

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 September 3, 2024.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc 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, Hibell, Kratz, Settembrino, Mayor Perry  
Absent: None

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Township Engineer Ted Maloney and Deputy Clerk Kaaren Sena.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Presentation Recognizing September 2024 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month In the Township Of Middletown**

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc invited Turn the Towns Teal volunteer Michele Collins to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room.

Mayor Perry also invited resident Vinny Moran who lost his wife August 24<sup>th</sup> to ovarian cancer to join them.

Michele spoke about her diagnosis and that she was one of the lucky ones who survived this rare, underfunded form of cancer with 21,000 diagnosis a year most in women over 60. There is no early screening for this disease most times once symptoms appear it is advanced. She spoke about some new recommendations for prevention. Most important you must be your own advocate.

**Presentation Recognizing September 2024 as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month in the Township of Middletown**

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc invited Andrea Verdone Gorseger and Natalie Gorseger from Infinite Love For Kids Fighting Cancer to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room.

Andrea discussed Infinite Love For Kids Fighting Cancer is a home grown advocacy group. In 2013 her daughter Natalie was diagnosed with this high-risk leukemia. She also discussed how under funded pediatric cancer is and that the National Cancer Society only gives 4% of donations to pediatric cancer. She described some of the ways Infinite Love For Kids Fighting Cancer help families fighting the disease.

**Proclamation Recognizing September 11, 2024, As Patriot Day And National Day Of Service And Remembrance In the Township of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by terrorists, killing thousands of innocent people in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS:** On this 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of that terrible day, we pay tribute to the 37 Middletown residents who were senselessly killed in the World Trade Center attacks and those who have died from 9/11-related illnesses, including late Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti, known as the “keeper of the list”. He personally notified every Middletown family who lost a loved one that day. Their deaths have left indelible holes in the fabric of our tight-knit community; and

**WHEREAS:** In the aftermath of these horrific attacks, thousands of Americans displayed the highest levels of bravery and selflessness, risking or sacrificing their own lives to save their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** We pay homage to the emergency responders and ordinary citizens who performed extraordinary acts of courage and valor during our nation's most dire moment of need; and

**WHEREAS:** The tragic events of September 11, 2001 have unified our nation against the forces of hatred and oppression and reaffirmed our dedication to the fundamental American ideals of freedom and liberty; and

**WHEREAS:** A remembrance ceremony will be held at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at **7:00 PM**. As we gather at the Gardens, we are once again demonstrating the resiliency, determination, compassion, strength, and patriotism that define us as Americans. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2024 as **Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance** in the Township of Middletown. We urge all citizens to honor those who lost their lives and reflect upon America’s proud tradition of freedom and bravery as we renew our commitment to serving our community, state, and nation.

**Proclamation Recognizing September 2024 As National Preparedness Month In The Township Of Middletown**

**WHEREAS:** For exactly two decades, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month as part of an effort to encourage personal preparedness for emergencies; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, local officials, federal, state, and county offices, as well as the private sector, are working to deter, prevent, and respond to all types of emergencies, including human-made threats and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS:** These activities, along with programs like Citizen Corps and others, contribute to a level of community unity and preparedness that is critical to securing our community, county, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Middletown Township and the Office of Emergency Management encourage our residents to take personal responsibility to become informed and prepared to be self-sufficient until assistance can arrive. Preparedness includes maintaining a preparedness kit, having an emergency plan, and making a commitment to practice that plan with their family periodically. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby recognize September 2024 as **National Preparedness Month** in Middletown Township. We encourage all residents to educate themselves about preparedness to improve community resilience during emergencies and to visit [www.middletownnj.org/oem](http://www.middletownnj.org/oem) for additional information and resources.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc 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**

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated the motion carried to pass this ordinance.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3424 - Ordinance Adopting The 325 Highway 36 Redevelopment Plan Consisting Of Block 238, Lots 5 And 6 And A Portion Of The Central Avenue Right Of Way**

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Hearing no comments from the public it was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Committeewoman Kratz 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: None  
                          Recuse: Hibell,

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated the motion carried to pass this ordinance.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3426 – Ordinance Authorizing Entry Of Lease Agreement With The Middletown Township Historical Society, A Nonprofit Corporation For Township Owned Property And Improvements Located Upon Block 802, Lot 1 (Within The Daily Commuter Parking Lot On Railroad Avenue)**

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

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on September 23, 2024.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3427 – Ordinance Amending § 84-10 Of the Code of The Township of Middletown Governing Special Duty Rates for Police Officers**

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on September 23, 2024.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3428 – 2024-3428 Salary Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Introduced Ordinance No. 2024-3425**

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on September 23, 2024.

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Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3429 – An Ordinance Providing Funding for Various Capital Purposes for The Township of Middletown And Appropriating \$2,200,000 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, Settembrino, Mayor Perry  
                              Nays: None  
                              Abstention: None  
                              Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on September 23, 2024.

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2024-3430 – Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation Of \$1,930,000 For Various Capital Improvements By And For The Township Of Middletown In The County Of Monmouth, New Jersey And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,833,500 In Bonds Or Notes Of The Township For Financing Part Of The Appropriation.**

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on September 23, 2024.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 24-231 through 24-242.

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

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

**Resolution 24-231 – Appointment Of Special Law Enforcement Officers - Class III**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator and Chief of Police have previously recommended that the structure of the Police Department be adjusted to include allowing the appointment of certain Special Law Enforcement Officers (Class I, Class II, Class III), and Special Crossing Guards.

**WHEREAS**, § 44-7B of the Code of the Township of Middletown (1996) was amended and supplemented by Ordinance No. 2015-3136; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:14-146.1 regarding the appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers and Special Crossing Guards, represents that the applicants named below meet all the requirements set forth by statute and recommends the appointment.

**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:**

1. That the following individual is hereby appointed as Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class III, in the Middletown Township Police Department for the calendar year of 2024.

**Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III – Thomas Ferrari**

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. Police Department

**Resolution 24-232 - Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Planning Board To Undertake A Preliminary Redevelopment Investigation For Non-Condensation Purposes For Block 795, Lot 5.01 (200 South Laurel Avenue)**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (“**LRHL**”), sets forth the criteria for a determination of whether a delineated area may be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) to adopt a resolution directing its Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether a delineated area is an area in need of redevelopment (“**Redevelopment Area**”) according to the criteria set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to authorize one of its pre-qualified Redevelopment Planners to assist the Planning Board in its preliminary investigation of the proposed study area consisting of Block 795, Lot 5.01 commonly known as 200 South Laurel Avenue (the “**Area of Investigation**”) to determine if the delineated area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment for non-condemnation purposes pursuant to the criteria set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.

**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 Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to undertake a preliminary redevelopment investigation of the proposed Area of Investigation consisting of Block 795, Lot 5.01 on the Township’s Official Tax Map to determine whether the delineated Area of Investigation constitutes being designated as an “area in need of redevelopment” according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 for non-condemnation purposes.
2. The Township Administrator and Township Planner are hereby authorized and directed to solicit one of the Township’s pre-qualified Redevelopment Planners to assist the Planning Board in its preliminary investigation of the delineated Area of Investigation, and to begin preparation of a Redevelopment Plan in the event the Planning Board recommends that all or some of the delineated area of investigation constitutes an “area in need of redevelopment.”
3. The Township Administrator, Township Planner and Township Attorney are each hereby authorized and directed to take any necessary and appropriate actions in connection with the preliminary investigation of the delineated area of investigation, and are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions, including but not limited to, the negotiation of any and all documents, such as the



entry of a Funding Agreement, necessary to undertake the investigation as being hereby ratified and confirmed.

4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**Resolution 24-233 - Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract To A Vendor With A National Cooperative Contract For Managed Detection & Response Service**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown as a contracting unit, may without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the Omnia Partners National Cooperative (Omnia), pursuant to the provision of Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the “Law” or “Chapter 139”) and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 and the regulations promulgated in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, which permits contracting units to use contracts awarded by national or regional cooperatives or other states that were competitively bid. The law supplements existing law on the use of such contracts and is intended to provide additional flexibility to local government in the area of procurement; and

**WHEREAS** the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has complied with the public notification provisions of public advertisement and has received no protests in accord with law and regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, recommends the utilization of this contract based on the requirements of State Law; and

**WHEREAS**, under Omnia Contract #01-170 Aspire, an authorized dealer for TD Synnex, can provide the Township with managed detection and response services in the amount of \$125,425.00 per their quote dated August 6, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract term shall begin September 4, 2024, and end December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$51,900.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 4-01-20-140-100-226. 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 Aspire, under Omnia Contract #01-170 be utilized to provide managed detection and response services in the total amount of \$125,425.00.

**Resolution 24-234 - Resolution Authorizing Award Of Contract To Vendor With A State Contract For The Purchase Of Radios And Related Equipment**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, AR Communications, Inc., 91 Main St., Eatontown, NJ 07724, an authorized dealer for E.F. Johnson, has been awarded New Jersey State Contract number 83911; and

**WHEREAS**, under Contract 83911, AR Communications Inc., can provide portable radios and related equipment for the Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$567,434.85 is available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-924-421-001. 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, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Township of Middletown enter into an agreement with AR Communications Inc. for the delivery of portable radios and related equipment in the amount of \$567,434.85.

**Resolution 24-235 - Resolution Authorizing Award Of Contract To Vendor With A State Contract For The Purchase Of Radios And Related Equipment**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, AR Communications, Inc., 91 Main St., Eatontown, NJ 07724, an authorized dealer for E.F. Johnson, has been awarded New Jersey State Contract number 83911; and

**WHEREAS**, under Contract 83911, AR Communications Inc., can provide mobile radios, portable radios, and related equipment for the Township's First Aid & Rescue Squad; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$236,644.80 is available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-924-421-001. 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, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Township of Middletown enter into an agreement with AR Communications Inc. for the delivery of mobile radios, portable radios and related equipment in the amount of \$236,644.80.

**Resolution 24-236 - 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 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Phase 1 (Rebid); 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

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received a proposal from T&M Associates to provide the required professional engineering services in the amount of \$230,000.00, 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 T&M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ 07748 for professional engineering services related to the 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Phase 1 project in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00.
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 24-237 - Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159 Additional Item of Funding in the 2024 Budget – “Additional Award Middletown Senior Center FY2024” 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 an additional \$10,000 grant award from the Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans 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 \$10,000 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:

Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans Service  
“Senior Center Grant”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from “CAPS”:

Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans Service  
“Senior Center Grant”

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

**Resolution 24-238 - 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>
1039	9	Irene Dougherty	30 Victoria Place	19,150

**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 24-239 - Resolution Authorizing The Award Of Contracts For Banking Services**

**WHEREAS**, sealed proposals for Contract #2024-Bid-20 – Banking Services were received, opened, and read by the Purchasing Agent on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, five total proposals were received and were submitted to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for study and recommendation to the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has recommended the award of contract #2024-Bid-20 to OceanFirst Bank and Citizens Bank.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Township of Middletown enter into agreements with OceanFirst Bank and Citizens Bank for the provision of banking services.

**Resolution 24-240 - Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Contract For 2024 Road Program Phase 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for the 2024 Road Program Phase 1 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, six bids were received and publicly opened on August 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for 2024 Road Program Phase 1 be awarded to **Lucas Brothers, 80 Amboy Road, Morganville NJ 07751** the lowest bidder with a total price including alternates of **\$2,100,938.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of **\$2,100,938.00** are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s)

C-04-55-923-398-012 \$ 393,000.00  
C-04-55-923-398-011 \$ 690,000.00  
C-04-55-923-398-008 \$1,017,938.00

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 2024 Road Program Phase 1 be awarded to Lucas Brothers, 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 24-241 - Resolution Establishing The Department Of Recreation Temporary Change Fund For Middletown Day Only**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish a temporary change fund for the Department of Recreation to provide change during Middletown Day only.

**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 establishment of a temporary change fund in the amount of \$1,000 for the Department of Recreation's use for Middletown Day only.

**Resolution 24-242 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for September 3, 2024**

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for September 3, 2024 in the amount of \$3,237,370.68.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeeman Clarke, offered condolences to Vinny Moran on the loss of his wife. He said he is glad to see every year Infinite Love For Kids Fighting Cancer gaining more attention every year. He congratulated the kids returning to school this year and his daughter who will be starting her Freshman year.

Committeeman Settembrino, asked for a moment of silence for Ovarian Cancer

Committeewoman Kratz, None

Deputy Mayor Hibell, None

Mayor Perry, thanked all who came out to the meeting tonight. He congratulated all the students, teachers and parents on the new school year. He mentioned the commissioning of the USS New Jersey to be held on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at Naval Weapons Station Earle. We will be welcoming more than 5,000 people for this once in a lifetime opportunity. He thanked the small businesses for their support, Swagger Barger is offering haircuts for sailors and Belford Brewery has a new beer for the occasion. He announced the 9/11 ceremony at the Memorial Gardens this year will be attended by the sailors here for the commissioning of the USS New Jersey.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Vinny Moran, 39 Brevent Avenue, thanked the Township Committee and everyone for their support on the loss of his wife Jacqueline.

Tom Valenti, Middletown Historic Society, thanked the Township Committee for the Train Station Lease.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to move to Executive session and adjourn at 8:04 pm.

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

Township Clerk Heidi Pieluc stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Heidi R Pieluc  
Township Clerk

Approved:

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Anthony S. Perry, Mayor