

Regular Meeting

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 June 19, 2023.

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 Middletown Sun and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on January 05, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Present: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Settembrino, Mayor Perry
Absent: None

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Kira Dabby, Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp, Township 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Swearing in of Police Officer Aidan Carey

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Aidan Carey and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Police Officer Aidan Carey and congratulated him for joining the Middletown Township Police Department.

Swearing in of Police Officer William Perez

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited William Perez and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Police Officer William Perez and congratulated him for joining the Middletown Township Police Department.

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Swearing in of Police Officer Allison Ruane

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Allison Ruane and her family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Police Officer Allison Ruane and congratulated her for joining the Middletown Township Police Department.

Swearing In Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Hayleigh Colucci, James Davis II, Charles Honan, Michelle Quinonez-Smith, Liam Smith and Shaun Sullivan to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office for Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I and congratulated all of them.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Life Saving Valor Award Presentation

Deputy Township Clerk invited Middletown Township Police Officers Savvas Roumeliotis and Elzbieta Banel to join Mayor Perry and Police Chief Craig Weber at the front of the room. Mayor Perry described how Officer Roumeliotis and Officer Banel were the first on the scene and entered the home after seeing heavy fire and the possibility of entrapment within the structure. The officers were able to save the family dog.

Presentation Recognizing Middletown High School North Boys Track & Field Team For Wining NJSIAA Group III State Sectional Championship

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited the Middletown High School North Boys Track and field team along with the coaches to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry congratulated the team and the coaches on winning the NJSIAA Group III State Sectional Championship. He read a certificate that would be presented to each team member and coaches.

Proclamation Recognizing July 10, 2023 as World Airway Disorder Day in the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS: Laryngomalacia (LM) is the most common cause of noisy breathing in infants and occurs when the tissues above the vocal cords collapse and prevent children from breathing easily. Its prevalence has been estimated to be anywhere from 1 in 2000 to 3000 infants; and

WHEREAS: The primary symptom of LM is stridor, or noisy breathing, and it is important to diagnose in early infancy as it may affect multiple aspects of growth and development. This can be done by an ear, nose, and throat

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(ENT) specialist; and

WHEREAS: Most children will outgrow the ailment by 12-18 months of age, however, 10-20 percent will have severe symptoms affecting their ability to breathe and eat and will require surgery; and

WHEREAS: In 2010, Middletown resident Stephanie Hueston founded Coping with Laryngomalacia (CWL) shortly after her daughter, Seraphina, underwent surgery to treat her life-threatening LM. CWL is an all-volunteer non-profit that provides support, strength, and education for families coping with infantile airway disorders; and

WHEREAS: In 2015, CWL founded World Airways Disorders Day, a day for the world to paint their nails light blue for LM and help raise awareness. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2023 as **World Airway Disorders Day** in the Township of Middletown to show support for CWL's mission and the families who are affected. We encourage the community to visit copingwithlm.org for more information and resources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena 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:

May 15, 2023, Regular Meeting

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated Motion carries to approve the minutes.

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OPEN SPACE PUBLIC HEARING

Monmouth County Open Space Grant Application for Improvements to Bodman Park Baseball Improvements

Recreation Director Janet Dellett gave a presentation to the Township Committee, outlining the Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program. She discussed the improvements which would include upgrading the existing baseball field with artificial turf. She discussed that in addition to upgrading the existing batting cages for team use there will be batting cages for public use as well.

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

John Spinelli, 91 Burlington Avenue, asked if there would be AEDs included in this project? Recreation Director Janet Dellett responded that AEDs are not available in parks right now but that the teams and leagues do have them.

Hearing no further comments from the public it was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to close public hearing.

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated the motion carried to close the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance 2023-3373 – Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation of \$2,000,000 For Acquisition of Properties by And for The Township of Middletown in The County of Monmouth, New Jersey And Authorizing the Issuance Of \$1,900,000 In Bonds or Notes of The Township for Financing Part of The Appropriation

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.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance 2023-3374 - Ordinance Amending § 336-2 Of the Code of The Township of Middletown Governing Collection Times for Solid Waste and Recycling

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on July 17, 2023.

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

Ordinance 2023-3375 - Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance Number 2019-3277 Finally Adopted by The Township Committee of The Township of Middletown, New Jersey On December 2, 2019

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on July 17, 2023.

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

Ordinance 2023-3376 - Ordinance Authorizing Financial Agreement Upon Block 1086, Lot 30 (100 Schultz Drive) With Exit 109 Urban Renewal 5, LLC, An Urban Renewal Entity, Pursuant to The Long-Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40a:20-1 Et Seq.

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on July 17, 2023.

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

Ordinance 2023-3377 - Ordinance Governing Regulation of Short-Term Rentals Of Real Property and Associated Amenities

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on July 17, 2023.

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

Ordinance 2023-3378 - An Ordinance Permitting and Licensing Itinerant Retail Food Handling Establishments

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on July 17, 2023.

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

**Ordinance 2023-3379 - Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2022-3344
Authorizing Granting of Certain Deeds of Easement Upon Portions of
Township-Owned Property Pursuant to The Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook
Bay, Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project, Port Monmouth,
New Jersey, Phase II (Contract 5)**

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on July 17, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 23-179 through 23-185 removing 23-184 for a separate vote and Firefighter 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, Kratz, Settembrino, Mayor Perry
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

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

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Resolution 23-179 - Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Block 532, Lot 45 Acquired by The Township on March 15, 2023

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2023, the Township of Middletown (the “Township”) acquired title to property identified as Block 532, Lot 45 (Route 36), which is not exempt from taxes for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to cancel taxes on Block 532, Lot 45 for the remainder of 2023 until the property is exempted for the 2024 tax year.

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 tax balances on Block 532, Lot 45 for the remainder of the 2023 tax year.

Resolution 23-180 - Authorizing the Sale of Property Located Upon Block 795, Lot 11.04, (154 Ironwood Court) For the Purpose of Preserving It as An Affordable Housing Unit

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, the Township of Middletown (the “Township”) has adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (the “Plan”) for the administration of affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Township purchased an affordable housing unit identified as Block 795, Lot 11.04 (the “Unit”) from Michael Matick and Michelle Matick for \$211,486 to retain the Unit as part of its affordable housing inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Township has identified a prospective purchaser of the Unit who meets the eligibility requirements and consents to purchasing the Unit subject to affordable housing restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Director of Planning and Township Administrator recommend selling the Unit at the restricted price of \$216,486 in order to preserve the Unit as affordable housing and recover the associated costs incurred in purchasing the Unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-325, it hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute a contract for the sale of the Unit identified as Block 795, Lot 11.04 to an eligible individual for the restricted price of \$216,486 subject to affordability controls remaining in place for an additional 30 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Clerk and Township Attorney are authorized to execute the appropriate contract

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and all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of the affordable housing unit as set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any sentence, paragraph or section of this resolution, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, or if by legislative action a sentence, paragraph or section of this resolution shall lose its force and effect, such judgment or action shall not affect, impair, or void the remainder of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage according to law.

Resolution 23-181 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 For Professional Engineering Services

WHEREAS, pursuant to the fair and open process and Resolution No. 23-14, the Township previously qualified multiple engineering firms to provide consulting engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee awarded a contract to T&M Associates for construction administration and inspection services for the 2021 Paving and Drainage project in the amount of \$314,190.00; and

WHEREAS, T&M Associates and the Township have encountered unforeseen circumstances requiring the change order as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Township requires additional funds as listed on Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract by \$75,000.00, making the total amount of the contract to date \$389,190.00 and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 is available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-922-355-200. 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 Change Order No. 1, with an increase in the amount of \$75,000.00, be authorized and executed by the appropriate officials.

Resolution 23-182 - Resolution Authorizing License and Right of Entry Agreement To New Jersey American Water for Installation and Maintenance of Water Utilities at Tindall Park

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WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) owns certain real property designated as Block 632, Lot 77.01 as shown on the official tax map of the Township of Middletown (the “**Property**”) commonly known as 78 Tindall Road or Tindall Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township requires the installation of new water utilities upon the Property, which requires granting immediate access to New Jersey American Water to install, repair, replace, maintain water mains, pipes, lines and associated equipment, water infrastructure or facilities necessary to service the Property until a permanent easement can be prepared.

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 a License and Right of Entry Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions attached hereto as Exhibit A to grant New Jersey American Water necessary access to Tindall Park for the installation of water utility services.

Resolution 23-183 - Resolution Authorizing First Amendment to Contract for Township-Wide Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Including the Middletown Public Schools

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-318 the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) awarded a contract for Township-Wide Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services including the Middletown Public Schools (the “**Contract**”) to Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc. (the “**Contractor**”); and

WHEREAS, the Contract currently precludes the collection of solid waste and recycling before 6:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, changes in the operation of the Monmouth County Reclamation Center following privatization of that landfill have required adjustments in the schedule pursuant to which solid waste and recycling collection vehicles must transport solid waste and recycling from the Township to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center; and

WHEREAS, limiting the Contractor’s collection times to the hours of 6:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. is exacerbating traffic conditions on certain Township roads that already experience increased traffic due to pedestrian, school vehicle, and passenger vehicle activity during high-traffic hours; and

WHEREAS, allowing the Contractor’s collection vehicles to collect solid waste and recycling on certain high-traffic roads prior to 6:00 a.m. will promote public safety by lessening the number of slow-moving solid waste and recycling collection vehicles making frequent stops on high-traffic roads during periods of heavy traffic; and

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WHEREAS, the collection schedule established pursuant to the Contract currently provides that bulk waste collection in the North Zone will take place every other Thursday; and

WHEREAS, changing the service day in the North Zone from Thursday to Friday would enable the Contractor to dispatch additional collection vehicles for bulk waste collection through additional staffing that is available on Friday but is not available on Thursday; and

WHEREAS, additional trucks and staffing for bulk waste collection in the North Zone on Friday would prevent collection vehicles from reaching capacity and better enable the Contractor to comply with State of New Jersey Department of Transportation restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the need to ensure appropriate levels of solid waste and recycling collection service for all residents, while protecting public safety, alleviating increased traffic, and enabling compliance with State regulations, warrant an amendment to the Contract regarding permitted collection times and days.

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 a First Amendment to the Contract that allows for modifications to be made to the collection schedule and routing in consideration for a \$25,000 per year credit to the Township under the Contract pursuant to the terms and conditions of the First Amendment to the Contract attached hereto and made part hereof.

Resolution 23-184 – Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Vote

Resolution 23-185 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for June 19, 2023

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for June 19, 2023, in the amount of \$5,011,722.35.

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION

Christopher Rodermann, Community Fire Company

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena read the Following Resolution by Title:

Resolution 23-184 - Resolution Ratifying Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) With PBA Local 124

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WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the “Township”) and PBA Local 124 (the “Union”) were parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) covering the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Union have been engaged in good faith negotiations for the purpose of reaching terms and conditions for a successor CBA; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s and the Union’s negotiating teams have recommended ratification of an MOA establishing new CBA terms and conditions covering the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027, and the Union having already ratified the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the MOA amending and supplementing the CBA with PBA Local 124 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027 is hereby ratified by the Township pursuant to the terms and conditions of the MOA annexed hereto and made part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the ratified MOA annexed hereto and made part hereof on behalf of the Township along with revisions to the CBA reflecting the same.

It was moved by Mayor Perry and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to adopt Resolution 23-184.

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated the motion carried to adopt Resolution 23-184.

Mayor Perry spoke about the great contract negotiations between the Township and the PBA. He invited PBA President **Mike Reuter** to come to the front of the room. PBA President Mike Reuter thanked the Township Committee and Administration for negotiating such a great contract.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE A.B.C. ISSUING AUTHORITY

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena requested a motion to adopt resolution 23-186 for the renewal of liquor licenses for the 2023-2024 License Term.

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adopt Resolution 23-186

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

Resolution 22-186 - Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the 2023-2024 Licensing Term

WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Middletown Township Committee for Liquor Licenses in the Township of Middletown for the licensing year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 accompanied by an assigned fee per Chapter 240-1A of the Code of the Township of Middletown.

WHEREAS, the premises where the licenses are sought have been duly inspected by the Office of the Chief of Police of the Township of Middletown, and it appearing that the applications are in due form and that all legal formalities have been met.

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Liquor Lic. ID Number	Corporate Name	Establishment Name	Status of License
1331-31-035-001	Amer. Leg. Post 338	American Legion Memorial Post 338	Active
1331-31-036-001	Bayshore Columbian Club	Bayshore Columbian Club	Active
1331-31-037-001	Beacon Hill Country Club, Inc.	Beacon Hill Country Club	Active
1331-31-038-002	Middletown Elks Lodge BPOE 2179	Middletown Elks 2179	Active
1331-31-039-002	Navesink Country Club	Navesink Country Club	Active
1331-31-040-001	Mdtn. Twsp. Post 2179 VFW	Mdtn. Twsp. Post 2179	Active
1331-31-044-001	New Jersey Junior Titans Hockey Club Inc.	New Jersey Junior Titans Hockey Club	Active
1331-32-003-007	Ted LB. Inc.	Junction Bar & Liquors	Active
1331-32-004-003	Jacques Reception Ctr. LLC	Jacques Reception Center	Active
1331-32-005-003	Circus Liquors, Inc.	Circus Wines, Beer & Spirits	Active
1331-33-001-002	John Hoyle Esq Admin of the Estate of Carl Bachstadt	pocket license	Inactive
1331-33-002-004	Devino Group, LLC.	Portside Bar and Liquors	Active
1331-33-010-009	S & A Route 35, Inc.	Crown Palace	Active
1331-33-011-005	Apple Food Service of Middletown LLC	Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar	Active
1331-33-013-009	LaBella Vita Corp.	pocket license	Inactive
1331-33-014-006	MARKMART	Gateway Bar & Liquors	Active
1331-33-015-006	C. Ciccone, Inc.	Old Village Pub and Liquors	Active
1331-33-017-004	Middletown Harmony Lounge Inc.	Harmony Lounge	Active
1331-33-018-006	COATZA, LLC	pocket license	Inactive
1331-33-021-007	MJS MIDDLETOWN, LLC	MJ's	Active
1331-33-022-004	Lincroft Tavern, LLC	Charlie's of Lincroft	Active
1331-33-023-004	Jersey Shore Restaurant Assoc., Inc	Wahoo's Tacos & More	Active
1331-33-024-004	GVFB, LLC	Gabriella's Italian Steak House	Active
1331-33-029-008	House of Chong Middletown, Inc.	House of Chong	Active
1331-33-030-011	John Orrico	pocket license	Inactive
1331-33-034-002	Outback Mid Atlantic 1 Limited Partnership	Outback Steakhouse	Active
1331-33-041-005	Grand Cru L.L.C.	Nicholas	Active
1331-36-042-002	Courtyard Management Corporation	Courtyard by Marriott	Active
1331-43-006-005	Kathco Corporation Inc.	Shop Rite	Active
1331-44-008-008	Saker Enterprises Company Inc.	ShopRite Wines and Spirits of Middletown	Active
1331-44-012-004	Whole Foods Market Group Inc.	Whole Foods Market	Active
1331-44-019-009	Jalaram Inc.	Lincroft Liquor	Active
1331-44-028-005	Port Monmouth Liquors, Inc.	Foodtown Liquors	Active
1331-44-031-004	Keshina Inc.	Trezza Liquors	Active
1331-44-033-006	Peninsula Liquors	Circus Wines, Beer & Spirits	Active
1331-44-043-003	Middletown Bottle King Inc.	Bottle King Discount Wines & Spirits	Active

RESOLUTION ADDED AFTER CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena read the Following Resolution by Title:

Resolution 23-187 - Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application to The County of Monmouth's Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program for Improvements to Bodman Park

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program to assist municipalities by providing additional funding needed to make park improvements in municipal parks and open space; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Middletown (the "Township") desires to obtain County Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to fund park improvements at Bodman Park, 50 Market Street, Middletown, New Jersey 07748 (Block 982, Lots 3) (the "Project Site"); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is \$1,834,175.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township owns and controls the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, at the regularly-scheduled, publicly-noticed meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown on June 19, 2023, the Recreation Director of the Township presented to the Township Committee and the public a presentation describing the improvements to be made at Bodman Park, including upgrading an existing baseball field and providing batting cages for public use; and

WHEREAS, following this presentation, the Township Committee held a public hearing affording members of the public the opportunity to speak regarding the proposed improvements at Bodman Park and the application to the Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grand Program; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the members of the Township Committee unanimously voted to confirm the Township's commitment to the aforementioned improvements to Bodman Park, to approve submission of the Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program application, and to approve the expenditure of matching funds from the Middletown Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Open Space Trust Fund") if the grant application is approved.

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 Township Administrator, Anthony Mercantante, is hereby authorized and directed to: (a) make an application to the County of Monmouth for the Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program, and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent for the Township.
2. The Township is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the project as described in the grant application in the form of non-County matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program.
3. If the County of Monmouth determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program and the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Park Improvement Grant Program adopted thereto, the Township is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Fund in accordance with such policies and procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations, and statutes thereto.

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4. The Township Administrator, Anthony Mercantante, is hereby authorized and directed to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Monmouth for the approved Open Space Trust Fund for the purposes specified under this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, congratulated the North team on winning the NJSIAA State championship. He commended the Middletown PBA safety is always priority. He congratulated Officer's Roumeliotis and Banel or their great leadership and heroism.

Committeeman Settembrino, concurred with Committeeman Clarke and also congratulated the officers on the special life saving award. He commented that he has been on the Township Committee for 13 years and is happy to see the PBA and governing body come together here today.

Committeewoman Kratz, echoed the sentiments of Committeeman Clarke and Settembrino. She congratulated the North team and the 2023 graduates. She mentioned that the Middletown Senior Center offered words of wisdom to the High School Seniors.

Deputy Mayor Hibell, congratulated the police officers and announced that Thursday is the big Town Hall Grand Opening celebration from 5:00-8:00.

Mayor Perry, thanked the PBA professionals. Announced the Grand Opening Celebration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James DeRuggeris, 226 Harmony Road, stated this has been his fifth or sixth time coming to complain about the noise coming from Ice World and still nothing is being done. He specifically asked if they can not start landscaping on Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m.

Melanie Elmiger, 43 Green Tree Terrace, thanked Ted Maloney for attending the Phalanx Road meeting. She discussed the second garbage pick up being early and suggested considering an app to register for bulk pickup. She inquired about the liquor license for the old Chris's deli and who owns it and where it will be used.

John Spinelli, 91 Burlington Avenue, stated that he works in Pt. Pleasant and notices that Route 35 into Bayhead has New Jersey native flowers on the side of the roads and suggested other Municipalities contact the NJDOT regarding State funding for wildlife.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 8:08 pm.

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

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena stated the motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi R Brunt
Township Clerk

Approved:

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor