A Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of Middletown Township was held virtually in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall, One Kings Highway, Middletown, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2020.

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 09, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Present: Fiore, Hibell, Settembrino, Snell, Mayor Perry
Absent: None

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson and Township Clerk Heidi Brunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Township Clerk Brunt led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Recognizing September 27, 2020 as Gold Star Mother's and Family Day in Middletown Township

WHEREAS: The Township of Middletown has and will forever support our military and their families who have defended our Nation's timeless truths and great freedoms; and

WHEREAS: Courageous American heroes of every generation have given their last full measure of devotion in defense of our country and our freedom. The families who stood alongside these men and women have paid a price no family should ever have to pay; and

WHEREAS: Their heroic actions will never be forgotten and are eternally etched in the pages of our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS: These selfless military members have left behind fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, spouses and children who mourn their loss. Although they have suffered unimaginable sorrow, these families have charged forward with inspiring strength and determination, giving selflessly to their communities and our country; and

WHEREAS: In 1936, Congress designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day," and

WHEREAS: This day is now commonly known as "Mother's and Family's Day" and is an opportunity to recognize and honor the entire family of our fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS: These families who have lost a loved one in defense of freedom are recognized as Gold Star Families; and

WHEREAS: Their unselfish leadership fosters patriotism and encourages us to consider what we can do to be better citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Middletown community supports our Gold Star Families and commends their courage and resiliency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Tony Perry, and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2020 as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day in Middletown and extend our support to all observing.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 20-206 through 20-210.

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

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

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

Resolution 20-206 – Resolution Authorizing the Contract for a Flagpole/Video Surveillance System for Ideal Beach through the Union County Cooperative Pricing System

WHEREAS, The Township of Middletown is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Union County Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes a municipality to acquire goods and services through a duly formed cooperative purchasing system without advertising for bids, and

WHEREAS, the Township is in need of a Flagpole/Video Surveillance System at Ideal Beach, and

WHEREAS, the Union County Cooperative Pricing System has awarded a contract to Johnston Communications, 36 Commerce Street, Springfield, NJ 07081 for Telephone/Associated Service Systems-Equipment, Installation and Maintenance Services (Contract# UCCP 42-2017) in the amount of $85,450.00 plus ancillary costs for a total not to exceed $100,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middletown has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available, and are designated to line item appropriations of the official budget no. see below-. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof and the funds to be expended herein are assigned to line item no. see below. A copy of the within resolution and certification shall be certified by the Township Clerk. The Township Attorney is satisfied that the availability of funds has been provided and a copy of the within resolution shall be made a part of the file concerning said resolution and appointment.

T-03-56-802-120-004 - $100,000.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. It hereby awards a contract to Johnston Communications, 36 Commerce Street, Springfield, NJ 07081 for Telephone/Associated Service Systems-Equipment, Installation and Maintenance Services (Contract# UCCP 42-2017) in the amount of $85,450.00 plus ancillary costs for a total not to exceed $100,000.00.

2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township

Clerk to each of the following:

A) Purchasing Agent
B) Comptroller
C) Ted Maloney, Director of Public Works
D) Vendor

Resolution 20-207 – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills for October 5, 2020

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills for October 5, 2020 in the amount of $2,924,656.42

Resolution 20-208 – Resolution Approving Additional Funds for Previously Approved Contracts

WHEREAS, the Township Committee regularly approves entry into various contracts, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure fiscal responsibility, the various approving resolutions include amounts not to exceed (the "NTE Amount") for the corresponding contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the NTE Amounts must be increased for certain contracts in order to address increased needs for the remainder of the contract period; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to increase the NTE Amount on the following contracts by the amounts specified as "Additional Funds" as provided herein:

Resolution	Entity	Service	NTE Amount	Additional Funds
20-84	McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney, and Carpenter LLP	Conflict Counsel	$17,500	$22,000
20-94	Sun Life Financial	Excess Liability Coverage	$1,200,000	$348,000

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 approves modifications to the NTE Amounts on the foregoing contracts previously approved by the Township Committee, upon the terms set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-referenced resolutions are hereby repealed only to the extent of their inconsistency with the terms of this Resolution.

Resolution 20-209 - Resolution Authorizing Entry of Agreement for Installation of Electric Distribution Facilities for The New Municipal Complex

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the "**Township**"), through a private redeveloper, is in the process of constructing a new municipal complex (the "**Project**"); and

WHEREAS, the Project requires the relocation and installation of new electrical and other utilities on the premises; and

WHEREAS, to commence the installation, Jersey Central Power & Light ("**JCP&L**") requires that the Township enter an Agreement for Installation of Electric Distribution Facilities (the "**Agreement**"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the installation under the Agreement is $108,636.32 to be funded through the Township's redevelopment allowances, but which will be refunded to the Township over the next 10 years by JCP&L.

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 Agreement attached hereto and made part hereof pursuant to the terms and conditions contained therein.

Resolution 20-210 - Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property Acquired by The Township of Middletown

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2020, the Township of Middletown acquired title to Block 4, Lot 20, commonly known as 27-29 Ideal Avenue (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to cancel any balances in taxes on the Property since the Township took title to same, and any further balances that accrue now through December 31, 2020, unless the Property is otherwise sold by the Township during this period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to cancel any tax balance on the Property since the Township's ownership of same on August 31, 2020, and any further tax balances that accrue through December 31, 2020, unless and until conveyed by the Township to a third party.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. The Township Administrator and Recreation Directed discussed proposed beach and park regulations for 2021.
b. The Planning Director discussed provision on maximum size of cabanas on private property.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Settembrino, None

Committeewoman Snell, commented that it was great to see activities on playgrounds again. She encouraged people to vote for the open space referendum. She congratulated Middletown being voted safest place to live with a population over 50,000 people.

Committeeman Hibell, None

Deputy Mayor Fiore, None

Mayor Perry, thanked Police Chief Weber for being recognized as having the lowest crime according to FBI crime statistics and thanked all the members of the Police Department. He discussed the upgrades at Ideal Beach and the camera systems is installed. He announced the Mayor's 5K virtual will benefit Infinate Love for Kids Organization.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fiore and carried to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

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

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