

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 October 18, 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, Kratz, Settembrino, Mayor Perry
Absent: None

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Township Engineer Ted Maloney 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 Honoring Former Township Committeewoman Patricia A. Snell

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Pat Snell to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry presented her with a key to Middletown, clock and an original rendering of the Fountain of Hope. The Township Committee all wished Pat the best of luck and thanked her for her dedication and service to Middletown. Pat thanked the Township Committee members for their good wishes.

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Donation Presented by Jumping Brook Country Club

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Kevin Maude, Chairman of the Executive Board of Jumping Brook to the front of the room to join Mayor Perry. Kevin presented the Mayor with a donation check in the amount of \$2,112.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to approve the minutes.

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adopt the minutes of the following meetings:

September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting, September 20, 2021 Executive Session

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated Motion carries to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2021-3322 - Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation of \$1,500,000 For Various Improvements to The Municipal Complex by and for The Township of Middletown in The County of Monmouth, New Jersey and Authorizing the Issuance of \$300,000 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, inquired what is the amount being borrowed. Township Administrator explained the process of bond ordinances.

Tara Fleming, 49 Brandywine Way, commented she walked by the new building and it looks great.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 21-234 through 21-237 and Bingo and Raffle Applications.

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

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

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

Resolution 21-234 - Resolution Amending Resolution No. 21-36 Awarding Contract for Prescription Administration Services

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m), on January 3, 2021, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 21-36 awarding a contract to BeneCard Services, Inc. for the provision of employee and retiree prescription claims administration services and Medicare drug subsidy services for an annual amount not to exceed \$32,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21-36 awarded the contract for one year and the contract terms and pricing are based on a three-year term, therefore, requiring an amendment to Resolution No. 21-36.

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. Resolution No. 21-36 be and is hereby amended to reflect that the contract awarded to BeneCard Services, Inc. is for a term extending from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 in an amount estimated not to exceed \$32,000 per year.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with BeneCard Services, Inc. in accordance with this amended resolution.
3. Notice of this contract award shall be published by the Township Clerk in the Township's official newspaper and a complete copy of the contract be maintained by the Clerk.

Resolution 21-235 - 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>	<u>Type</u>
9	1	Pamela Romero	28 Ocean Ave	\$15,600	Original Mortgage
171	11	Mr. & Mrs. Marotta	66 Carter Ave	\$26,925	Original Mortgage

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and other authorized appropriate and responsible officials including the Township Administrator, the Director of Planning, the Community 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.

Resolution 21-236 - Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Atlantic Highlands for Land Use Board Secretary Services

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown ("**Middletown**") and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands ("**Atlantic Highlands**") seek to enter into a shared services agreement for Land Use Board Secretary services, upon the terms set forth in the draft agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, entry into this shared services agreement is authorized by the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

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 entry into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Atlantic Highlands for the provision of Land Use Board Secretary services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the foregoing, including the execution of instruments.

Resolution 21-237 - Resolution to Cancel Taxes On Township Property Located at Block 726 Lot 42

WHEREAS, the property listed below is owned by the Duryea-Navesink Library Foundation, and

WHEREAS, this property is exempt from property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at their regular meeting held on October 18th, 2021 hereby memorializes the cancellation by the Tax Collector of the following for the Tax Year 2021 per N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6c.

Block	Lot	Address	Amount
726	42	149 Monmouth Avenue	\$17,630.08

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution and the shared services agreement executed pursuant to same to the Division of Local Government Services at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for informational purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4b.

BINGO AND RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

St. Catherine’s Church	21-98
PTA Bayview	21-99
St. Leo the Great School PTA	21-100
St. Leo the Great School PTA	21-101
St. Leo the Great School PTA	21-102
St. Leo the Great School PTA	21-103
Ancient Order of Hibernian	21-104
St. Leo the Great School PTA	21-105
St. Leo the Great School PTA	21-106
Middletown Elks Lodge #2179	21-107
Church of St. Leo the Great	21-108
Church of St. Leo the Great	21-109
Church of St. Leo the Great	21-110

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Settembrino, congratulated Pat Snell and thanked her for her years of service.

Committeewoman Kratz, acknowledged Police Project Plus Detectives Cruz & Sullivan for their time and effort.

Committeeman Clarke, congratulated and thanked Pat Snell. He also thanked Jumping Brook Country Club for supporting the WTC Memorial fund.

Committeeman Hibell, commended the improvements to Countryside Park and stated they are looking into parking issues and a crosswalk.

Mayor Perry, commended Stephanie and Mark Cartier of No Limits Café. The facility provides support and employment to special needs individuals who hosted a 5K fundraiser and encouraged support for them. He announced the Mayor's 5K challenge benefiting Infinite of Love for kids. He announced with sadness the passing of Colin Powell the first African American to serve as U.S. Secretary of State. He encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day November 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vinny Moran, 39 Brevent Avenue, congratulated Pat Snell and he will miss her. He inquired on the status of Conover Beacon. He commented that the Dempsey property and Kunkel Park are overgrown. Mayor Perry responded they have not stopped looking at solidifying and painting the structure. He also stated that we are working with a tree company to fix the Dempsey property. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante also commented there is a grant application for historic status which could also mean more money for the property.

Resident, 38 Brasch Boulevard, requested the status of the Township increased population cost of services. Mayor Perry discussed population and the 2020 census and that we gained 500 people. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante also commented that the school districts are the lowest in 40 years.

Frank Esposito, 903 (Street) Belford, requested any information on a traffic plan for the intersection at Route 35 and Taylor Avenue. Mayor Perry responded that Middletown has voiced concerns with the State Department of Transportation.

George Amedeo, requested a time table for paving East Road. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded about one year.

Dean Kronyak, 920 Palmer Avenue, started that the audio cut out and inquired also about the intersection of Cherry Tree Lane. Mayor Perry responded that we are waiting on the State Department of Transportation.

Mayor Perry announced that the October 25th Lincroft Village Green forum was cancelled due to lack of participation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Hibell, seconded by Committeewoman Snell and carried to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Settembrino, Kratz, 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