

Workshop Meeting

A Special 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 May 3, 2021.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to The Star Ledger, The Independent and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on January 07, 2021.

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

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp and Township Clerk Heidi Brunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Township Clerk Brunt led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp gave a presentation on the budget status. She discussed the low interest rates on debt and the adjustments in pensions this year. She gave a breakdown on the tax levies of 2020, and distribution of tax dollars; with 62% to the schools, 11% to the County; 23% to Municipal and 2% to the Municipal Library. She discussed the changes in property tax bills. She also discussed the changes in property tax 2020 vs 2021 and the residential impact. She concluded that the overall tax levy was reduced.

Mayor Perry thanked the Chief Financial Officer, Administration and Department Heads for the work on the budget.

Resolution 21-137 - Resolution to Read Budget by Title

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt the resolution

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adopt Resolution 21-137

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

Township Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adopt resolution 21-137

Resolution 21-137 - Resolution to Read Budget by Title

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 4-8 as amended provides that the Budget shall be read in full at the public hearing, or that it may be read by title only if:

1. At least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved Municipal Budget Is made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing. This year during the COVID 19 Pandemic the Budget will be made available online at www.middletownnj.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Middletown that it is hereby declared that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended set forth in subsections 1, have been met and therefore the Municipal Budget shall be read by title only.

Resolution 21-138 - Resolution Certifying Compliance with United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Guidance On The Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt the resolution

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adopt Resolution 21-138

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

Township Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adopt Resolution 21-138

Resolution 21-138 - Resolution Certifying Compliance with United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Guidance On The Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction

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Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

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 states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Township Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

**Resolution 21-139 - Resolution Authorizing Introduction of the 2021
Municipal Budget**

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INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

Ordinance 2021-3310 - Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Middletown Governing Various Recreational and Parking 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, Snell, Settembrino, Mayor Perry
 Nays: None
 Abstention: None
 Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on May 17, 2021.

Resolution 21-140 - Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Atlantic Highlands for Fall Leaf and Brush Disposal Services

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to pass the resolution

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adopt Resolution 21-140

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

Township Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adopt the resolution.

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (“Middletown”) and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands (“Atlantic Highlands”) seek to enter into a shared services agreement for fall leaf and brush disposal services, upon the terms set forth in the draft agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves entry into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Atlantic Highlands for the provision of fall leaf and brush disposal services, consistent with the foregoing.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 21-141 through 21-150.

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

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

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

Resolution 21-141 – Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Atlantic Highlands for Fall Leaf and Brush Disposal Services

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (“Middletown”) and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands (“Atlantic Highlands”) seek to enter into a shared services agreement for fall leaf and brush disposal services, upon the terms set forth in the draft agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves entry into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Atlantic Highlands for the provision of fall leaf and brush disposal services, consistent with the foregoing.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution and the shared services agreement executed pursuant to same to the Division

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of Local Government Services at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for informational purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4b.

Resolution 21-142 - Resolution Authorizing the Submission of 2021 Action Plan Pursuant to The Requirements of Federal Regulation 24-Cfr Part 91

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended provides for a program of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown is an Entitlement Community as defined under said Act and is entitled to financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 91 require that the Township prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan as a prerequisite to receipt of entitlement Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Township's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, a public meeting and public comment period was conducted in 2021 for the purpose of considering and obtaining views of the citizens of Middletown Township on community development and housing needs, and for the purpose of providing the citizens with an opportunity to participate in the development of the Middletown Township 2021 Annual Action Plan element of the Monmouth County Consortium's Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, said Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan element for federal assistance requires certain certifications to be submitted along with and as part of said plan; and

WHEREAS, Township of Middletown is a participant of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium in which the County of Monmouth is the lead participant; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that the Township participate in the Consortium's Annual Action Plan preparation and submit the Annual Action Plan element for inclusion in the Consortium's Annual Action Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey that the Mayor be and is authorized and directed to submit the Township of Middletown's 2021 Annual Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as required by federal regulations 24 CFR Part 91, including all understandings and certifications contained therein, to act as the authorized representative of the Township of Middletown, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Middletown’s 2021 Annual Action Plan shall request funding to the fullest extent of funding allowed and determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Community Development staff are hereby authorized and directed to respond to all citizen’s comments received regarding the Township of Middletown 2021 Annual Action Plan and make such revisions or modifications to the Annual Action Plan as may be necessary or appropriate based on such comments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and other authorized appropriate and responsible officials 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 the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Resolution 21-143 - Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Vendor with A National Cooperative Contract for Type 1 Ford F550 Model 603 Ambulance

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the “Law” or “Chapter 139” and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor(s) with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved:

ITEM # 1

VENDOR

**VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS
43 JEFFERSON AVENUE
BERLIN, NJ 08009**

NATIONAL CONTRACT # AM10-20

**PRODUCT CODE: AM20KA07
AMOUNT \$238,766.00**

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DESCRIPTION

ONE (1) TYPE 1 FORD F550 MODEL 603 AMBULANCE FOR THE LEONARDO FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD FOR THE MIDDLETOWN EMS DEPARTMENT

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2 “The vendor shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.”

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middletown has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available, and are designated to line item appropriation of the official budget no. see below-. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and part hereof and the funds to be expended herein are assigned to line item no. see below. A copy of the within resolution and certification shall be certified by the Township Clerk. The Township Attorney is satisfied that the availability of funds has been provided and a copy of the within resolution shall be made a part of the file concerning said resolution and appointment.

C-04-55-920-290-010 - \$230,000.00

T-03-56-802-202-300 - \$8,766.00

2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- A) **Purchasing Agent**
- B) **Comptroller**
- C) **Floyd Goldstein, EMS Director**
- D) **Vendor**

Resolution 21-144 - Resolution Authorizing the Township of Middletown to Submit a Grant Application to The New Jersey Historic Trust for The 2021 Preserve New Jersey Grant Round

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historic Trust is accepting applications for the 2021 Preserve New Jersey Grant Round for Capital, Historic Site Management, and Heritage Tourism grants; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown is eligible for and seeks to apply for capital grant funding from the New Jersey Historic Trust 2021 Preserve New Jersey Grant Round to fund the preservation and restoration of the Murray Farmhouse and Barn at Poricy Park, at a total estimated cost of \$330,350.00; and

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WHEREAS, projects seeking funding from the New Jersey Historic Trust 2021 Preserve New Jersey Grant Round Level II are eligible for up to \$750,000.00 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$165,175.00 would provide considerable financial support to an important historic preservation project; and

WHEREAS, if received, the Township would be responsible for providing a match for half of the total amount of the project cost, which in this case would be \$165,175.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township has encumbered \$175,000.00 for capital improvements to the Murray Farmhouse and Barn to be expended during FY2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown hereby approves the completion and submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Historic Trust, consistent with the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee authorizes Anthony Mercantante, Township Administrator, to sign the assurances and acknowledge the certification required for the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township may accept and utilize any funds resulting from the grant application in accordance with the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township may provide for the required match, which will be certified upon receipt of confirmation that the grant has been awarded and the amount of the grant.

Resolution 21-145 - 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 2021 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 2021 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$36,138,522.50 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:

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1. An emergency temporary appropriation shall be and the same is hereby made for the following purposes:

Attachment 1 - 2021 Temporary Budget Worksheet		
Account Number	Description	Amount
1-01-20-100-100-100	A/E S&W	14,000.00
1-01-20-100-101-100	Purchasing S&W	1,500.00
1-01-20-120-100-100	Township Clerk S&W	4,500.00
1-01-20-130-100-100	Finance - S&W	13,000.00
1-01-20-140-100-100	MIS - S&W	7,300.00
1-01-20-140-100-200	MIS - O/E	4,000.00
1-01-20-145-100-100	Collector - S&W	10,700.00
1-01-20-150-100-100	Assessor - S&W	3,000.00
1-01-21-180-100-100	Planning - S&W	28,000.00
1-01-22-195-100-100	Building Dept. - S&W	2,500.00
1-01-25-240-100-100	Police S&W	19,000.00
1-01-25-252-100-101	Emergency Management - S&W	1,000.00
1-01-25-265-101-100	Uniform Fire Safety - S&W	2,000.00
1-01-26-290-100-100	Dept of Public Works & Engineering S&W	17,400.00
1-01-26-290-102-200	DPW Parks - O/E	20,000.00
1-01-26-290-104-100	DPW Administration & Engineering-S&W	10,400.00
1-01-26-305-100-100	Solid Waste & Recycling - S&W	3,200.00
1-01-26-310-100-100	DPW Maintenance of Township Property - S&W	1,500.00
1-01-26-310-100-200	DPW Maintenance of Township Property -O/E	10,000.00
1-01-26-315-100-200	DPW Fleet Maintenance - O/E	20,000.00
1-01-27-330-100-100	Health - S&W	5,800.00
1-01-27-330-101-100	Alliance - S&W	1,000.00
1-01-28-370-100-100	Recreation - S&W	9,100.00
1-01-29-390-100-100	Maintenance of Free Public Library	60,000.00
1-01-30-415-100-115	Accumulated Leave Compensation	30,000.00
1-01-31-440-200-200	Utilities - Telephone O/E	161,000.00
1-01-43-490-100-100	Court - S&W	4,000.00
	TOTAL	\$463,900.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2021 budget under the appropriate titles.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 21-146 - Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Veteran Owned Businesses, Veteran Hiring Goals in The Municipal Workforce, And Recognizing the Military Service of Those Residents in The Civic Affairs of the Township of Middletown

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (“Middletown”) is home to numerous veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

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WHEREAS, Middletown has always sought to recognize and promote Veterans within our community, and

WHEREAS, Middletown now wishes to promote Veteran owned business enterprises, strive for the hiring of veterans in the municipal workforce and wishes to recognize the military service of our residents on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, that it is in the best interest of Middletown to encourage the participation of veterans in the business of Middletown, its workforce and the civic affairs of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, Middletown:

1. Will make a good faith effort in the hiring of municipal employees, to achieve a goal of a minimum of five percent its workforce to have served in the United States military.
2. Will continue to create designated parking spaces for veterans on Middletown properties.
3. Will make a good faith effort to award contracts to veteran-owned businesses registered with the State of New Jersey.
4. Will create affordable housing units deemed solely for the honorable men and women who have served our nation.
5. Will promote awareness of state fee exemption for local metered parking.
6. Will continue to support and appoint volunteers to the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee.
7. Will promote and recognize veterans on the established Heroes Wall located in Town Hall.
8. Will continue to pay tribute to Middletown's fallen heroes who were killed in action through our town-wide Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program.
9. Will at least one annual public celebration honoring the service of veterans on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and/or the anniversary of September 11, 2001.
10. Will annually recognize the service of a resident of the community who has served in the military.

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11. Will post a copy of this Resolution on Middletown's website and ensure that copies are made available to any veteran's service organizations known to exist within the community.

Resolution 21-147 - Resolution Authorizing the Contract to Demolish and Remove three (3) Existing Carrier Rooftop Units and Install three (3) New Carrier Rooftop Units and Ancillary Equipment for the Middletown Public Library through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System

WHEREAS, The Township of Middletown is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes a municipality to acquire goods and services through a duly formed cooperative purchasing system without advertising for bids, and

WHEREAS, the Township is in need of Replacing the existing three (3) Carrier Rooftop Units and Replacing them with three (3) new Carrier Rooftop Units and Ancillary Equipment at the Middletown Public Library, and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System has awarded a contract to Hutchins HVAC Inc., 12 Rothbard Road, Hazlet, NJ 07730 to Remove and Demolish three (3) existing Carrier Rooftop Units and Replace them with Three (3) New Carrier Rooftop Units and Ancillary Equipment (Contract# ESCNJ 19/20-13 #MCESCCPS) in the amount of \$413,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middletown has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available, and are designated to line item appropriations of the official budget no. see below-. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof and the funds to be expended herein are assigned to line item no. see below. A copy of the within resolution and certification shall be certified by the Township Clerk. The Township Attorney is satisfied that the availability of funds has been provided and a copy of the within resolution shall be made a part of the file concerning said resolution and appointment.

1-01-55-902-000-006 - \$413,500.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. It hereby awards a contract to Hutchins HVAC, Inc., 12 Rothbard Road, Hazlet, NJ 07730 to Remove and Demolish three (3) existing Carrier Rooftop Units and Replace them with three (3) New Carrier Rooftop Units and Ancillary Equipment at the Middletown Public Library in the amount of \$413,500.00.

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2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- A) Purchasing Agent
- B) Comptroller
- C) Ted Maloney, Director of Public Works
- D) Vendor

Resolution 21-148 - Resolution Appointing Second Municipal Prosecutor

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4 and § 4-33 of the Code of the Township of Middletown there exists a need to appoint a qualified attorney as a Municipal Prosecutor for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township maintains two Municipal Prosecutor positions for individual court days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2005-32, such salaried appointed positions are not subject to the Fair and Open Process; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Second Municipal Prosecutor appointed in January left the position due to a judicial appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that Sean Kean, Esq. is hereby appointed to the Second Municipal Prosecutor's position for the Township of Middletown for the remainder of 2021 to be compensated pursuant to the Township's applicable salary ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment shall be published by the Township Clerk in the Township's official newspaper.

Resolution 21-149 - Resolution Dedicating Library Site and Complying with Grant Guidelines

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown is in the process of preparing plans for a renovation of the Main Library, located on Block 632, Lot 183, and apply for a Grant from the NJ Construction Bond Act to fund a portion of the costs of the renovation; and

WHEREAS, the Grant application and the NJ Construction Bond Act requires a resolution of the Township Committee indicating that site is dedicated for library use only and will continue to be so dedicated for at least twenty (20) years after completion of the renovations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the site of the main Library (Block 632, Lot 183, formerly

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Block 97, Lot 9) was acquired by Deed dated February 26, 1969 and has been dedicated for use as the Township's Public Library, and will continue to be so dedicated and used for purposes of the main Township Public Library for at least twenty (20) years after the completion of the renovation funded or partially funded by the Grant from the NJ Construction Bond Act.

Resolution 21-150 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for May 3, 2021

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution for the payment of bills for May 3, 2021 in the amount of \$2,707,069.19.

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS

Kenneth L. Latham, Jr, - Middletown Fire Co. #1
Shane J. Formica, Middletown Fire Co. #1
Sean J. Herlihy, Middletown Fire Co. #1
Francis Szklarski, Middletown Fire Co. #1
Bryan P. Dolan, River Plaza Hose Co. #1
Russell D. Levi, Old Village Fire Co.
Matthew J. Lawrence, River Plaza Hose Co. #1

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Recognizing May 2021 as Buddy Poppy Month in the Township of Middletown (For the Record)

WHEREAS: The annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS: Buddy Poppies are usually assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fundraising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to “honor the dead by helping the living”; and

WHEREAS: We urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as a symbol of gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens. Now, **THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as Buddy Poppy Month in Middletown Township. We hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to this invaluable program. Given, and

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Proclamation Recognizing May 31, 2021 as Memorial Day in the Township of Middletown (For the Record)

WHEREAS: Memorial Day, once called Decoration Day, originated after the United States Civil War and was designated a national holiday by Congress in 1971; and

WHEREAS: Memorial Day serves as a national day of remembrance for all those men and women who have given their lives in service to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: By honoring these proud service members, we renew our commitment to upholding the democratic ideals they fought and died to preserve; and

WHEREAS: Communities nationwide will join together on May 31, 2021 to pause and remember our fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS: On Monday, May 31st, Middletown Township will pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard our county. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim May 31st as Memorial Day in Middletown Township. We call upon the community to join us in honoring our fallen heroes by attending the Township's vehicle and bicycle parade beginning at 10:00 AM at Bayshore Middle School.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Kunkel Park Alterations

Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante discussed the skate board apparatus constructed on the old roller hockey rinks. JIF has standards that must be met to be insured. He will address and try to meet the standards. Costs will be associated with the implementation of a skateboard park.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Clarke, commended Community Fire Company for rescuing a hiker in the woods at Hartshorne Park. He announced that 9/11 Bricks are available for the 20th anniversary memorial celebration. He thanked the Chief Financial Officer, Administration and Department Heads for the budget preparation.

Committeeman Settembrino, commended the 2021 Budget and the Chief Financial Officer, Administration, Staff and the Mayor.

Committeewoman Snell, announced Bricks for the 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial are available as well as lawn signs and banners. Visit www.middletownremembers911.com. She commended the Chief Financial Officer and Administration in keeping the residents in mind when it came to the budget.

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Deputy Mayor Hibell, commended the Chief Financial Officer and Administration on the budget. We will be looking into the Energy receipt tax payments from the State.

Mayor Perry, commended the Chief Financial Officer, Administration and Department Heads on the 2021 budget, a great job with the impact of Covid 19. He announced the Memorial Day Parade will be at 10:00 AM at Bayshore Middle School and will end at Croydon Hall. He mentioned Resolution 21-146 and the initiative to promote Middletown as a Veteran friendly municipality.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patricia Peterson, 16 Forest Drive, requested an ordinance be introduced to prohibit cannabis businesses in the municipality.

Don Watson, asked if meetings are now open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell and carried to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

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