

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 April 17, 2023.

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

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

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney 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.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**

#### **Promotion to Deputy Chief of Police – Lieutenant John Werner**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited John Werner and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Deputy Chief of Police John Werner and congratulated him on his promotion to Deputy Chief of Police.

#### **Promotion to Police Lieutenant – Brian Dilworth, Donald Coates**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Brian Dilworth and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Brian Dilworth and congratulated him on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Donald Coates and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Donald Coates and congratulated him on his promotion to Lieutenant.

**Promotion to Police Sergeant – Michael Heaton, Frank Mazza and Joshua Midose**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Michael Heaton and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Sergeant Michael Heaton and congratulated him on his promotion to Police Sergeant.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Frank Mazza and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Sergeant Frank Mazza and congratulated him on his promotion to Police Sergeant.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited Joshua Midose and his family to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room. Mayor Perry administered the oath of office to Sergeant Joshua Midose and congratulated him on his promotion to Police Sergeant.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Presentation Recognizing Middletown South 9U and 12U Travel Basketball Teams for Winning 2023 Mid-Monmouth Championships**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt invited the 9U and 12U coaches and teams along with the program trustee, to join Mayor Perry at the front of the room.

Mayor Perry commented that once again Middletown has a winning team to celebrate. He congratulated them on the wins.

**Proclamation Recognizing April 23-29, 2023, as National Library Week in the Township of Middletown**

**Proclamation Recognizing April 30-May 6, 2023, as National Municipal Clerks Week in the Township of Middletown**

**Proclamation Recognizing April 30-May 6, 2023, as National Small Business Week in the Township of Middletown**

**Proclamation Recognizing April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in the Township of Middletown**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting, April 3, 2023 Workshop Meeting

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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2023-3368 – Ordinance Authorizing Entry of New Lease Agreement with The Middletown Township Cultural Arts Council, Inc., A Nonprofit Corporation for Township Owned Property and Improvements Located Upon Block 809, Lot 26 (36 Church Street)**

Mayor Perry opened the meeting for public comments.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Drive, requested information on Maggie O'Brien, Director of the Arts Center Salary. He also requested the Church Annex while construction is happening.

Hearing no further comments from the public it was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to close public hearing and carried to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading.

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2023-3369 - Ordinance Establishing Registry for Businesses and Rental 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, 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 1, 2023.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

**Ordinance 2023-3370 - Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Deed of Permanent Roadway Easement Upon a Portion of Block 1072, Lot 37.01**

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to pass this ordinance on first reading.

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

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held on May 1, 2023.

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**BUDGET**

Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp presented the 2023 Municipal Operating Budget.

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to pass Resolution 23-130.

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 pass the 2023 Municipal Budget on Introduction.

***SEE MUNICIPAL BUDGET NEXT PAGE:***

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Township Clerk read the following Resolution by Title:

**Resolution 23-131 – Resolution to Read Budget by Title**

It was moved by Mayor Perry and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hibell to pass Resolution 23-131.

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

**Resolution 23-131 - 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.

**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.

***See 2023 Municipal Budget Introduction Next Page***

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 23-132 through 23-141

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 23-132 - 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;

PO Number	Vendor	Amount
20-03385	Primepoint, LLC	\$ 2,530.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,530.00</b>

**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 23-133 - Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Competitive Contracting for The Procurement of Real Property & Data Verification Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has a desire to contract with one vendor for the provision of real property and data verification services in accordance with their participation in Monmouth County's Real Property Assessment Demonstration Program; and

**WHEREAS**, PL 1999 c.440 amended the Local Public Contracts Law and created a new category of contracting called Competitive Contracting; and

**WHEREAS**, 40A:11-4.3(a) requires that in order to initiate competitive contracting, the governing body shall pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting



each time specialized goods or services enumerated in 40A:11-1 are desired to be contracted; and

**WHEREAS**, 40A:11-4.3(b) requires that the competitive contracting process shall be administered by a purchasing agent qualified pursuant to 40A:11-9, or, by legal counsel of the contracting unit, or by an administrator of the contracting unit.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to initiate competitive contracting to contract for real property and data verification services.

**Resolution 23-134 - Resolution Authorizing Obligation and Programming of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant Funds Through a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan**

**WHEREAS**, Under Title 1 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**, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) made available to the Township of Middletown \$137,104 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV grant) funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township intends to substantially amend the CDBG Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan (AAP/CP), Program Year 2019 to outline the proposed use of the CDBG-CV grants;

COVID-19 Tutoring Program	\$137,104
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**WHEREAS**, the obligation and programming of these funds is in accordance with current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Community Development guidance and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG Program requires certain certifications to be submitted along with and as part of said plan;

**WHEREAS**, a draft of the substantial amendment was on display on the Middletown Township Community Development webpage from February 16, 2023 to March 18, 2023;

and

**WHEREAS**, the Middletown Township Community Development Department held a virtual public hearing on this Substantial Amendment on March 3, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, a public comment period was held from February 16, 2023 to March 18, 2023;

**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 substantial amendment to the CDBG Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan (AAP/CP), Program Year 2019 to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, 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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Community Development staff are hereby authorized and directed to respond to all citizens comments received during the required 30-day comment period and make such revisions or modifications to the 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 23-135 - Resolution Designating Fm Red Owner, LLC As Redeveloper of Block 1086, Lot 30 (100 Schultz Drive) Within the Exit 109 Redevelopment Plan Area and Authorizing Execution of Redevelopment Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. ("**LRHL**"), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment with a designated private redeveloper; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4, the governing body of the Township of Middletown (the "**Township**") serves as an instrumentality and agency of the Township pursuant to the LRHL for the purpose of implementing redevelopment plans and carrying out redevelopment projects within the Township (the "**Redevelopment Entity**"); and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8 authorizes the Township, acting as the Redevelopment Entity, to enter into contracts or agreements for the planning, construction

or undertaking of any development project or redevelopment work in an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2022, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-153, the Township designated Block 1086, Lots 29-30 and Block 1131, Lots 30-32 (the “**Exit 109 Redevelopment Plan Area**”), as an area in need of redevelopment for non-condemnation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2023, by Ordinance No. 2023-3364, the Township adopted the 100 Schultz Drive Redevelopment Plan (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”) governing Block 1086, Lot 30 (the “**Property**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and FM Red Owner, LLC (the “**Redeveloper**”) have engaged in negotiations for Redeveloper’s redevelopment of the Property into a veterinary hospital comprising four floors and ±108,000 square feet, including 90,000 square feet of medical space and 18,000 square feet of office/conference space (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township recognizes the credentials, experience and financial capability of the Redeveloper to design and construct the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-9, it is the intention of the parties to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement, which shall further define and memorialize the respective obligations of the parties regarding proceeding with the redevelopment of the Property in the manner prescribed.

**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 foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as if set forth at length.
2. The terms and conditions contained in the Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Township and Redeveloper are hereby accepted and approved.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Redevelopment Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto and made part hereof, immediately upon adoption of this Resolution by the Township Committee.
4. Upon the adoption of this Resolution and the Redeveloper’s execution of the Redevelopment Agreement, the Redeveloper shall be deemed the Redeveloper of Block 1086, Lot 30 for all purposes under the LRHL.
5. All prior resolutions, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately pursuant to law.

**Resolution 23-136 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of A Contract For The Kunkel Park Skate Park**

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for and received bids for the Kunkel Park Skate Park in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, two bids were received and publicly opened on April 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended that the award of the contract for Kunkel Park Skate Park be awarded to V&K Construction, Inc., 37 Bartha Ave., Edison, NJ 08817 the lowest bidder with a total price for the base bid plus alternates one through four of \$444,895.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$444,895.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number C-04-55-922-341-001. 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 the Kunkel Park Skate Park be awarded to V&K Construction, 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 23-137 - Resolution Authorizing the Submission Of 2023 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 2023 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 2023 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 2023 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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Middletown's 2023 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 citizens comments received regarding the Township of Middletown's 2023 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 23-138 - Resolution Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 23-90 Authorizing Entry of Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) With Community Options, Inc., A Non-Profit Corporation, For the Provision of Supportive Affordable Housing Units Upon Block 596, Lot 272**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) recently amended its Master Plan Housing Element (the “**Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, as a component of the Plan, the Township is proposing supportive affordable housing units for those with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Options is a non-profit organization with a long history of developing, operating and administering housing for developmentally disabled individuals, which is licensed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to partner with Community Options by providing \$250,000 of dedicated Affordable Housing Trust Funds for the development of affordable supportive housing to accommodate five adults with developmental disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or Township Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Options, Inc. for the development, operation and administration of supportive affordable housing units for five individuals upon Block 596, Lot 272 while allocating \$250,000 of Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies for the same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall repeal and replace Resolution No. 23-90 adopted on February 21, 2023.

**Resolution 23-139 - Resolution Authorizing Renewal and Amendment of Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Rumson for Animal Control Services**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. municipalities may enter into agreements to share municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2021, the Township of Middletown (“Middletown”) and the Borough of Rumson (“Rumson”) entered into a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services (the “Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, Middletown and Rumson wish to renew and amend the Agreement for a new term extending through December 31, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby

authorizes the renewal and amendment of the Agreement for a term to extend through December 31, 2025, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the foregoing, including the execution of the amended Agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the executed Agreement 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.

**Resolution 23-140 - 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 2023 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 2023 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$40,146,296.46 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:
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2023 budget under the appropriate titles.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

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Attachment 1 - 2023 Temporary Budget Worksheet		4/17/2023 Meeting
Account Number	Description	
<b>Current Fund</b>		
3-01-20-100-100-100	A/E S&W	54,800.00
3-01-20-100-101-100	Purchasing S&W	16,800.00
3-01-20-110-100-100	Township Committee S&W	1,600.00
3-01-20-120-100-100	Township Clerk S&W	30,700.00
3-01-20-130-100-100	Finance S&W	53,400.00
3-01-20-140-100-100	MIS S&W	36,100.00
3-01-20-145-100-100	Tax Collector S&W	30,600.00
3-01-20-140-100-200	MIS O/E	29,000.00
3-01-20-150-100-100	Tax Assessor S&W	23,500.00
3-01-20-155-100-200	Legal O/E	92,500.00
3-01-21-180-100-100	Planning S&W	13,400.00
3-01-21-180-101-100	Planning Board S&W	2,800.00
3-01-21-185-100-100	Zoning Board S&W	3,100.00
3-01-22-195-100-100	Building Dept. S&W	119,200.00
3-01-23-210-100-200	General Liab. Insurance O/E	279,126.29
3-01-23-215-100-200	Workers Compensation O/E	50,000.00
3-01-23-220-100-200	Insurance O/E	1,050,000.00
3-01-25-240-100-100	Police S&W	1,107,900.00
3-01-25-252-100-101	Emergency Management S&W	2,800.00
3-01-25-260-100-100	First Aid S&W	1,000.00
3-01-25-265-100-100	Fire S&W	16,000.00
3-01-25-265-101-100	Uniform Fire Safety S&W	16,500.00
3-01-25-275-100-100	Prosecutor S&W	5,700.00
3-01-25-445-100-273	Fire Hydrant Services	85,000.00
3-01-26-290-100-100	Dept of Public Works & Engineering S&W	103,800.00
3-01-26-290-102-100	DPW Parks S&W	78,600.00
3-01-26-290-104-100	DPW Administration & Engineering S&W	47,600.00
3-01-26-305-100-100	Solid Waste & Recycling S&W	50,900.00
3-01-26-310-100-100	DPW Maintenance of Public Property S&W	45,700.00
3-01-26-315-100-100	DPW Fleet Maintenance S&W	49,700.00
3-01-27-330-100-100	Health S&W	22,800.00
3-01-27-330-101-100	Alliance S&W	6,200.00
3-01-27-340-100-000	Animal Control S&W	10,200.00
3-01-28-370-100-100	Recreation S&W	38,000.00
3-01-29-390-100-100	Maintenance of Free Public Library	96,200.00
3-01-30-410-228-208	Prior Year Bill - 2022 JCP&L	80,156.79
3-01-31-435-200-271	Utilities - Street Lights - Electricity	58,000.00
3-01-36-472-200-284	Statutory - Social Security	107,000.00
3-01-36-477-200-284	Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	500.00
3-01-42-101-200-278	Interlocal Agreement - Middletown BOE SLEO III	29,200.00
3-01-43-490-100-100	Court S&W	30,500.00
3-01-43-495-100-101	Public Defender S&W	1,400.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,977,983.08</b>



**Resolution 23-141 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for April 17, 2023**

The Township Committee hereby approves a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for April 17, 2023, in the amount of \$3,443,705.36.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeeman Clarke, thanked Administration and Colleen Lapp on the budget. He congratulated the Police promotions and basketball champions.

Committeewoman Kratz, congratulated the Police promotions and the budget team.

Committeeman Settembrino, congratulated the Police promotions and the budget team.

Deputy Mayor Hibell, he congratulated John Ross at Ross Brewing, this has been in the making for five years. He also congratulated Police promotions and the budget team.

Mayor Perry, None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Margaret Merone, 113 Pelican Road, resident on an acre of land. The land is being undermined by the brook. The property has a culvert and concrete diverting water and causing trees to fall. T&M and Ted Maloney have been out to the property. Township Administrator discussed the lack of easement.

Ronnie Lander, 1 Crawford Road, also complained about poricy brook. The stream is eroding the land. She has contacted the township looking for results.

Melanie Elmiger, 143 Green Tree Terrace, advocated for traffic safety with the focus on Route 520 corridor in Lincroft. She thanked the Township Committee on behalf of the Lincroft Village Green Association.

Vinny Moran, 39 Brevent Avenue, stated he called the mayor's office on the 30<sup>th</sup> of last month and did not get a return call. He commented on the number of trees cut down for the Skate Park removing the buffer zone. He commended Bill Brunt, Code Enforcement Officer for Leonardo, for his dedication and hard work. The Township could use more employees like him. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded that the tree removal was part of the project.

Mark Soporowski, 38 Powell Avenue, had questions regarding roads and sidewalks that need to be repaired. The Mayor announced Hillside and Oak Hill Roads will be covered by the capital budget.

Regular Meeting

Bruce Stafford, 39 Brainard Avenue, requested a contract for the valve in case of malfunctions. He objects to Ted and crew maintenance and handling of the valve. He also discussed curb box openings on storm drains are too tall. He also commented that Pews Creek growth needs to be cleaned out. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante discussed the shared service with the county for the Marsh Master.

Mary Grant, 135 Lindy Lane, inquired if there is an ordinance limiting the number of trees homeowners can remove. The mayor responded that the Township does not have a Shade Tree Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Heidi R Brunt  
Township Clerk

Approved:

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Anthony S. Perry, Mayor