated for the provision of Class III special law enforcement officers for the next school year at a rate of \$35 per hour.

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to pass Resolution 22-160.

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

Township Clerk Heid Brunt stated motion carried to adopt Resolution 22-169.

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Jefferson Way Street Vacation

Planning Director Amy Citrano spoke about the resident's interest in this street vacation and that TOMSA owns a portion of the land behind it they are not interested in absorbing the land. Mayor Perry asked Amy to reach out to TOMSA again to be sure they are not interested before proceeding.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – FY 2022 Annual Action Plan

Planning Director Amy Citrano briefed the Township Committee on adopting the plan at the July meeting.

Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy

Planning Director Amy Citrano discussed Sustainable New Jersey and the eligibility for composting points.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeeman Clarke – congratulated the young men enlisting in the military and their commitment and sacrifice for our country. He attended the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Midway at Earle with Veteran John Allonso.

Committeewoman Kratz – Thanked the High School graduates for military service. She participated in the Memorial Day Parade and said there was a great turnout. She congratulated the Project Plus graduates, there were over 250 students this year.

Deputy Mayor Hibell – offered his sympathy to the family of John Molnar a Sewerage Authority employee who was died in a work related accident, it was a terrible day for Middletown.

Mayor Perry – echoed all comments of the Township Committee. He encouraged everyone to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday June 7, 2022. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. He discussed the Shared Service Agreement with the Board of Education to have an officer at every school due to the tragic events in Uvalde Texas.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Melanie Elminger, Lincroft, inquired on the status of the two way road at Acme and how long it will take to get approval. Mayor Perry responded once we get the appraisal discussions will take place.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Drive, said he tried the GIS map and there is no way to access a block and lot. He also inquired about televising the meetings and allowing people who are watching remotely to ask questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 7:155pm.

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

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