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Mayor and Council Reorganizational Meeting

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Tuesday, January 5, 2021

7:00 PM

Remote Telephone Meeting

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ., NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY WAY OF AN ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE TO THE STAR LEDGER, COURIER NEWS AND HOME NEWS, AND POSTED AT BOROUGH HALL.

SALUTE TO FLAG

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD AND COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK TO BE SWORN IN

ROLL CALL

Councilman Jack Mikolajczyk
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes
Councilman James Eodice
Councilwoman Amy Flood
Councilman Martin Quinn
Councilman Douglas Rex

Also Present:

John Madden Mayor
Marcia Karrow Administrator

Others Absent:

Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Due to a conflict, Attorney Michael O'Grodnick replaced Attorney Christopher Corsini this evening.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 1-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI OF SAVO, SCHALK, GILLESPIE,
O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A. AS THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint

Christopher M. Corsini of the firm of Savo, Schalk, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. having offices located at 56 East Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey as the Legal Counsel for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Christopher M. Corsini of the firm Savo, Schalk, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A., having offices located at 56 East Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey is hereby appointed as the Legal Counsel for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
SECONDER:	James Eodice, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

MAYOR'S NEW YEAR' ADDRESS

As we bring in the new year, may we reflect on the extraordinarily difficult events that have touched all of us in some capacity. This uncharted course has altered our very livelihood in so many ways.

With so much change, I believe that Middlesex Borough has continued to enjoy the reputation of the wonderful "Hallmark" Community to live, work and raise a family. Our Residents have shown compassion, goodwill and sincere gratitude for those less fortunate as we still face this terrible pandemic in 2021. Let us be thankful for our blessings, families and caring friends who have struggled through all these challenges.

Together we can build, strengthen and sustain our community to provide a fertile educational environment for our children, a flourishing business community and affordable senior housing. In spite of such a difficult year, the Borough still managed to have some significant accomplishments.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Surplus- A depleted surplus is on track to steadily increase over the next few years. On December 31, 2019, the surplus was approximately \$325,000; on December 31, 2020, surplus is at approximately \$500,000. Our goal is to create a surplus of over 1 million dollars by the close of 2023. A healthy surplus provides the municipality with better bond ratings which equate to lower interest rates and therefore tax savings over time. The Borough's Surplus should be approximately 4 million dollars.

Redevelopment- Successfully negotiated two redevelopment agreements which will result in an annual payment in lieu of taxes of approximately Net \$800,000 per year beginning (pro rata) in 2021. These two agreements are a total of about 800,000 square feet of warehousing and will also provide new jobs in the area. The pilot payments will remain at the same rate of present value for 30 years. Both sites are or have remediated environmentally contaminated areas.

Joint Land Use Board- Consolidated our Planning Board and Zoning Board to one, stream-lined Joint Land

Use Board saving professional service fees for the Borough and making it easier for commercial and industrial applicants to navigate the development process.

Redevelopment Committee- Established a Redevelopment Committee to review new redevelopment proposals which includes community members in decision making positions including the chair of the JLUB, two members of Council, the Mayor, and the Borough's Redevelopment Attorney. This provides for a better, more stream-lined and effective review process assuring the best interests of the public as well as being more business friendly for redevelopers. All committee meetings are publicly noticed and follow the Open Public Meetings Act.

Upgrades to the Borough's Sewer System- The Borough has completed design upgrades to two pump stations with funding from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection imminent. Funding will be a 50% outright grant and 50% low-interest loan to be paid over 20 years. The design for a new sewer line to permanently separate the Borough from Piscataway Sewer Authority is also underway with similar funding. The Borough continues to identify and replace or repair leaking and broken sewer lines in its 100-year-old infrastructure- a long-term project that was ignored for decades even with threats of severe fines by the NJDEP until just two years ago.

Clean Audit for 2019- Demonstrating that Borough finances are in order.

Refinanced Long-Term Debt- This will result in a net savings over 5 years of approximately \$250,000.

Financial Austerity Pays Off with Covid Devastation- The Borough took full advantage of the Middlesex County CARES Act and its provisions and received reimbursement of over \$70,000 for Covid related supplies and capital improvements including safety glass installation and security cameras. Due to a number of long-time Borough staff retirements and budget austerity policies put in place in early 2020, salary and discretionary spending was reduced and the Borough was able to maintain all services and staff with no cuts or furloughs.

On behalf of our Council, staff and all our first responders, I wish you and your family a healthy, prosperous and successful New Year.

Thank you.

COMMENTS BY COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD AND COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK

Councilwoman Flood made the following comments:

Good evening.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the residents of MIDDLESEX who believed in me enough to elect me to represent you and serve as Council woman here in MIDDLESEX for the next three years.

Thank you to the members of the Republican Party for supporting my campaign, and thank you to Councilman Mikolajczyk for running alongside me as well as campaign committee members Mike Hompesch, Mike Conahan, Steve Greco, Nancy Holmes, and Martin Quinn.

I know how difficult it is to present yourself as a candidate in any kind of election, and so I would like to thank Jennifer Johnson and Monica Townsend once again for running a classy campaign, and I wish you both well.

To my friends, neighbors, and community members who publicly or privately supported me, I very much appreciate all of your help.

With a very grateful heart, I thank my children Kyle, Isabella, and Joseph for their patience and understanding

as my time with them is so often interrupted. Finally, I thank my husband who continues to lift me up reminding me every day what I am capable of.

Being successful at something means putting in a lot of time and a lot of effort. It means paying attention to details and being thorough. So, as I have taken this oath tonight, I am also renewing my commitment to working hard for the community of MIDDLESEX because I believe that is what this town deserves, and I intend to give you nothing less.

Many of you have heard me say how much I enjoy living in Middlesex, and how proud I am always to share my reasons why.

And so it is with great confidence and enthusiasm that I say thank you to Middlesex and I look forward to serving this community along with our mayor and fellow council members, in the best and most productive way that I can.

Councilman Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

Happy New Year.

I want to express my gratitude to the voters for their steadfast support.

I would like to thank my wife Jan, and my children John, Mark and Lisa, and my daughter-in-law Anna for their unwavering support. I am and have nothing without them.

I would like to thank Amy Flood, her family, and the Middlesex Borough Republican Organization. The support of the campaign committee was second to none and you unselfishly stepped up when we needed you.

I am personally grateful to friends and supporters who have no vested interest in Middlesex, but generously supported us simply because they believed in us.

I'd like to thank Jennifer Johnson and Monica Townsend for their efforts during the campaign season. Not a lot of people have the courage to step up and put themselves into the often unkind, public eye.

Covid 19 certainly threw a big monkey wrench into the year and I would like to thank fire, OEM, Rescue Squad and especially our police for their selfless dedication. 24/7 they have been on the job.

We again ran a grass roots campaign, and our primary goal was to talk to as many people as we could. Many people were gracious enough to talk to us and as much as we were campaigning - we were listening.

Affordability is a key issue. Our residents are under a lot of pressure. The path we take to make things better will require leadership and some tough, unpopular decision making. I promise I will do my best to represent the lawful residents of Middlesex and vote to maximize the effectiveness of our existing resources, to keep our streets safe, to provide for the broadest range of services to our community, to curb wasteful spending and to have realistic attainable development and infrastructure plans in place for Middlesex's future.

Three years ago, I read a quote by Jack Warren. When writing this piece, I would normally include a different quote but this quote is just as, if not more, applicable, today. "Remember how far you have come, not just how far you have to go. You are not where you want to be, but neither are you where you used to be."

I am encouraged by the progress we have made as a council that is committed to making Middlesex a better place to live and am looking forward to getting the pandemic behind us and a prosperous future for Middlesex. Go Bluejays!

APPOINTMENTS

1. Council President
2. Councilman Mikolajczyk made a motion to nominate Councilman Eodice as Council President seconded by Councilman Rex

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

3. Fire Department Officers

The Borough Clerk read all Fire Department Officials for 2021.

Chief	Dave Bird
First Asst. Chief	Ken Bartok
Second Asst. Chief	Shawn Young

Company No. 1-Lincoln Hose

Captain	Brian Mattox
Lieutenant	Jason Frank
Engineer 21	Tom Kurtz
Engineer T 25	Carlos Lopez
Honorary Assistant	Mark Colacci
Captain	

Company No. 2-Beechwood Heights

Captain	Eric Chomen
Lieutenant	Ken Pukas Jr
Engineer 21	James Lukac
Asst. Engineer	Dan Knoell

Company No. 3-Pierce

Captain	Stephen Bird
Lieutenant	Nick Lally
Engineer 21	Chad Heulitt
Asst. Engineer	Sean Kaplan

Company No. 4-Parker

Captain	John Pazar
Lieutenant	Rob Pollara
Engineer 21	Andy Castaldo Jr.
Asst. Engineer	Jeff Meyer

4. By Mayor Not Requiring Council Confirmation

The Borough Clerk read all appointments by Mayor Madden that did not require Council confirmation.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Nancy Avery	1-year	12/31/21
Pat Repenn	1-year	12/31/21
Frank Ryan	1-year	12/31/21
Rich Rutkowski	1-year	12/31/21

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Stephen Greco	3-year	12/31/23
Mike Conahan	3-year	12/31/23

5. By Mayor Requiring Council Confirmation

The Borough Clerk read all appointments by Mayor Madden that require Council Confirmation.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bob Dessino	3-year	12/31/23
Carol Schroeder	3-year	12/31/23
Subhash Dani	1-year	12/31/21

LIBRARY BOARD

Susen Edwards	5-year	12/31/25
Dina Healey (Mayor's Rep.)	3-year	12/31/23

SWIM POOL COMMISSION

Mark Kranz	5-year	12/31/25
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Melissa Fedosh	4-year	12/31/24
Lucy Laranjeiro	4-year	12/31/24
Michael Conahan	4-year	12/31/24
Karen Rutkowski, Alt. #2	2-year	12/31/22

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Bob Edwards	3-year	12/31/23
Chrissy George	3-year	12/31/23
Laura Thomasey	3-year	12/31/23
Matt Adams	2-year	12/31/22
Leonard Jackson	2-year	12/31/22
Emily DeScenza	2-year	12/31/22
Lisa Pombrio	1-year	12/31/21
Carl Sanderson	1-year	12/31/21
Judy Levenson	1-year	12/31/21

JOINT LAND USE BOARD

Councilman Carnes (Class III)	1-year	12/31/21
Frank Ryan (Class IV)	4-year	12/31/24

Joe DeScenza (Class IV)	1-year	12/31/21
Robert Dessino (Class I)	3-year	12/31/23
Stephen Greco (Class II)	1-year	12/31/21
Joe Caruso (Alt. I)	1-year	12/31/21
John Sweeney (Alt. II)	2-year	12/31/22

6. Council President Eodice made a motion to approve the above appointments that required Council approval.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Martin Quinn, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

2021 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

1. Council Representative Appointments

The Borough Clerk read all Council Representative appointments for 2021.

BOARD OF HEALTH	COUNCILMAN REX
COUNTY SWAC/COUNTY TRANSPORTATION	COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD ALT. COUNCILMAN CARNES
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK
OEM/RESCUE/FIRE	COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD
JOINT LAND USE BOARD	COUNCILMAN CARNES
RECREATION COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT	COUNCILMAN CARNES
SHADE TREE COMMISSION	COUNCILMAN QUINN
SWIM POOL COMMISSION	COUNCILMAN EODICE
POLICE/MUNICIPAL COURT	COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK
ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT/CONSTRUCTION	COUNCILMAN REX
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	COUNCILMAN QUINN
FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION	COUNCILMAN EODICE
DISABLED & SENIOR SERVICES	COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK
BOARD OF EDUCATION	COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD/ COUNCILMAN CARNES

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN EODICE

CULTURAL ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN CARNES

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 2-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF STEVE S. GLICKMAN OF THE FIRM RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC AS
THE BOROUGH LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Steve S. Glickman of the firm Ruderman & Roth, LLC having offices located at 150 Morris Avenue, Suite 303, Springfield, NJ 07081 as the Borough Labor Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Steven S. Glickman of the firm Ruderman & Roth, LLC, having offices located at 150 Morris Avenue, Suite 303, Springfield, NJ 07081 is hereby appointed as the Borough Labor Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 3-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AS THE BOROUGH
ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers, 3 Jacoma Boulevard, Suite 300-400, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

as the Borough Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Remington & Vernick Engineers, having his office located at 3 Jacoma Boulevard, Suite 300-400, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 is hereby appointed as the Borough Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/26/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman	
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex	

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 4-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY AS THE BOROUGH AUDITOR
FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Suplee, Clooney & Company having offices located at 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 as the Borough Auditor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Suplee, Clooney & Company having offices located at 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 is hereby appointed as the Borough Auditor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 5-2021

APPOINTMENT OF GLUCKWALRATH LLP AS THE BOND ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of GluckWalrath LLP, having offices located at 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 as the Bond Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. GluckWalrath LLP, having his office located at 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 is hereby appointed as the Bond Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 6-2021

APPOINTMENT OF JFS SERVICES, LLC AS THE C-4 LICENSE OPERATOR FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint JFS Services, LLC having offices located at 28 Prest's Mill Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 as the Sewer Collection System Operator for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January

1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. JFS Services, LLC, having his office located at 28 Prest's Mill Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857 is hereby appointed as the Sewer Collection System Operator for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Amy Flood, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 7-2021

APPOINTMENT OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES AS THE ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Najarian Associates, having offices located at One Industrial Way West, Eatontown, NJ 07724 as the Alternate Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Najarian Associates, having office located at One Industrial Way West, Eatontown, NJ 07724 is hereby appointed as the Alternate Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/26/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Amy Flood, Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	James Eodice, Councilman	
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex	

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 8-2021

APPOINTMENT OF RICCIPLANNING AS THE BOROUGH PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Paul Ricci of the firm of Ricciplanning having offices located at 177 Monmouth Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 as the Planner for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Paul Ricci of the firm of Ricciplanning, having his office located at 177 Monmouth Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 is hereby appointed as the Planner for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 9-2021

APPOINTMENT OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Najarian Associates, 1 Industrial Way West, Eatontown, NJ 07724 as the Environmental Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee

set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Najarian Associates, having offices located at 1 Industrial Way West, Eatontown, NJ 07724 is hereby appointed as the Environmental Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
SECONDER:	James Eodice, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 10-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF VENTURA, MIESOWITZ, KEOUGH & WARNER AS THE
REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Ventura, Miesowitz, Keough & Warner, 783 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901 as the Redevelopment Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Ventura, Miesowitz, Keough & Warner, having his office located at 783 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901 is hereby appointed as the Redevelopment Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 11-2021

APPOINTMENT OF GLUCKWALRATH, LLP., AS CONFLICT REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Chris Walrath of the firm GluckWalrath LLP., 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 as the Conflict Redevelopment Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Chris Walrath of the firm GluckWalrath LLP., having his office located at 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 is hereby appointed as the Conflict Redevelopment Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 12-2021

APPOINTMENT OF MARCO BENUCCI OF THE FIRM WRONKO LOEWEN BENUCCI AS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Marco Benucci of the firm of Wronko Loewen Benucci, having offices located at 1130 Route 202 South, Suite A-7, Raritan, NJ 08869 as the Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex

for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Marco Benucci, Esq. of the firm of Wronko Loewen Benucci, having his office located at 1130 Route 202 South, Suite A-7, Raritan, NJ 08869 is hereby appointed as the Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 13-2021

APPOINTMENT OF SOCKLER REALTY SERVICES FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Sockler Realty Services, 299 Ward Street, Suite C, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 for Appraisal Services for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Sockler Realty Services, 299 Ward Street, Suite C, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 is hereby appointed for Appraisal Services for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 14-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF SAVO & SCHALK GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A. AS
THE TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Savo & Schalk Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher P.A., 56 East Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 as the Tax Appeal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Savo & Schalk Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher P.A., having his office located at 56 East Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 is hereby appointed as the Tax Appeal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Amy Flood, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 15-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF KING, MOENCH, HIRNIAK & MEHTA, LLP AS THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint King, Moench, Hirniak & Mehta, LLP having offices located at 51 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2F, Morris Plains, NJ 07059-1254 as the Environmental Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the

period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. King, Moench, Hirniak & Mehta, LLP, having his office located at 51 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2F, Morris Plains, NJ 07059-1254 is hereby appointed as the Environmental Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 16-2021

APPOINTMENT OF VENTURA, MIESOWITZ, KEOUGH & WARNER AS THE CONFLICT MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Ventura, Miesowitz, Keough & Warner, 783 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey 07901 as the Conflict Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Ventura, Miesowitz, Keough & Warner, having offices located at 783 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey 07901 is hereby appointed as the Conflict Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 17-2021

APPOINTMENT OF CHIRAG D. MEHTA, ESQ. OF THE LAW FIRM KING, MOENCH, HIRNIAK & MEHTA AS THE BOROUGH PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Chirag D. Mehta, Esq., of the firm King Moench Hirniak & Mehta, LLP, 51 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2F, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 as the Borough Prosecutor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Chirag D. Mehta, Esq. of the firm King Moench Hirniak & Mehta, LLP, 51 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2F, Morris Plainss, NJ 07950 is hereby appointed as the Borough Prosecutor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 18-2021

APPOINTING ACRISURE AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Acrisure having offices located at 1460 Route 9 North, Suite 310, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 as the Risk Management Consultant for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to

December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Acrisure, having his office located at 1460 Route 9 North, Suite 310, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 is hereby appointed as the Risk Management Consultant for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee as set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/26/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Amy Flood, Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Martin Quinn, Councilman	
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex	

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 19-2021

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT D. SPENGLER AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Robert D. Spengler, 59 West Union Avenue, P.O. Box 309, Bound Brook, NJ 08805-0309 as the Alternate Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Robert D. Spengler, 59 West Union Avenue, P.O. Box 309, Bound Brook, NJ 08805-0309 is hereby appointed as the Alternate Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Councilman
SECONDER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Douglas Rex, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jeremiah Carnes, Councilman
AYES:	Mikolajczyk, Carnes, Eodice, Flood, Quinn, Rex

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 20-2021

ADOPTING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

The Borough Council hereby adopts the rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, which shall govern the meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with any special rules of order the meeting may adopt.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 21-2021

APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR 2021

Be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following are designated as "Official Newspapers" for the year 2021:

The Courier News
The Home News Tribune
The Star Ledger

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 22-2021

APPOINTING MARCIA A. KARROW TO SERVE AS FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR 2021

WHEREAS: Public Law 1983, c.372 (N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq) permits municipalities to join together to form a joint insurance fund; and

WHEREAS, the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund is duly constituted as a Municipal Self-Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex is a member of the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the NJSA 40A:10-36 et seq as well as the Bylaws of the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund provide that "in the manner generally prescribed by law, each member shall appoint one (1) commissioner to the Fund. Each member shall select either a member of its governing body or one of its employees and,

WHEREAS the term of the appointment is either:

1. A commissioner, other than the special commissioner, who is a member of the appointing municipality's governing body shall hold office for two years or for the remainder of his/her term of office as a member of the governing body, whichever shall be less.
2. Commissioners who are employees of the appointing member shall hold office at the pleasure of the Borough and can be removed by the Borough at any time without cause.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex does hereby appoint Marcia A. Karrow to serve as Fund Commissioner to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 23-2021

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO REINVEST FUNDS FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the Treasurer is required to invest and reinvest borough funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest and re-invest borough funds.
2. This resolution shall take effect for the year 2021.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 24-2021**AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County, New Jersey (the "Council"), has been informed by the Tax Assessor that from time to time adjustments are made in the computation of tax assessments covering property within the Borough, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has requested the Council to authorize him, in consultation the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, to direct the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney to file corrective appeals with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and/or the New Jersey Tax Court, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has requested the Council to authorize the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney to file, in cases of increases, decreases, or counter-claims as he deems reasonable and necessary, after consultation with the Borough Assessor, petitions, complaints and counterclaims with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and/or the Tax Court of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Borough Tax Appeal Attorney are called upon to defend tax appeals filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and the Tax Court, and to negotiate and agree to settlements and enter into stipulations of settlements on tax appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County, that the Tax Assessor of the Borough is hereby authorized to request after consultation with the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, and the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney is authorized to thereby file corrective appeals with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and the New Jersey Tax Court and to defend appeals filed with said Board and said Court, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County, that the Tax Assessor of the Borough be and is hereby authorized, after consultation with the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, to request that and authorize the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney to file counterclaims in cases of increase with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and/or the New Jersey Tax Court, as the Tax Assessor, after consultation with the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, deem necessary, proper and in the best interests of the Borough, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Tax Assessor and the Tax Appeal Attorney are authorized to negotiate and enter into settlements and stipulations of settlement to be filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and/or the Tax Court, on behalf of the Borough of which the Assessor, after consultation with, and subject to the legal directions of the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, deem necessary, proper and in the best interests of the Borough.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 25-2021

APPOINTING THE PACO OFFICER FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of the Treasury requires that every municipality designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) each year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that:

1. Carmen Modica hereby is appointed PACO Officer for the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2021.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 26-2021**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES**

"Delinquency means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years"

In the event the quarterly payment of taxes or assessments are not paid on the date on which they become delinquent, but are paid within ten days on the date on which they become delinquent, the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect interest on all such delinquent payments; and

In the event that quarterly payment of taxes or assessments are not paid within ten days of the date on which they become delinquent, and the total amount of said delinquency is less than \$1,500.00, the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect 8% interest per annum from the date said payments first become delinquent up to \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% interest on all such delinquent payments over \$1,500.00.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, which is the New Jersey statute defining a tax delinquency, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex does hereby fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year 2020 and the penalty so fixed shall be six (6%) of the amount of the yearly delinquency.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 27-2021**REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR 2021**

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Law" P.L. 1975 C231, the following schedule is set for the meetings of Mayor and Council for the year 2021:

January 5, 26	July 27
February 9, 23	August 24
March 9, 23	September 14, 28
April 13, 27	October 12, 26
May 11, 25	November 9, 23
June 15, 29	December 21

Regular Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m.

Action may be taken at any meeting above.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 28-2021

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CHARGE A FEE OF \$25.00 PER TAX SALE NOTICE TO CONDUCT TAX SALES WHEN UNPAID TAXES OR ANY MUNICIPAL LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY REMAIN IN ARREARS AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19 authorizes a municipality to conduct tax sales when unpaid taxes or any municipal lien on real property remain in arrears at the close of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, notices must be posted and advertised in the newspaper, and

WHEREAS, in lieu of any two publications, notice to the property owner and to any person or entity entitled to notice of foreclosure pursuant to section 20 of P.L 1949 c.96 (C. 54:5-104.48) may be given by regular or certified mail, the costs of which shall be added to the cost of the sale, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that the Tax Collector is authorized to charge a fee of \$25.00 per tax sale notice to conduct tax sales when unpaid taxes or any municipal lien on real property remain in arrears at the close of the fiscal year.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 29-2021

APPROVAL OF LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR 2021

Be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that the

following are designated as legal depositories:

State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Unity Bank
TD Bank
Depository Trust
Provident Bank

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 30-2021

CANCELLING SMALL SEWER BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 empowers authorized municipal employees to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex that the Municipal Tax Collector is authorized to process the cancellation of sewer delinquencies of less than ten (\$10.00) Dollars for the 2020 billing year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 31-2021

**APPROVAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE CLERK'S DEPARTMENT, POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S PETTY CASH FUND**

The Disbursing Officers be and are hereby authorized to draw a check in the amount of \$100.00 for reimbursement of the Clerk's Petty Cash Fund and \$100.00 for the Police Department, and \$100.00 for the Recreation Department.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 32-2021

**APPOINTING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021**

The Governing Body hereby concurs with the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator's Appointment of the following individuals to the Local Emergency Management Council for a term effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021.

Barbara Benson
Jorge Camacho
Alan Kriney
Juan Pereira
Monique Sasso
Arthur Sullivan

Stephen Bird
James Green
Claudia Palermo
Lee Poandl
Antonio Sasso
Stuart Teitelbaum

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 33-2021

**APPOINTING THE BOROUGH'S COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
MEMBERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021**

The Governing Body hereby appoints the Borough's Community Emergency Response Team Members effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021.

Katelyn Carmona
Eden Gill
Nicole Giraldo Casca
Anna Hommas
Kara Krivanos
Isabel Martinez
Abegail Nunez
Susan Poandl
Evelyn Swalina
Amanda Warner
Emily Zegarra

Mara Dunsavage
Ethan Gill
Paige Hendricks
James Killeen
Maggie Kyryczenko
Steven Montecinos
Larry Poandl
Maggie Schneider
Michell Vergara
Abigail Wasielewski

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 34-2021

**APPOINTING JACK COSTA AS MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2023**

The Mayor hereby appoints Jack Costa as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 35-2021

APPOINTING THE BOROUGH'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUXILIARY MEMBERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

The Governing Body hereby appoints Borough's Office of Emergency Management Auxiliary Members effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021.

Kenneth Burd
Jeremiah Carnes
Ronald Franks
Bruce Hagerman
Sean Kaplan
Debra May
Rae Quast

Eileen Camacho
Karen Casale
Linda Gonzalez
James Johansen
Nicholas Lally
Courtney Poandl
Robert Soper

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 36-2021

APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT DRIVERS FOR 2021

The Governing Body hereby approves the following Qualified Fire Department Drivers for the year 2021:

LINCOLN FIRE HOUSE	BEECHWOOD FIRE HOUSE
John Hein (Truck 21 & 25)	Steven Tarbous (Truck E22/TK18)
Brian Mattox (Truck 21 & 25 & Tk18)	Darren Lubetkin (Truck E22/TK18)
Mark Rutledge (Truck 21 & 25)	Brian Chomen (Truck E22/TK18)
Tom Kurtz (Truck 21 & 25 & Tk18)	Eric Chomen (Truck E22/TK18)
Jason Frank (Truck 21 & 25 & Tk18)	Randy Rudnick (Truck E22/TK18)
Shawn Young (Truck 21 & 25 & Tk18)	Jake Wright (Truck E22/TK18)
Colin McKeown (Truck 21 & 25)	Ken Pukas, Jr. (Truck E22/TK18)
Jeff DeMassari (Truck 21)	Dan Knoell (Truck E22/TK18)
Jeff Decker (Truck 25)	James Lukac (Truck E22/TK18)
Brian Forsyth (25 & Tk18)	Ken Bartok (Truck E22/TK18)
Eric Powlison (25 & Tk18)	Stephen Bird (Truck E22/TK18)
Dave Bird (Truck 25)	Nick Lally (Truck E22/TK18)
Nick Lally (Truck 25)	
Ken Bartok (Truck 25)	PIERCE FIRE HOUSE
Stephen Bird (Truck 25)	Chad Heulitt (Truck E23/TK18)
George Schroeder (Truck 25)	Dave Bird (Truck E23/TK18)
Cody Tindle (Truck 25)	Nick Lally (Truck E23/TK18)

Carlos Lopez (25 & Tk18)	Stephen Bird (Truck E23/TK18)
Joe Eckert (25 & Tk18)	Ken Bartok (Truck E23/TK18)
Joe McCauley (25 & Tk18)	George Schroeder (Truck E23/TK18)
Joe Buro (25 & Tk18)	Bill Winkelman (Truck E23/TK18)
	Jack Costa (Truck E23/TK18)
PARKER FIRE HOUSE	Sean Kaplan (Truck E23/TK18)
Bob Poltorak (Truck 24)	
Andy Castaldo, Jr. (Truck 24 & 18)	PARKER FIRE HOUSE
Ryan Zittel (Truck 24 & 18)	Roxanne Radi (Truck 18)
Jake Kyrczenko (Truck 24 & 18)	Diamante Stewart (Truck 18)
Bob Soper (Truck 24 & 18)	Matt Gould (Truck 18)
Rob Pollara (Truck 24 & 18)	Rob Imbriaco (Truck 18)
Nick Goldman (Truck 24 & 18)	Mike Macher (Truck 18)
Jeff Meyer (Truck 24 & 18)	Rich Tarbous (Truck 18)
John Pazar (Truck 24 & 18)	Robert (Chip) Frisch (Truck 18)
Kevin Mott (Truck 24 & 18)	Andrew Pollara (Truck 18)
Al Kriney (Truck 24 & 18)	Bryan Oliver (Truck 18)
FIRE POLICE	
Jack Costa (FP1, FP2, FP3)	
Randy Rudnick (FP1, FP2, FP3)	
Lee Poandl (FP1, FP2, FP3)	
Mike Macher (FP1, FP2, FP3)	
Jim Green (FP1, FP2, FP3)	
Barbara Benson (FP1, FP2, FP3)	

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 37-2021

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVPILOT AND THE BOROUGH EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

WHEREAS, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement between GovPilot and the Borough of Middlesex which will provide the Borough with internal municipal data management and external public GIS map and e-commerce capabilities from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 38-2021

APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2021

“A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET

A Temporary Budget in the amount of \$ 8,416,290.92 to provide for the payment of claims and salaries including debt service payments between the first day of January 2021 and the adoption of the 2021 budget to be set up as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

Mayor & Council

Salary & Wage	\$3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$3,500.00

Administrator

Salary & Wage	\$30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00

Purchasing Agent

Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
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Municipal Clerk

Salary & Wage	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00

Rescue Squad Rental

\$2,400.00

Printing & Advertising

\$5,000.00

Postage

\$10,000.00

Assessment of Taxes

Salary & Wage	\$7,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00

Collection of Taxes

Salary & Wage	\$18,000.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00

Financial Administration

Salary & Wage	\$30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00

Legal Services

\$40,000.00

Engineering Services

\$20,000.00

Environmental Services

\$5,000.00

Public Buildings & Grounds

Salary & Wage	\$7,500.00
Other Expenses	\$35,000.00

Computer Data Services

Other Expenses	\$100,000.00
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Land Use Board

Salary & Wage	\$2,500.00
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00

Code Enforcement

Salary & Wage	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$7,500.00

CRS Flood Management

\$5,000.00

Shade Tree Commission

Salary & Wage	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00

Board of Health

Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
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Housing & Community Development

Salary & Wage	\$375.00
Other Expenses	\$25.00

Insurances

Group Insurance Plan	\$800,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$90,000.00
Temporary Disability	\$10,000.00
Long Term Disability	\$7,500.00
Other Insurances	\$135,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY:**Fire Department**

Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
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Police Department

Salary & Wage	\$950,000.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00

Juvenile Conference Committee

Salary & Wage	\$750.00
Emergency Management	
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Road Repair & Maintenance	
Salary & Wage	\$250,000.00
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
Sewer Systems	
Salary & Wage	\$10,000.00
Other Expenses	\$12,000.00
Solid Waste Management	
Salary & Wage	\$45,000.00
Garbage Removal	
Salary & Wage	\$100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Sanitary Landfill	\$100,000.00
Prosecutor's Office	\$10,000.00
RECREATION & EDUCATION:	
Parks & Playgrounds	
Salary & Wage	\$100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$30,000.00
Board of Recreation	
Salary & Wage	\$25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00
Senior Citizen Bus Transportation	
Salary & Wage	\$3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Senior Coordinator	
Salary & Wage	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
Title III Clerk	\$4,000.00
Medical Transportation	\$2,000.00
Senior Nutrition	\$2,000.00

Uniform Construction Code

Salary & Wage	\$60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00

Utilities

Gasoline	\$50,000.00
Fuel Oil	\$40,000.00
Electricity	\$50,000.00
Telephone	\$15,000.00
Natural Gas	\$10,000.00
Street Lighting	\$50,000.00
Fire Hydrants	\$60,000.00
Water	\$10,000.00

Municipal Court

Salary & Wage	\$50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00

Celebration of Public Events \$750.00

County Curbside Recycling \$65,000.00

Multi Family Solid Waste \$35,000.00

Animal Control \$7,000.00

STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:

PERS	\$447,136.00
DCRP CoMatch	\$5,000.00
PFRS	\$1,112,286.00
	0
Social Security	\$80,000.00
Pension - Fireman's Widow (NJSA 43:12-28.1)	\$5,000.00

TOTAL **\$5,491,222.00**

26.25% of the 2020 General Appropriation in
the Budget = \$5,492,857.54

Older Americans

Information Assistance Grant	\$6,500.00
Transportation Assistance Grant	\$10,000.00

Stormwater Management

Salary & Wage	\$286,664.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00

Maintenance of Free Public Library \$150,000.00

Middlesex County Utility Authority \$500,000.00

Piscataway Sewerage Authority \$150,000.00

Municipal Debt Service

Bond Principal	\$1,046,472.00
	0
Bond Interest	\$205,075.00
Green Acres Loan	\$12,996.29
Infrastructure Principal & Interest	\$95,747.36
Fire Truck Loan	\$148,014.27
MCIA Loan - Multi Purpose	\$230,600.00

TOTAL **\$8,336,290.92**

DEDICATED SWIMMING POOL UTILITY**Swim Pool Utility**

Salary & Wage	\$20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$60,000.00

TOTAL **\$80,000.00**

26.25% of the 2020 Swimming Pool Utility
Appropriation = \$106,319.85

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 39-2021**ENDORISING THE "BUY LOCAL POLICY" TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY IN MIDDLESEX BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, there are numerous businesses within Middlesex Borough that provide materials and services that are needed and contracted for by various boards, commissions, committees, and departments of the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Middlesex Borough believes that they should fully support the business and professional community, located in Middlesex Borough, that supply quality materials and services to the residents of Middlesex Borough; and

WHEREAS, these businesses and professionals, located in Middlesex Borough, pay taxes, create jobs, and significantly contribute to and enhance the quality of life for the Middlesex Borough residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of Middlesex that it restate and endorse the established “Buy Local Policy”, and

That all departments, boards, commissions and committees be directed, whenever economically feasible and consistent with existing laws and our Borough financial policies, to purchase materials and services from business and professionals located in Middlesex Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Middlesex Borough directs the Borough Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to all individuals responsible for making or approving Borough purchases or retaining services, including department heads and chairpersons of the various boards, commissions and committees.

PUBLIC PORTION

The Borough Clerk read the comment that she received prior to the meeting:

Rich Rutkowski, 211 Maple Street stated:

I ask all of you, to ask yourself before voting to re-hire Mr. Paul Ricci: Are you happy with his services to the Borough so far? Are you 100% happy with the projects he has assisted with bringing into Middlesex Borough along Lincoln Boulevard? Do you think he has really Middlesex Borough's best interest in mind? Maybe there is someone else out there (possibly a local person) who really has Middlesex Borough's best interest in mind. Let's investigate other professionals. You don't have to re-appointment him tonight.

Mayor Madden and Councilman Mikolajczyk responded to Mr. Rutkowski's comment.

Mayor Madden recessed the meeting for 5 minutes to allow the public to email any additional questions and/or comments to the Borough Administrator to discuss during the privilege of the floor. A motion was made by Councilman Eodice and seconded by Councilman Carnes.

After the recess Mayor Madden addressed the Borough Administrator regarding any additional questions and/or comments she may have received during the 5 minute recess. Borough Administrator Karrow read the following comments and questions:

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue stated

1. Who proposed the hiring of R&V as 2021 municipal engineer?
2. Was an RFP sent out seeking engineering proposals? If not, why not?

I have a few additional questions about the Acrisure appointment

3. Who recommended Acrisure for this position and why now? I checked last year's agendas and did not see any resolution appointing this firm or any other to this job.

4. Was an RFP sent out for risk management job? If not, why not?

Administrator Karrow responded to Mr. Polakiewicz' comments regarding the RFPs.

Charlie Kratovil, 143 Suydam St., New Brunswick, NJ stated

Please review the attached section of the New Jersey Administrative Code before tonight's meeting.

Pay special attention to section 4(f): "A local public body holding a remote public meeting shall allow members of the public to make public comment by audio, or by audio and video if the remote public meeting is held over both audio and video, during the meeting. In advance of the remote public meeting, the local public body shall allow public comments to be submitted to the official responsible for creating the meeting agenda by electronic mail and in written letter form by a reasonable deadline. The local public body shall have the discretion to accept text-based public comment received during a remote public meeting held through an electronic communications platform or Internet-accessible technology. Public comments submitted before the remote public meeting through electronic mail or by written letter shall be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting in a manner audible to all meeting participants and the public. If the local public body imposes a reasonable time limit on public comments, where permitted by law, the same limits can be placed on the reading of written comments. Each comment shall be read from the beginning, until the time limit is reached. A local public body may pass over duplicate written comments; however, each duplicate comment shall be noted for the record with the content summarized. If the local public body elects to summarize duplicative comments, the local public body must not summarize certain duplicative comments while reading other duplicative comments individually."

See also section 4(h)(1): "The local public body shall facilitate a dialogue with the commenter to the extent permitted by the electronic communications technology."

I would like to be recognized to make some public comments by audio during the meeting tonight. If you decide not to allow me to make public comments by audio, read this entire message into the record. However, I hope this body will do the right thing and open the lines to allow audio public comments like every other town in the area does.

I've also attached a list of best practices for remotng government meetings. Have a good evening.

By not allowing the public the ability to speak their own comments for themselves on this audio meeting, you are violating a section of the NJ Administrative Code. Nevertheless, I followed the instructions and sent my comments to Ichismar@middlesexboro-nj.gov <<mailto:Ichismar@middlesexboro-nj.gov>> as that is where your website directed such comments to be made. I am on the call and prepared to speak directly to the Council. Below you will find the comments I submitted to the Clerk in writing earlier tonight. Please read both messages into the record if you choose not to allow me to speak. Thank you.

Attorney O'Grodnick responded to Mr. Kratovil's comments.

Seeing that there were no additional questions and/or comments, Mayor Madden closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully yours,

Borough Clerk