

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 May 17, 2021.

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 Star Ledger, The Independent and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on January 7, 2021.

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

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Assistant Administrator James Van Nest 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 freedom and way of life.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation Recognizing Middletown Nurse Kathleen Malouf for COVID-19 Inspired Invention

Mayor Perry invited Kathleen Malouf up to the front of the room. He presented her with a framed certificate commending her for her Covid-19 Inspired Invention.

Proclamation Recognizing June 11, 2021 as Relay for Life Day in the Township of Middletown

Relay for Life lead volunteer and Middletown Teacher Marc Siegel accepted the Proclamation and gave a brief update on the event and the effort to engage more of our residents.

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: Although COVID-19 has changed the way we relay, we can ensure that the fight against cancer doesn't stop; and

WHEREAS: This year's **Rolling Relay For Life** will be a drive-through event on June 11, 2021 at Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road) from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. For more information, visit www.middletownnj.org/relayforlife2021. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2021 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.

Proclamation Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Middletown Township Public Library

Library Director Heather Andolsen and Board of Trustees President Bill Bucco accepted the Proclamation. They discussed some of the upcoming events and projects centered around the MTPL's centennial.

WHEREAS: A group of civic-minded residents appointed as Trustees by the Township Committee, responding to the needs of the growing community, organized and opened the public library with donations of over 4,000 books from the community, and with a donation from a friend of the State Librarian who gave \$5,000 and \$1,000 each year after that to buy new books, on June 4th, 1921; and

WHEREAS: With Middletown Township being a rural community with deposit stations in public areas of town and at private homes, a book truck was constructed for \$1,000, with a route driven by first librarian Dorothy Norton that covered 160 miles, this traveling library was the first in the State; and

WHEREAS: From these modest beginnings the Library's collections grew to the point that a new 26,000 sq. ft. building was erected on 6 acres at 55 New Monmouth and expanded to 39,000 sq. ft in 2003; and

WHEREAS: Over the years, the Library has offered programs for all ages, outreach services, literacy initiatives, job seekers and small business resources, expanding information services, computer training, Internet access, and other means of community support and enrichment; and

WHEREAS: The Middletown Township Public Library engages the lives of its patrons with an average of over 617,000 items a year circulated, and 70,000 people attend over 1,600 programs in a year; and

WHEREAS: Through times of recession and prosperity, war and peace, the Library has continued to serve the people of Middletown as a place of learning, culture and community; and

WHEREAS: The enduring commitment of the Middletown Township Public Library, the Middletown Township Board of Trustees, the Middletown Township governance and the community has been the cornerstone of the Middletown Township Public Library reaching this 100th anniversary; Now

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby commend the Middletown Township Public Library for exemplifying the best ideals of public service and call upon the public to celebrate the Library's centennial by attending activities and visiting the library to discover what was set in motion 100 years ago and continues to serve our community today.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2021-3310 - Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Middletown Governing Various Recreational and Parking Fees

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Settembrino, Snell, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 21-151 through 21-153 and Bingo and Raffle Applications.

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Snell, Settembrino, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution 21-151 – Resolution Awarding Contract for Online Tax Sale Services

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1(c), N.J.A.C. 5:33-1.1, and Local Finance Notice 2018-08, the Township of Middletown (“Middletown”) is authorized to procure a vendor to conduct electronic sales of tax certificates; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals for such services was issued, with realauction.com LLC submitting a responsive proposal; and

WHEREAS, Middletown seeks to award a contract to realauction.com LLC to provide such services for the remainder of calendar year 2021, at the rates set forth in its proposal, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the sufficiency of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that realauction.com LLC is hereby awarded a contract to provide Online Tax Sale services at the rates set forth in its proposal, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the remainder of calendar year 2021 tax sales.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for the provision of such services, consistent with the foregoing.

Resolution 21-152 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for May 17, 2021

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills for May 17, 2021 in the amount of \$29,561,784.66.

Resolution 21-153 - Resolution for Temporary Emergency Appropriation

WHEREAS, emergent conditions have arisen with respect to the payment of bills in a number accounts and no adequate provision has been made in a Year 2021 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the Year 2021 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$37,335,522.50 for the Current Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two thirds of all members of the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, New Jersey affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation shall be and the same is hereby made for the following purposes:

Attachment 1 - 2021 Temporary Budget Worksheet		
Account Number	Description	Amount
1-01-20-120-100-200	Township Clerk O/E	5,000.00
1-01-20-145-100-200	Collector - O/E	5,000.00
1-01-20-155-100-200	Legal - O/E	100,000.00
1-01-23-210-100-200	General Liab. Insurance O/E	2,000.00
1-01-23-215-100-200	Workers Compensation O/E	250,000.00
1-01-23-220-100-200	Insurance O/E	745,000.00
1-01-26-290-102-200	DPW Parks - O/E	10,000.00
1-01-26-310-100-200	DPW Maintenance of Township Property -O/E	20,000.00
1-01-31-435-200-271	Utilities - Street Lights - Electricity	60,000.00
	TOTAL	\$1,197,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2021 budget under the appropriate titles.

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

BINGO AND RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Monmouth United Soccer Club	20-76-A-A
VFW #2179 Middletown Township	21-40
New Jersey Thoroughbred Horse Industry	21-41
New Jersey Thoroughbred Horse Industry	21-42
New Jersey Thoroughbred Horse Industry	21-43
All Saints Memorial Church	21-44
Navesink Hook & Ladder Co.	21-45
Navesink Hook & Ladder Co.	21-46
Navesink Hook & Ladder Co.	21-47
Navesink Hook & Ladder Co.	21-48

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, announced that bricks are for sale for the 9/11 Memorial fundraiser.

Committeeman Settembrino, stated he attended the Veterans Affairs dedication of Joseph Murray who dedicated his life in making Middletown an amazing place to live. He commended the 100th year celebration of the library and thanked the Director Heather Andolsen and Board of Trustees President Bill Bucco for their leadership.

Committeewoman Snell, thanked Mark Siegel for Relay for Life. She thanked Kathleen Malouf for all she has done fighting Covid-19. She thanked Heather Andolsen and Bill Bucco for their wonderful library service. She announced the 9/11 Memorial Gardens fundraisers visit website at Middletownremembers911.com.

Committeeman Hibell, congratulated Mark Siegel for Relay for Life and also Kathleen Malouf. He wished Chief Hibell a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Perry, thanked everyone tonight for their service in Middletown, all are making an impact in this world.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vinny Moran, 39 Brevent Avenue, requested a yellow curb by beach entrance be taken away and remove the shed and paint the curb yellow on Concord Avenue. He also said the No Parking Signs are missing. He asked what is the status of the restoration of the Conover Beacon.

Mayor Perry updated the status of applying for funding and moving forward with plan for restoration.

Francesca Stella, 111 Bruce Road, announced Middletown Township High School South Pride Month and requested a flag be flown at Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

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

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Brunt
Township Clerk

Approved:

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor