

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 February 22, 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 7, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clarke, Hibell, Kratz, Mayor Perry
Absent: Settembrino

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

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 freedom and way of life.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month in Middletown Township

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited John Smack, Inice Hennessy and Dr. Joelle Zobotka on behalf of Friends of Cedar View to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room.

Inise Hennessey spoke about the Cedar View Cemetery's history and that everyone buried there has been identified.

Mayor Perry read the proclamation recognizing Black History Month in Middletown Township.

WHEREAS: Every year during the month of February, our nation comes together to celebrate Black History Month we honor and reflect upon Black achievements, stories, and matters that comprise American history. Although Black history should be celebrated every day, this month reminds us of the critical role Black Americans have held and will continue to hold in the past, present, and future of our country; and

WHEREAS: There are an immeasurable number of Black activists, scholars, healthcare providers, authors, politicians, athletes, and leaders who have made tremendous and everlasting impacts on society, despite the unjust challenges they have faced. While Middletown Township is eternally grateful for all Black Americans and how they have paved the way for a better world, we would like to acknowledge some of our residents and local organizations who have made strides in our very own community; and

WHEREAS: Clinton P. Heath, a freed slave who moved to Middletown in 1885, co-founded the Red Hill African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in the 1890s, which is now named Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, in honor of his legacy. After the church was purposely set aflame in 1966, Clinton's daughter, Bertha, worked alongside the community to rebuild the church and dedicate a wing to her parents. The Heath Wing can be found at the Tatum Park Activity Center; and

WHEREAS: Friends of Cedar View pay homage to Middletown's past in present day. Cedar View Cemetery is the final resting place of Black Civil War veterans buried there. Cedar View Cemetery was sold in 1850 to 14 African-American men by former slaveholder John Crawford to be used as a burial ground. The cemetery was overgrown and neglected up until November 2015, when it was finally restored. Friends of Cedar View is a group of family descendants, historians, and citizens who have made it their mission to preserve the cemetery and its history; and

WHEREAS: Middletown Township wholeheartedly condemns all forms of racism and hate, and vows to work toward creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity. We follow the guiding principle that when the rights of one individual is threatened, the rights of all people are threatened; and

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby recognize February 2022, and every February going forward, as Black History Month in the Township of Middletown. We encourage the community to join us in celebrating Black accomplishments, uplifting Black voices, and honoring Black history.

Presentation Recognizing Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team Winning Shore Conference Girls Swim Championship

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena invited Coach Denise Skinner and the team to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room.

Mayor Perry congratulated the team on a remarkable season, not only winning the Shore Conference but the division as well. He thanked the team and the parents. He presented Coach Skinner with a certificate for each team member.

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:

January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting, February 7, 2022 Workshop Meeting.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance 2022-3330 - Ordinance Amending Chapter 41 Of the Code of The Township of Middletown Governing Officers of The Fire Department of 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.

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

Ordinance 2022-3331 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of Texas Avenue 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.

INTRODUCTION 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

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 7, 2022.

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

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 7, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 22-77 through 22-91 and Bingo and Raffle Applications and Firefighter Application.

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

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

Resolution 22-77 – Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Vendor with A State Contract for The Purchase of One (1) John Deere 524p Wheel Loader

WHEREAS, Middletown Township, 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, Jesco Inc, 118 St Nicholas Ave, South Plainfield, NJ, has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-000199; and

WHEREAS, under Contract 17-FLEET-000199, Jesco Inc, can provide one (1) John Deere 524P Wheel Loader for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for Middletown Township has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$168,598.08 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number C-04-55-921-321-005. 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 Jesco Inc for the delivery of one (1) John Deere 524P Wheel Loader in the amount of \$168,598.08.

Resolution 22-78 - Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Vendor with National Cooperative Contract For One (1) John Deere 644 4wd Loader

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 Sourcewell

National Cooperative, 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 Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC Jesco Inc. can provide the Township with one (1) new John Deere 644 P-Tier 4WD Loader in the amount of \$260,777.00 per their quote dated January 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the quoted price includes the trade in of one (1) 1998 John Deere 624H Loader, serial number DW624HX569664; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for Middletown Township has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$260,777.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-921-321-005. 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 above-mentioned trade in is authorized and that Jesco Inc., under Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC be utilized to provide one (1) new John Deere 644 P-Tier 4WD Loader in the amount of \$260,777.00.

Resolution 22-79 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Basketball Court Improvements at The Tonya Keller Community Center

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for and received bids for Basketball Court Improvements at the Tonya Keller Community Center in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, two proposals were received and publicly opened on February 1st, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for Basketball Court Improvements at the Tonya Keller Community Center be awarded to Halecon, Inc. 136 Billian St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807 the lowest bidder with their price of \$110,607.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for Middletown Township has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$110,607.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) T-18-56-850-800-500. 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 Basketball Court Improvements at the Tonya Keller Community Center be awarded to Halecon, 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 22-80 - Resolution Awarding Contract for Prescription Administration Services

WHEREAS, The Township of Middletown for the past several years has engaged the services of BeneCard Services, Inc. for the provision of employee and retiree prescription claims administration services and Medicare drug subsidy services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ratify and approve the continuation and extension of that contract for prescription services for the year 2022, and in order to maintain the continuity of said services, with a maximum estimated expenditure under said contract being estimated to be no more than \$32,000; and

WHEREAS, authorization for the award of this contract as an extraordinary unspecifiable service does not require public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(m) as an insurance-related contract subject only to certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY The Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed and to execute a contract with BeneCard Services, Inc. to provide prescription claims administrative Medicare retiree drug subsidy services for the year 2022 for the Township health benefit program for employees and retirees at the rates set forth in the contract attached hereto and made part hereof in an amount estimated not to exceed \$32,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 22-81 - Resolution Authorizing Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025 Form 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the **Township of Middletown**, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Monmouth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Middletown Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year **2023** in the amount of:

2.

DEDR	<u>\$ 34,470.00</u>
Cash Match	<u>\$ 8,617.50</u>
In-Kind	<u>\$ 25,852.50</u>

3. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor

Resolution 22-82 - Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Vendor with A State Contract For The Purchase Of Six (6) 2022 Ford F-250 Trucks With Plows

WHEREAS, Middletown Township, 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, Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 88727; and

WHEREAS, under Contract 88727, Beyer Ford, can provide six (6) Ford F-250 Trucks w/Plows for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for Middletown Township has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$247,365.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number C-04-55-921-321-005. 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 Beyer Ford for the delivery of six (6) Ford F-250 Trucks w/Plows in the amount of \$247,365.00.

Resolution 22-83 - 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: EMAA FY2022 sub-award (FY22-EMPG-EMAA-1332);

CFDA #: 97.042; Performance Period: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022), in a local amount of \$10,000.

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 22-84 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for The Demolition of The House At 85 Hubbard Ave.

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for and received quotes via a fair and open process for 85 Hubbard Avenue House Demolition in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, six proposals were received and publicly opened on February 15th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder, Frank Galbraith & Son has subsequently withdrawn their quote; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for 85 Hubbard Avenue House Demolition be awarded to Brennan Brothers Contracting, LLC, 28 Maple St., Old Bridge, NJ 08857 the second lowest bidder with their price of \$27,450.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$27,450.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) T-03-56-802-120-004. 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 85 Hubbard Avenue House Demolition be awarded to Brennan Brothers Contracting LLC, pursuant to the terms of their quote at the above prices, and that the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with the contractor.

Resolution 22-85 - 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>
466	9	Cheryl Auditor	183 9 th Street, Belford	14,265

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 22-86 – Resolution Recognizing the Growing Problem of Antisemitism in America and Adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism to Confront and Combat Antisemitism

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in American society; and

WHEREAS, Jews continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that following the attacks on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the Chabad of Poway in San Diego, a Kosher supermarket in Jersey City and a Chanukah gathering in Monsey, our synagogues felt compelled to re-evaluate their own security measures to keep their congregations safe; and

WHEREAS, the recent AJC (American Jewish Committee) *State of Antisemitism in America Report* found that more than one in three American Jews (37%) say they have been victims of antisemitism over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Township of Middletown officials and institutions seek to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and effective policy-making all benefit from accurate and uniform definitions; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), by consensus vote of its member states, adopted a Working Definition of Antisemitism in May 2016, which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition of antisemitism for use by governments and international organizations, as follows:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

“To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:”

“Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.”

“Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.

- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.”

“Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries).”

“Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.”

“Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.”

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition has proven to be an essential tool used to help determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition is utilized by various government agencies, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, and can be utilized by law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education.

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 adopts the non-legally binding International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism in full.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee will ensure that the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is available as an educational resource for the Department of Police and other Township agencies responsible for addressing antisemitism and other forms of discrimination.

Resolution 22-87 - Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funds from The New Jersey Historic Trust – 2021 Historic Site Management Grant Program and Authorizing Entry of Grant Agreement

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021, the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) authorized the submission of an application for a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust, State of New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to fund the preparation of a National Register Nomination for the subject property known as Block 371, Lot 1.01, and locally known as the Dempsey House, located at 55 Hamilton Avenue, in the Leonardo section of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historic Trust has acted favorably on the Township's grant application and awarded \$15,000 to the Township for the Dempsey House project and the Township wishes to accept 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 Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter a Grant Agreement for \$15,000 for the Dempsey House project.

Resolution 22-88 - 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 \$27,122,771.86 for the Current Fund, and

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	2/22/2022 Meeting
2-01-20-140-100-200	MIS O/E	230,000.00
2-01-21-185-100-200	Zoning Board O/E	9,000.00
2-01-23-215-100-200	Workers Compensation O/E	200,000.00
2-01-23-220-100-200	Insurance O/E	1,000,000.00
2-01-25-265-101-100	Uniform Fire Safety S&W	5,000.00
2-01-25-265-101-200	Uniform Fire Safety O/E	5,000.00
2-01-26-290-104-200	DPW Administration & Engineering O/E	5,000.00
2-01-26-305-100-200	Solid Waste & Recycling O/E	400,000.00
2-01-26-310-100-200	DPW Maintenance of Public Property O/E	50,000.00
2-01-26-315-100-200	DPW Fleet Maintenance O/E	50,000.00
2-01-31-440-200-200	Utilities - Telephone O/E	10,000.00
2-01-31-446-200-200	Utilities - Gas O/E	15,000.00
2-01-31-447-100-275	Utilities - Heating Oil - PBG	4,000.00
2-01-31-460-200-200	Utilities - Fuel O/E	35,000.00
2-01-40-899-470-208	Indeterminate Grants Municipal Match	5,000.00
2-01-41-175-208-521	Historic Preservation - Dempsey Pump House Grant	15,000.00
2-01-41-700-213-529	NJ Child Care Hiring/Retention Grant	4,000.00
	TOTAL	\$2,042,000.00

Resolution 22-89 - Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for February 22, 2022

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills for February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$4,224,995.52.

Resolution 22-90 - Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funds From New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development Hiring and Retention Bonus Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Middletown Preschool, which is governed and operated pursuant to the Township Code, submitted an application for a child care hiring and retention bonus grant through the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development has acted favorably on the grant application and awarded \$4,000 to the Middletown Preschool.

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. The Mayor, Township Administrator, or other authorized appropriate and responsible officials be and hereby authorized and directed to execute a grant agreement with the State of New Jersey in an amount up to that awarded for the proposed project, and to seal the grant agreement.

2. Upon receipt of the grant funds, the Township Chief Financial Officer is authorized to remit to the following staff members in the amounts listed below:

Maximilian Hogan	\$1,000
Alexandra Gallo	\$1,000
Maria Gato	\$1,000
Debra Flanagan	\$1,000

Resolution 22-91 - Resolution Ratifying Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) With PBA Local 124

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the “Township”) and PBA Local 124 (the “Union”) were parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) covering the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020; 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, 2021 through December 31, 2022, 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, 2021 through December 31, 2022 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.

BINGO AND RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Catherine’s Church	22-08
St. Leo the Great PTA	22-09
St. Leo the Great PTA	22-10
PTSA Marine Academy of Sciences and Technology	22-11
New Monmouth School	22-12
New Monmouth School	22-13
New Monmouth School	22-14
River Plaza Hose Co #1	22-15
River Plaza Hose Co. #1	22-16
Church of St. Leo the Great	22-17
St. Mary’s R.C Church	22-18
St. Mary’s R.C. Church	22-19
St. Mary’s R.C. Church	22-20
Community Fire Company	22-21
PTA New Monmouth	22-22
Mater Dei Booster Club	22-23
Ocean Avenue School PTA	22-24
St. Mary’s PTA	22-25
St. Mary’s PTA	22-26
VFW #2179 Middletown Township	22-27
VFW #2179 Middletown Township	22-01A
VFW #2179 Middletown Township	22-02A
VFW #2179 Middletown Township	22-03A
VFW #2179 Middletown Township	22-04A
VFW #2179 Middletown Township	22-06A
Ocean Avenue School PTA	22-27

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION

Louis Hartmann

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, congratulated the Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team.

Committeewoman Kratz, congratulated the Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team. She also congratulated the 8th and 11th graders drug and alcohol program.

Deputy Mayor Hibell, was hoping that John Smack was still here to congratulate the Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team.

Mayor Perry, congratulated everyone and thanked Cedar View for coming. They are great people and Monmouth County residents. He spoke about Resolution 22-86 and recognizing that hate is out there. He commented he is watching the events in Ukraine and Russia and those serving and hope and pray those members of the US & Ukraine are kept safe.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Jansen, Resident, inquired about the repair of a sewer that failed on Oakland and Route 36. Township Engineer Ted Maloney responded that it was supposed to be repaired with the minor subdivision of two houses but the developer ran out of money. It is now being added to the capital program and it should be completed in the next few months.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

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

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Brunt
Township Clerk

Approved:

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor