

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 March 7, 2022.

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 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 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.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Recognizing February 2022 as Great Kindness Challenge Month in Middletown Township

WHEREAS: The Great Kindness Challenge was created and launched in 2011 by Kids for Peace, a global nonprofit based in Carlsbad, California; and

WHEREAS: The Great Kindness Challenge was piloted with three Carlsbad public schools and has now expanded to all 50 states with nearly 17 million students participating worldwide; and

WHEREAS: The Great Kindness Challenge is one week dedicated to students performing as many kind deeds as possible, using a provided checklist; and

WHEREAS: Ocean Avenue Elementary School proudly demonstrated its commitment to improving its school climate and increasing student engagement by participating in The Great Kindness Challenge throughout the month of February; and

WHEREAS: Middletown Township is proud of Ocean Avenue Elementary School for uniting its students, staff, and our community in the spirit of kindness and respect. Now,

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THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby recognize the month of February 2022 as **The Great Kindness Challenge Month**, because kindness matters in Middletown and beyond.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance 2022-3332 - Ordinance Amending Chapter 240-25 Of the Code of The Township of Middletown Governing Recreation Fees

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

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

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

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

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

Ordinance 2022-3333 - Ordinance Establishing Registration and Maintenance Requirements for Vacant and Abandoned Properties Within the Township of Middletown

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

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

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

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

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INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2022-3334 – Calendar Year 2022 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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
 Absent: Settembrino

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on March 21, 2022.

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

Ordinance 2022-3335 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 465 Of the Code of The Township of Middletown Governing Vehicles and Traffic for Navesink Hook & Ladder Company #1 Parking

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
 Absent: Settembrino,

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on March 21, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 22-92 through 22-96.

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
Absent: Settembrino

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

Resolution 22-92 – Resolution Rescinding the Award of The Contract for Fire and Security Alarm System Upgrades

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

WHEREAS, one proposal was received and publicly opened on December 14th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Township then passed resolution number 21-277 awarding the contract to Kane Communications, LLC.; and

WHEREAS, following the initial site inspection by Kane Communications it was noted that there were additional items, not included in the original bid specification, that are needed to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to rescind resolution number 21-277 and rebid the project to include all required components.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that resolution 21-277 for the award of the contract for Fire and Security Alarm Systems Upgrades is hereby rescinded and the Committee hereby authorizes the appropriate officials to rebid the project.

Resolution 22-93 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract For 2021 Roadway and Drainage Improvements

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for and received bids for 2021 Roadway and Drainage Improvements in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, nine proposals were received and publicly opened on February 1st, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for 2021 Roadway and Drainage Improvements be awarded to Jads Construction Co. PO Box 513, South River, NJ 08882 the lowest bidder with their price of \$2,265,176.98; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for Middletown Township has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$2,265,176.98 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.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the award for 2021 Roadway and Drainage Improvements be awarded to Jads Construction Co., 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 22-94 - Resolution Approving Submission of Grant Application to Execute and Grant Contract with State of New Jersey, Division of State Police, Office of Emergency Management for A Sub- Award from The Emergency Management Performance Grant - Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Sub-Award Program

WHEREAS, the Township Committee seeks to provide approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the State of New Jersey, Division of State Police, Office of Emergency Management for a sub-award from the Emergency Management Performance Grant-Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Sub-Award Program; and

WHEREAS, any funds from the foregoing grant shall be used for salary, wages and fringe benefits, with the purpose of enhancing the Township of Middletown's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other catastrophic events and emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Township Administrator, as agency authorized officials, or their successors, to submit a grant application for the following grant, consistent with the foregoing terms: EMMA FY2021 sub-award (FY21-EMPG-EMAA-1332); CFDA #: 97.042; Performance Period: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022), in a local amount of \$10,000. Any funds received from grant will be used for salary, wages and fringe benefits. The purpose of the grant is to enhance the Township of Middletown's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and catastrophic events and emergencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township Administrator, as authorized agency officials or their successors, are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Middletown and that their signatures certify that the Township of Middletown does accept this sub-award for the specific purpose described in its application.

Resolution 22-95 - 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 2022 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 2022 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$27,545,571.86 for the Current Fund, and

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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 - 2022 Temporary Budget Worksheet		
Account Number	Description	3/7/2022 Meeting
2-01-25-240-100-100	Police S&W	130,000.00
2-01-26-290-100-100	Dept of Public Works & Engineering S&W	4,000.00
2-01-26-290-102-100	DPW Parks S&W	4,000.00
2-01-26-310-100-100	DPW Maintenance of Public Property S&W	4,000.00
2-01-27-330-100-200	Health O/E	5,800.00
2-01-31-460-200-200	Utilities - Fuel O/E	50,000.00
2-01-41-330-201-520	American Rescue Plan Act Grant	225,000.00
	TOTAL	\$422,800.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 budget under the appropriate titles.

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

Resolution 22-96 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for March 7, 2022

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills for March 7, 2022 in the amount of \$3,456,174.35.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, None

Committeewoman Kratz, None

Deputy Mayor Hibell, announced St. Mary’s first annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade is Saturday March 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Mayor Perry, announced he attended the Middletown High School North Championship Hockey Game at the Prudential Center and commended them on a great season overall. He commented on the Invasion of the Ukraine by the Mad Man Putin. The Township Committee is wearing Ukrainian Flags in support of the people.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

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

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi R Brunt
Township Clerk

Approved:

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor