

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 December 19, 2022.

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 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 07, 2022.

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

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp, Township Engineer Ted Maloney, Deputy Township Clerk Kaaren Sena 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 freedoms and way of life.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation Recognizing the 2022 Veteran of The Year

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited members of the Veterans Affairs Committee Dennis Beauregard along with Bob Siemer to the front of the room. Both of these members had nominated each other for the award. Dennis believed that Bob was going to be recognized tonight as Veteran of the Year, and then found out it was to honor him as Veteran of the Year. Mayor Perry spoke about Dennis's many military awards and his diligent work advocating for veterans in Middletown and also all across the state. There is no one more deserving of this recognition. Going forward this award will be called the Dennis J. Beauregard Veteran of the Year Award.

Presentation Recognizing Gal Lavid for Acquiring a 9/11 Memorial Survivor Tree Offspring

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Gal Lavid to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry explained how Gal was integral in acquiring an offspring of the only surviving tree at Ground Zero. The tree is now planted at the Middletown Memorial Garden.

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Township Clerk invited Erica Weeks to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room where he administered the Oath of Office for her promotion to Sergeant.

Township Clerk invited Adam Colfer to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room where he Administered the Oath of Office for his promotion to Sergeant.

Township Clerk invited John Soltysik to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room where he Administered the Oath of Office for his promotion to Lieutenant.

Township Clerk invited Stephen Keller to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room where he Administered the Oath of Office for his promotion to Sergeant.

Township Clerk invited each of the following officers individually along with their family members to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room where he administered the Oath of Office. The following are the new Police Officers that were sworn in by Mayor Perry:

Chad Bacek, Anthony Bartolone, Joshua Chambers, John Foy, Dana McQuade and Thomas Stone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Executive Session – June 6, 2022, June 20, 2022, July 18, 2022, August 15, 2022, September 6, 2022, September 19, 2022, October 3, 2022 and October 17, 2022.

Special Meeting November 9, 2022, Regular Meeting November 21, 2022, Workshop Meeting December 5, 2022.

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

Township Heidi Brunt stated Motion carries to approve the minutes.

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PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2022-3361 – Ordinance Approving Entry into Contracts for Purchase of Real Estate Identified as Block 276 Lot 77.02 (95 Main Street) And Block 136 Lot 5 (Church Street) To Advance the Port Monmouth Flood Control Project.

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

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2022-3362 – Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Block 502, Lots 1 And 7 (37-45 Leonardville Road) To the Non-Profit Middletown Redevelopment Corporation for Development of Affordable Veterans Housing Project

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 22-319 through 22-333 removing 22-334 for a separate vote, including Firefighter Applications.

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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

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

Resolution 22-319 - Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Compensation for Township Employees Who Worked Through the Covid-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) was the recipient of American Rescue Plan (“**ARP**”) funds; and

WHEREAS, an eligible use for a portion of the ARP funds received by the Township is to provide supplemental compensation to employees who worked through the Covid-19 pandemic who continue to work for the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165, all compensation outside of collective bargaining agreements and salary ordinances not already approved by the Township must be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined to utilize approximately \$200,000 of ARP funds to provide supplemental compensation to eligible employees who worked through the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 Township’s Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make supplemental compensation payments to eligible Township employees pursuant to the schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Resolution 22-320 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Certain Outstanding Accounts Payable Items to Be Credited to Surplus

WHEREAS the following Accounts Payable Items remain unexpended:

WHEREAS it is necessary to formally cancel said items so that the following unexpended amounts may be credited to Surplus;

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PO Number	Vendor	Amount
20-04428	Rutgers University CAIT-LTAP	\$ 485.00
	TOTAL	\$ 485.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, that the unexpended amounts be cancelled and that the Township Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 22-321 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Unexpended Balances For 2022 To Be Credited to Surplus

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund 2022 budget appropriations balances remain unexpended:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus;

Account Number	Description	Amount
Current Fund		
2-01-30-410-222-208	Prior Yr Bill- 2019 Block Lines/Telesystem	314.25
2-01-35-470-200-208	Contingencies	20,000.00
2-01-37-480-200-221	Insurance - Judgements/Settlements	150,000.00
2-01-40-899-470-208	Match for Indeterminate Grants	21,382.50
2-01-45-920-200-326	Debt Service - Bond Principal	26,415.00
2-01-45-920-200-328	Debt Service - Note Principal	250,000.00
2-01-45-930-200-327	Debt Service - Bond Interest	39,712.60
2-01-45-930-200-329	Debt Service - Note Interest	100,000.00
2-01-45-960-200-330	Debt Service - Capital Lease Town Hall	25,886.80
	TOTAL	\$633,711.15

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, that the following unexpended balances be canceled and that the Township Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 22-322 - Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159 Additional Item of Funding in the 2022 Budget – “Child Passenger Safety Seat Program”

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

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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 a \$19,250.00 grant from The State of New Jersey for the Child Passenger Safety grant and wishes to amend its 2022 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 2022 budget in the sum of \$19,250.00 which is now available as revenue from:

State of New Jersey
“Child Passenger Safety Seat Program”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sum of \$19,250.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
Operations Excluded from the 3.5 % CAPS
The State of New Jersey
Child Passenger Safety Seat Program

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

Resolution 22-323 - Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159 Additional Item of Funding in the 2022 Budget – “2022-2023 Bayshore DWI Saturation Patrol 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 a \$28,000.00 grant from the NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety and wishes to amend its 2022 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 2022 budget in the sum of \$28,000.00 which is now available as revenue under Special Item of Revenue Anticipated

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with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Safety
“Bayshore DWI Saturation Patrol Grant”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sum of \$28,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from “CAPS”:

NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Safety
“Bayshore DWI Saturation Patrol Grant”

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

Resolution 22-324 – Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to A Vendor with A National Cooperative Contract for One (1) Caterpillar 315 Hydraulic Excavator

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 #02119-CAT Foley Inc, an authorized dealer for Caterpillar 315 Hydraulic Excavator, can provide the Township with one (1) new 315 Caterpillar Hydraulic Excavator in the amount of \$254,576.00 per their quote dated October 24th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$254,576.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) C-04-55-922-339-004. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that Foley Inc, under Sourcewell Contract #02119-CAT be utilized to provide one (1) new 315 Caterpillar Hydraulic Excavator in the amount of \$254,576.00.

Resolution 22-325 - Resolution Approving Additional Funds for Previously Approved Contract

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

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

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

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

Resolution No.	Entity	Service	NTE Amount	Additional Funds
22-15	Archer & Greiner, P.C.	General Special Counsel – Port Monmouth Flood Control	\$120,000.00	\$99,567.95

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby approves modifications to the NTE Amount on the foregoing contract previously approved by the Township Committee, upon the terms set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

- 1) That the above-referenced resolutions are hereby repealed only to the extent of their inconsistency with the terms of this Resolution.
- 2) Any NTE amount remaining after payment of final invoices to Archer & Greiner are hereby transferred to Spiro, Harrison, and Nelson per resolution 22-271.

Resolution 22-326 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for The Demolition of 161 Cherry Tree Lane

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for and received bids for the Demolition of 161 Cherry Tree Lane in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

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WHEREAS, eight proposals were received and publicly opened on December 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for Demolition of 161 Cherry Tree Lane be awarded to Messercola Excavating, Inc. 549 East Third Street, Plainfield NJ 07060 the lowest bidder with their price of \$22,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for Middletown Township has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$22,000.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 2-01-26-310-100-260. 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 Demolition of 161 Cherry Tree Lane be awarded to Messercola Excavating 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 22-327 - 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>
76	8	Gregg Facon	22 Sycamore Ave	\$26,700
1098	28	Denise Baran	2 May Court	\$16,800
360	13	Peter & Meritt Christensen	10 Florence Ave	\$18,175

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:

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Resolution 22-328 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Monmouth County Office on Aging 2023 Grant Agreement 13-014 for Senior Services

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has authorized Grants in the amount of \$33,500.00 during the year 2023 for the funding of certain programs at the Middletown Senior Center as detailed in a Letter of Intent; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of the grant requires a resolution accepting this funding and authorizing the execution of the 2023 Grant Agreement with the County of Monmouth providing for the use of the funds in accordance with the terms of the grant; and

WHEREAS, this authorization will provide funding for certain health, fitness, education and transportation programs providing benefits to senior citizens utilizing the Senior Center and is appropriate for execution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the Township of Middletown accepts the Grants in the amount of \$33,500.00 for the purpose as set forth in the Letter of Intent from the Monmouth County Office on Aging and the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the 2023 Grant Agreement with the County required for such funding and grants.

Resolution 22-329 - Resolution of The Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey, Canceling Grant Balance

WHEREAS, there exists Grant Receivables and Grant Reserves on the Balance Sheet; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable balance and their offsetting appropriation balance from the balance sheet;

Grant	Year	Cancel Appropriation Amount	Cancel Receivable Amount
Chapter 159 Safer Grant	2017	910.40	481.00
Chapter 159 Bulletproof Vest Program	2019	10,188.64	29,053.25
Chapter 159 Municipal Alliance DEDR Grant	2020		593.54
Chapter 159 Senior Center Grant	2020	2,487.79	
Chapter 159 Senior Supp Cares Act Grant	2020	6.57	113.00
Chapter 159 Municipal Alliance DEDR Grant	2021	2,596.23	2,596.23
Police Child Passenger Safety Grant	2021	777.00	777.00
Chapter 159 Police YE Holiday Drive Sober	2021	960.00	960.00
Senior Center Grant	2021	1,986.66	6,074.00
Chapter 159 Addl Supp Cares Act Grant	2021	6.38	6.00
Chapter 159 Child Passenger Safety Grant	2022	420.00	420.00
Total		\$ 20,339.67	\$ 41,074.02

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the following grant receivable and appropriation balance be canceled:

Resolution 22-330 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations in The Local Budget of The Township of Middletown for The Year 2022

WHEREAS, Section 40A:4-58 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey authorizes the transfer of appropriations, during the last two (2) months of the calendar year, to said budget where adopted heretofore by the governing body by two-thirds vote thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, as follows:

1. That the excess in the appropriations listed in the column designed “FROM” be transferred to the appropriations listed in the column designated “TO” as follows:
- 2.

	CURRENT FUND	FROM	TO
Account Number			
2-01-20-120-100-100	Twp Clerk S&W	\$600.00	
2-01-20-140-100-200	MIS O/E	\$4,000.00	
2-01-25-240-100-100	Police S&W	\$12,000.00	
2-01-26-290-100-200	DPW Street & Roads O/E	\$123,000.00	
2-01-20-120-101-101	Elections S&W - Regular		\$600.00
2-01-31-430-200-200	Utilities - Electricity O/E		\$80,000.00
2-01-31-440-200-200	Utilities - Telephone O/E		\$4,000.00
2-01-31-445-200-273	Utilities - Water - PBG		\$35,000.00
2-01-31-447-100-275	Utilities - Heating Oil - PBG		\$8,000.00
2-01-36-472-200-200	Statutory - Social Security		\$12,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 139,600.00	\$139,600.00

3. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit to the Chief Financial Officer and Township Auditor, a certified copy of this resolution.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately

5. A copy of this resolution shall be filed forthwith with the Director of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution 22-331 - Resolution Accepting Deeds of Dedication, Access And Conservation From RJJ Group, LLC In Relation To Block 638, Lots 192.01, 192.02, 192.03 & 192.04 (451 Kings Highway East)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2019-402, adopted on November 10, 2021, the Township of Middletown (the “Township”)’s Planning Board granted amended preliminary and final major subdivision approval with variances relative to Block 638, Lots 192.01, 192.02, 192.03 & 192.04 within the Township; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of approval, the applicant is required to provide the Township with an acceptable Deed of Dedication, Deed of Access Easement and Deed of Conservation Easement, which have been submitted by the applicant to the Township, as attached hereto as **Exhibits A, B and C**.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board’s engineer has determined the three easement property descriptions to be true and accurate and the Township Attorney has determined the easements to be acceptable as to form.

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 accepts the Deed of Dedication, Deed of Access Easement and Deed of Conservation Easement attached hereto and made part hereof as **Exhibits A, B and C**.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township’s Administrator, Director of Planning and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

Resolution 22-332 - Resolution Authorizing Partial Cancellation of the 2022 Legal Fees Emergency Appropriation

WHEREAS the following 2022 Current Fund emergency appropriation for \$200,000 with respect to Legal Fees formally adopted on August 15, 2022, Resolution 22-221, under the provision of NJS 40A:4-46 can be partially cancelled:

WHEREAS it is necessary to formally cancel \$100,000 of the original \$200,000 emergency appropriation that is no longer necessary and therefore will not be required to be raised in the 2023 budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, that \$100,000 of the Legal Fees emergency appropriation be canceled and that the Township Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 22-333 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for December 19, 2022.

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for December 19, 2022 in the amount of \$6,507,251.91.

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS

Timothy Belicose; Brevent Fire Company; John Kauffman; Belford Engine Company #1

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to adopt resolution 22-334 that was removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Committeeman Settembrino and carried to adopt Resolution 22-334

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

Resolution 22-334 - Resolution Appointing Willis Kratz to Fill Vacancy on The Township Of Middletown Sewerage Authority

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Code of the Township of Middletown (the “Code”), the Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority (“TOMSA”) is a corporate body politic formed by the Township of Middletown (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code, the membership of TOMSA is appointed by resolution of the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2022, the Township received a letter of resignation from Kenneth Ciparis resigning effective December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14A-4(b) of the Sewerage Authorities Law (the “Sewer Law”), “[m]embers of the sewerage authority shall be appointed by resolution of the governing body”; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Law further provides that “[i]n the event of a vacancy in the membership of the sewerage authority occurring during an unexpired term of office, a person shall be appointed as a member of the sewerage authority to serve for such unexpired term”; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to accept Mr. Ciparis’s resignation and fill the vacancy left by Mr. Ciparis by appointing Willis Kratz for the remainder of Mr. Ciparis’s unexpired term.

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 accepts the resignation of Kenneth Ciparis from TOMSA, effective December 31, 2022, and hereby appoints Willis Kratz to fill the remainder of his unexpired term.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, congratulated Dennis Beauregard on being recognized 2022 Veteran of the Year. He also congratulated the Police Officers that were sworn in. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Committeeman Settembrino, congratulated Dennis Beauregard on the 2022 Veteran of the Year recognition. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Committeewoman Kratz, congratulated the new Police Officers and said she is thankful to Chief Weber for his leadership. She also congratulated Dennis Beauregard and recognized Bob Siemer Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee member and all organizations and communities for all they do during this time of year. Wished everyone a Blessed Christmas.

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Deputy Mayor Hibell, congratulated Dennis Beauregard and Gal Lavid. He also congratulated the new Police Officers. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Perry, thank you and is honored for serving as Mayor for 2022. Wished everhone Happy Holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Spinelli, 91 Burlington Avenue, thanked the Township Committee for keeping our town safe. Let's go Brandon and Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 8:26 pm.

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

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi R Brunt
Township Clerk

Approved:

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor