



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

1400 Mountain Avenue
Middlesex, NJ

Linda Chismar
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Tuesday, December 21, 2021

7:00 PM

Recreation Center

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor John Madden
Council President James Eodice
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes
Councilwoman Amy Flood
Councilman Jack Mikolajczyk
Councilman Martin Quinn
Councilman Douglas Rex

Also Present:

Marcia Karrow Administrator
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENTS

PROCLAMATIONS

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2049-21 by title:

ORDINANCE 2049-21

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 26 TO BE ENTITLED “BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE; REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES” TO PROVIDE A REMOVAL AND VACANCY PROCEDURE FOR A MEMBER’S CONTINUOUS UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-12.1 et seq. enables municipalities to adopt an ordinance permitting a board, committee or commission seat to be declared vacant when a member is absent for a particular length of time; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that the ordinance “shall not permit the removal of the member if the member has been absent for less than six consecutive weeks, or three consecutive meetings, whichever shall be of longer duration, without being excused, within the term of office for the position held by the individual”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex finds that it is in its best interest to adopt an ordinance to allow for the removal of certain absentee committee members due to continuous unexcused absences from their board, committee or commission as permitted by statute.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 26 is hereby established as follows (all text shall be inserted as new text):

Section I

The title of Chapter 26 shall read as follows:

BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE;
REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Section II

Chapter 26, Section 26-1 to be titled “Responsibility of board, commission, or committee members; attendance requirement” is hereby established and shall read as follows:

- A. All individuals appointed to serve on a Borough of Middlesex board, commission or committee for a specified term, with or without compensation, shall regularly attend the regularly scheduled meetings of that body in each calendar year and faithfully discharge their duties and responsibilities by state statute or Borough Code.
- B. A member who fails to attend the regularly scheduled meetings for a period of six (6) consecutive weeks or for three (3) consecutive regular meetings, whichever shall be of longer duration, within their term of office without being excused pursuant to Section 26-2, may be subject to removal and such office being deemed vacant for the remainder of the member’s term.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Chapter shall not be applicable to the Borough of Middlesex Joint Land Use Board.

Section III

Chapter 26, Section 26-2 to be titled “Excused absence” is hereby established and

shall read as follows:

An absence from any regularly scheduled meeting shall be considered as an "excused absence" when approved by a majority of the members of the board, committee or commission. An absence shall be deemed as excused when that absence occurs as a result of a legitimate illness. The board, committee or commission may refuse to excuse any other absence that is not the result of a legitimate illness.

Section IV

Chapter 26, Section 26-3 to be titled "Notification to appointing authority; vacancy" is hereby established and shall read as follows:

The board, committee or commission shall notify the appointing authority, in writing, when a determination has been made that a member has failed to meet the attendance requirement prescribed in Section 26-1. Upon such notification, the office shall be deemed vacant. Such removal shall be effectuated and vacancy shall be filled in the manner(s) prescribed by law.

Section V

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section VI

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section VII

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Borough Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

Mayor Madden opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2049-21. Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor Madden closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2049-21.

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2050-21 by title:

ORDINANCE 2050-21**AN ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE XXIII OF CHAPTER 68 TO BE ENTITLED
“ASSISTANT RECREATION COORDINATOR” TO CREATE A NEW POSITION WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-82 states that municipal officers and employees as may be duly appointed pursuant to statute, general law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex wishes to establish an ordinance for a secondary officer or employee position to assist the Director of Recreation, Senior & Disabled Services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County, New Jersey as follows (all text is to be inserted as new text):

SECTION I

The title of Chapter 68, Article XXIII shall read as follows:

ASSISTANT RECREATION COORDINATOR

SECTION II

Chapter 68, Article XXIII, Section 68-98 to be titled “Position created” is hereby established and shall read as follows:

The governing body hereby creates the position of Assistant Recreation Coordinator.

SECTION III

Chapter 68, Article XXIII, Section 68-99 to be titled “Criteria; duties” is hereby established and shall read as follows:

The Assistant Recreation Coordinator must meet the criteria for that position as outlined in the job description, assist the Director of Recreation, Senior & Disabled Services and be responsible for specific programs and duties pertaining to that department.

SECTION IV

Chapter 68, Article XXIII, Section 68-100 to be titled “Salary” is hereby established and shall read as follows:

The salary for this position shall be determined by the governing body.

Section V

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section VI

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section VII

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Borough Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

Mayor Madden opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2050-21.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, expressed his concern for the need of the Ordinance and the position the Ordinance creates within the Borough as well as the hours the individual would work, any benefits they would receive for the position, pension eligibility and any paid time off they can acquire. Mr. Polakiewicz stated his concern for hiring another employee during a time when programs might be cancelled, effecting the necessity of such a position. Additionally, he commented on the potential public perception of an all Republican Council hiring the Republican Committee Chairperson.

Dialogue ensued between Mr. Polakiewicz and Mayor, Council and Borough Administrator on his concerns.

Seeing that there were no further public comments, Mayor Madden closed the hearing on Ordinance No. 2050-21.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the November 23, 2021 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Council President
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Eodice, Flood, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex
ABSENT:	Carnes

MAYOR'S REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Eodice

Council President Eodice made the following comments:

The Swim Pool Commission met last week and are seeking employees for the following season, training will be provided.

Councilman Carnes

Councilwoman Flood

Councilwoman Flood made the following comments:

The Board of Education met and accepted the resignation of the School's Administrator.

The Acting High School Principal gave a thorough presentation at the meeting which included the announcement of the new name for the 4th and 5th grade intermediate school at Von E Mauger being Woodland Intermediate School.

Starting January 5, 2022 testing for Covid will be offered through the school for students on a weekly basis, it is an optional program and not mandatory.

The Fire Department had 51 fire calls in the month of November, training continues to be held, last Saturday Santa made appearances across Middlesex.

Councilman Mikolajczyk

Councilman Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

The Police Department report include 1893 calls, 5 adult arrests, 2 juvenile arrests 2 DWI, 124 motor vehicle summons, 24 radar summons, 34 motor vehicle accidents, 16 UCR crimes (which include burglary, theft and forgery), with a clearance rate of 19%.

Councilman Quinn

Councilman Quinn made the following comments:

The Shade Tree Commission's last meeting was cancelled

The Commission are interested in making some space on Raritan Avenue a dedicated area for a tree park.

Councilman Rex

No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**Administrator's Report
December 21, 2021****i. Flood Management:**

- ii. **Update on Sewer Projects:**
 - i. **Phase I:**
 - a. **O&M Manual required by DEP**
 - ii. **Phase II: Pump Stations: funding**
 - iii. **Phase IV: Sewer Bypass**
- iii. **Update on Other Public Works Projects:**
 - i. **Streetscape Project**
 - ii. **2019 DOT: Fisher and Ashland**
 - iii. **2020 DOT: Harris, Sherman, Chestnut, Hazelwood:**
 - iv. **2021 DOT: Hazelwood, Judson, Shearn, and Sherman**
 - Award: \$385,875
 - Construction estimates:
 - Hazelwood \$557,840.00
 - Judson 146,262.50
 - Shearn 150,032.50
 - Sherman 523,805.00
 - v. **2022 DOT: Hazelwood, Lonnabe Drive; Misty Lane**
- iv. **Miscellaneous**
 - i. **Update on Federal Land Transfer, Municipal Building renovation and new DPW/OEM**
 - ii. **Condition of Creighton lake**
 - iii. ***Sewer ordinance update (amendment needed)** - This amendment has been reviewed by auditor and should be introduced at the January 25, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- IV. ***John Sweeney Plaque/tree/resolution** - Will schedule a celebration at the April 25, 2022 Council Meeting to dedicate a Tree.
- V. ***Landfill** - We have hired Najarian Associates for the land closure plan. Walked the site on Monday and they will be sampling well soon.
- vi. ***Fire Department Rules and Regulations** - These were never adopted and currently being reviewed by the attorney. Once completed will share with the Fire department.
 - vii. ***Rescue Squad Lease** - Attorney reviewing draft and will forward to their attorney for their approval. Would like to approve by resolution at the January 25, 2022 Meeting.
- iv. ***Personnel Manual** - This has been forwarded to the JIF.
- v. ***Middlesex School Agreement Re Sanitation** - This resolution will be approved tonight.
- vi. ***Newsletter** - This is being held off until January to include 2022 calendar of meetings and new representatives and appointments.
- vii. ***Rockefeller** - Sold project to CBREI. PILOT is delinquent and funds should be coming before the end of the year - owing approximately \$175,000.
- viii. **Claremont** - Ground breaking the end of January.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Rich Rutkowski, 211 Maple Street

- Expressed concern regarding the filling in of the pool at the Hamiltonian Apartments and if and who inspected it.
- Questioned the status of the Lincoln Park Statue.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue

- Commented on the executive session item entitled PBA Contract Negotiations and questioned if there was a current contract in effect.
- Mr. Polakiewicz expressed his concern with the traffic and speeding on Hazelwood Avenue and feels that after the street is paved; there will be the additional incentive to speed down the roadway. He is deeply concerned for the safety of those who live on the street, as well as the children who play near it.

Bob Edwards, 243 Hazelwood Avenue

- Further commented on the speed issue on Hazelwood Avenue and indicated that the prime times for speeding down the street are between 7:30am-9am and 4:30pm-6 pm.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 341-2021

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the November 2021 Tax Totals

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 342-2021

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS Middlesex County, NJ has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment and the County's economy; and

WHEREAS pro- active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long- term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS a Multi-jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan has been developed by the County's Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy including a prioritized list of mitigation

actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Middlesex:

1. Middlesex Borough adopts in its entirety, the Middlesex County Multi- Jurisdictional All- Hazards Mitigation Plan (the "HMP") as the jurisdiction's official Hazard Mitigation Plan; minor revisions to the HMP recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. Middlesex Borough resolves to execute the actions identified in the HMP that pertain to this jurisdiction, and municipal departments identified in the HMP are directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high-priority activities that are assigned to them.
3. The Borough of Middlesex will use the adopted and approved portions of the HMP to guide pre- and post- disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
4. The Borough of Middlesex will coordinate the strategies identified in the HMP with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
5. The Borough of Middlesex will continue its support of the Local Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
6. The Borough of Middlesex will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
7. The Borough of Middlesex will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
8. The Borough of Middlesex will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 343-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 1ST & 2ND QTR. 2022 TAXES FOR
BLOCK 260 LOT 2.01**

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers is purchasing properties in the Borough of Middlesex for flood management and the flood control project; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps is exempt from paying property taxes, and,

WHEREAS, the following properties were purchased, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 1st & 2nd Qtr. 2022 taxes on the following Block and Lot in the following amounts;

Block /Lot: 260 / 2.01

Date of Purchase: 9/16/2021

2022	1	\$ 1,332.60
2022	2	\$ 1,332.59

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 344-2021

APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$1875.00 FOR STREET OPENING PERMIT NO. 2020-005 TO TITAN PLUMBING FOR 116 HOWARD AVENUE

WHEREAS, Titan Plumbing was issued a street opening permit on 10/8/20; and

WHEREAS, Titan Plumbing. deposited \$2500.00 with the Borough of Middlesex to ensure proper repair and maintenance of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, said roadway at 116 Howard Ave. was inspected by Dan Niro, Plumbing Inspector, and found to have been maintained in a satisfactory manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that the disbursing officers be and they are hereby authorized to draw a check in the amount of \$1875.00 in favor of Titan Plumbing, 4 Roginski Ct. Parlin, NJ 08859, for refund of Street Opening Permit No. 2020-005.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 345-2021

SUPPORTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2021 YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve impaired drivers; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving crashes killed 10,142 people in the United States in 2019; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$44 Billion a year; and

WHEREAS, during the past five years New Jersey's roadways experienced 35,307 crashes and 618 fatalities involving impaired drivers; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the year end holiday season is traditionally a time for social gatherings which include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked Law Enforcement agencies throughout the State to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2021 Year End Holiday Crackdown*; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 3, 2021 through January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Middlesex Borough declares it's support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2021 Year End Holiday Crackdown* from December 4, 2021 through January 1, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 346-2021

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER
THE SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSON/VETERAN TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR BLOCK
262, LOT 1.01, C0023**

WHEREAS, certain Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons/Veterans were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2021, and

WHEREAS, once property is sold the deduction is to be removed and/or prorated to new owner; and

WHEREAS, the property has a recorded sale date of 9/22/2021, and;

THEREFORE, the Tax Collector has disallowed the following Senior Citizen/Disabled Person/Veteran deduction for the 2021 year totaling \$68.49.

Name: Giuliano, Palmina A
Block/Lot: 262 / 1.01 / C0023
Amount: \$68.49
Reason: Sale of property 9/22/2021
Year: 2021

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 347-2021**BASED UPON THE REVIEW OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER THE TAX COLLECTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO WAIVE AND ADJUST SEWER CHARGES FOR BLOCK 150, LOT 12**

WHEREAS, As per Ordinance 1889-16, all users which discharge more than 120,000 gallons of domestic sanitary wastewater per annum, shall be charged a service charge for flow, and:

WHEREAS, any dispute as to the billing or charges or to the amount of the bill or calculation thereof, may be appealed, and;

WHEREAS, said appeal shall be in writing and shall include in sufficient detail, the relief sought, the evidence, information or documents to support the relief sought, and;

WHEREAS, as per the appeal process the proper supporting documentation was submitted and reviewed by the Borough Engineer and;

THEREFORE, the following charges on the below properties have been waived or adjusted and/or a refund is due:

Block/Lot: 150 / 12

Original Amount: \$576.96

New Amount: 0.00

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 348-2021**APPROVAL TO ADVANCE OFFICER SCOTT MULFORD TO PATROLMAN CLASS "A" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$114,364 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2021**

WHEREAS, Police Officer Scott Mulford is eligible for advancement in grade pursuant to Article XV of the Police Department Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, On December 1, 2021 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer Scott Mulford be advanced in grade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Police Officer Scott Mulford be and is hereby advanced in grade to Patrolman Class "A" effective December 29, 2021 at an annual salary of \$114,364.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 349-2021**REIMBURSEMENT OF DOG LICENSE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13.00 TO MR. RAUL GUAMAN, 49 GREENBROOK ROAD, MIDDLESEX NJ**

The Governing Body hereby approves the reimbursement fee for Dog License to Mr. Raul Guaman, 49 Greenbrook Road, Middlesex, New Jersey in the amount of \$13.00 for insufficient Rabies.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 350-2021**APPROVAL OF THE 2022 RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION - *Item Removed from Consent***

The Governing Body hereby approves the 2022 Recycling Enhancement Grant Program application.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Council President
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Eodice, Flood, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex
ABSENT:	Carnes

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 351-2021**APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF 1ST AND 2ND QTR. 2022 TAXES FOR BLOCK 277, LOT 38 AS IT WAS PURCHASED BY THE ARMY CORPS. OF ENGINEERS DUE TO THE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers is purchasing properties in the Borough of Middlesex for flood management and the flood control project; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps is exempt from paying property taxes, and,

WHEREAS, the following properties were purchased, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel

1st & 2nd Qtr. 2022 taxes on the following Block and Lot in the following amounts;

Block /Lot: 277 / 38

Date of Purchase: 10/5/2021

2022	1	\$ 151.82
2022	2	\$ 151.81

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 352-2021

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE IT EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,656.40

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase various IT equipment for Borough Hall and Police Department in the amount of \$156,567.40 from SHI International under Sourcewell Co-op Contract #081419-SHI and TK1 Solution; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Contracts Law, 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, SHI International is under Sourcewell Co-op Contract #081419 for IT equipment; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase of IT equipment is as follows:

- 1) SHI International - Quote# 21297933 & 21297943 Synology Rack Stations for PD & Borough Hall Total - \$6,610.00
- 2) SHI International - Quote# 21261401, 21261372 & 21297926 PowerEdge Servers & Storage for Servers for PD & Borough Hall Total - \$68,167.40
- 3) SHI International - Quote# 21298052 New PC's and Monitors Total - \$8,150.00
- 4) SHI International - Quote# 21323381 & 21323388 Sonicwalls for Telephone System for PD & Borough Hall Total - \$5,400.00
- 5) TK1 Solutions - Quote# Q2090 Cloud Backup System for 36 Months for PD & Borough Hall Total - \$46,800.00
- 6) TK1 Solutions - Quote# Q2091 Installation Services for Firewalls & Servers for PD & Borough Hall Total - \$21,440.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of IT Equipment for Borough Hall and Police Department in the amount of 156,656.40 from SHI International and TK1 Solutions be and is hereby approved.

The CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$156,656.40 is available in the 2021 IT Services Capital Budget. Account number C-04-21-039-000-090.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 353-2021

RELEASING PERFORMANCE BOND TO VORTEX SERVICES AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE BOND

WHEREAS, final payment to Vortex Services, LLC (formerly known as North American Pipeline Services LLC) has been submitted for the Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewers project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 of the Municipal Land Use Law, the Borough Engineer, by letter dated November 22, 2021, has recommended the release of Performance Bond No. 0219681, issued by Berkley Insurance Company in the amount of \$982,580.08, which was submitted by Vortex Services, LLC (formerly known as North American Pipeline Services LLC) and is being held by the Borough for the Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewers project; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers and the Borough Attorney have reviewed all documents and are recommending release of said Performance Bond and accept the Maintenance Guarantee No. 0219861M;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.A.C. 40:55D-53c. (1) of the Municipal Land Use Law, and by recommendation of the Remington & Vernick Engineers and the Borough Attorney, the governing body hereby agrees to release the performance bond for the Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewers project to Vortex Services, LLC (formerly known as North American Pipeline Services LLC).

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 354-2021

RECORDING OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, at tax sale a property was struck off to the municipality as result of no bidders, and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-50, tax sale certificates must be recorded, and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$13.00 to record a tax sale certificate from the December 7, 2021 tax sale.

The check should be made payable to:

Middlesex County Clerk
P O Box 1110
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-1110

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 355-2021

CONDOMINIUM REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 2021

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to remit the Condo Reimbursements for 2021 to the following:

Gramercy Gardens	\$ 6,157.16
Midatlantic Property Mgmt	
315 Raritan Avenue	
Highland Park, NJ 08904	

Foxhall Condo Association	\$ 6,711.13
Attn: Sheila Paciullo, Manager	
PO Box 233	
Middlesex, NJ 08846	

Hanover Square Condo Association	\$ 5,093.58
Alliance Property Management	
PO Box 2207	
Morrestown, NJ 07962-2207	

Wilton Avenue	\$ 2,923.84
99 Wilton Ave	
Middlesex, NJ 08846	

Middlesex Village Condo Association	\$ 21,890.01
C/O Regency Management Group	
35 Clyde Road, Suite 102	
Somerset, NJ 08873	

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 356-2021

**AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICARE PREMIUMS FOR CERTAIN
ELIGIBLE PENSIONERS UNDER CHAPTER III, PUBLIC LAW 1973, NJ HEALTH
BENEFITS PLANS**

WHEREAS, Chapter III of Public Laws 1973, which provided for reimbursement of Medicare premiums of certain eligible pensioners was adopted by the Mayor and Council by resolution on April 9, 1974; and

WHEREAS, certain retired employees of the Borough have applied for reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that the disbursing officers be and they are hereby authorized to draw checks, charged against Insurance (1) Group Insurance for Employees from the period July through December 2021, as follows:

Anello, John 108 Howard Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,247.40	James L Benson 445 Harris Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$699.00
Patricia A Benson 445 Harris Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$891.00	Archie J Blood Jr 54 Lincoln Ave Barnegat, NJ 08005	\$578.40
Margie L Blood 54 Lincoln Ave Barnegat, NJ 08005	\$629.40	Cynthia Chomen 10 Oswego Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$891.00
Anthony Cole 246 Oak Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$867.60	Susan Cole 246 Oak Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$867.60
Dorothy Coren 20 Mead Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$663.00	Joseph Coren 20 Mead Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,069.80
DeVuyst, Debra 272 Johnnycakes Dr Naples, FL 34110-1312	\$867.60	DeVuyst, Kenneth 272 Johnnycakes Dr Naples, FL 34110-1312	\$445.50
Michele Lella Echols 195 Shafer Ave	\$891.00	John Fuhrmann 38 Whitney Dr	\$813.00

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-2414

Middlesex, NJ 08846

Sheila Fuhrmann \$813.00
38 Whitney Dr
Middlesex, NJ 08846

John Giuliano \$578.40
339 Second St
Middlesex, NJ 08846

John A Haverstick \$867.60
771 County Rt 16
Mexico, NY 13114-3193

Charlie Nash \$879.00
13 Homestead Terrace
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Jerome Nowak \$578.40
6544 North Kennedy Ave
Fresno, CA 93720

Arthur Roberts \$578.40
305 Harris Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Erica Schaefer \$629.40
58 Joe-Ent Rd
Flemington, NJ 08822

Jerry Schaefer \$629.40
58 Joe-Ent Rd
Flemington, NJ 08822

Maureen Schaefer \$813.00
58 Joe-Ent Rd
Flemington, NJ 08822

Charles Sebastian \$768.00
512 Clinton Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

James Tolomeo \$629.40
45 Myrtle Ct
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

Rita Wahler \$599.40
16 Fitzsimmons Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Roger Wahler \$629.40
16 Fitzsimmons Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 357-2021

**AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF GEIST, THE GOVERNING BODY APPROVES
MATTHEW W. WANTHOUSE, MIDDLESEX, NJ AS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD AT
\$14.75 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

At the recommendation of Chief Geist, the Governing Body hereby approves hiring Matthew W. Wanthouse, 11 Rutherford Court, Middlesex, NJ as a School Crossing Guard at \$14.75 per hour effective immediately. Mr. Wanthouse has completed his Police Department background investigation.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 358-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES
OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD
CONTROL PROJECT**

The Governing Body hereby approve the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the Department of the Army Right-of-Entry for various properties owned by the Borough of Middlesex. This Right-of-Entry is for the Survey and Exploration for the Green Brook Flood Control Project DACW31-9-22-0262.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 359-2021

**THE BOROUGH ENGINEER APPROVES OF THE RELEASE OF THE CASH
MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,913.00 PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST
AND ANY REMAINING ASSOCIATED ESCROW FUNDS FOR QUICKCHEK, BLOCK
173, LOTS 1 & 1.02**

WHEREAS, QuickChek has requested release of the Cash Maintenance Bond in the original amount of \$2,913.00, plus accrued interest and any remaining associated escrow funds for site improvements at 107 Harris Avenue, Block 173, Lot 1 & 1.02; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has inspected the site improvements at the above referenced Quickchek and checked with the Construction Department for any outstanding items and recommends the release of the Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$2,913.00 plus accrued interest and any associated escrow funds for QuickChek, located at 107 Harris Avenue, Block 173, Lots 1 & 1.02. .

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex that the Cash Maintenance Bond pertaining to the subject property in the amount of \$2,913.00 plus accrued interest be released including any remaining associated escrow funds for site improvements at 107 Harris Avenue, Block 173, Lot 1 & 1.02 be refunded.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 360-2021

**HIRING STEPHEN GRECO, MIDDLESEX NEW JERSEY AS THE ASSISTANT
RECREATION COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 AT AN ANNUAL
SALARY OF \$12,000 - *Item Removed from Consent***

At the Recommendation of the Director of Public Recreation and Senior Services the governing body hires Stephen Greco, Middlesex, New Jersey at an annual salary of \$12,000 as the Assistant Recreation Coordinator effective January 1, 2022, pending a satisfactory background check and physical.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Council President
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Eodice, Flood, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex
ABSENT:	Carnes

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 361-2021

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW
ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE BOROUGH OF
MIDDLESEX POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and County LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through the 1033 Program; and

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

Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the calendar year from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Middlesex Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designed "DEMIL A" which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, vehicle parts, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Borough of Middlesex Police Department without restriction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Middlesex Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be vailed to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A " property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31 of the calendar year from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 362-2021

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOROUGH FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES

The Governing Body approves the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the Shared Service Agreement between the Middlesex Board of Education and the Borough of Middlesex for garbage collection effective July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 363-2021

PAY ALL CLAIMS

THE DISBURSING OFFICERS BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PAY THE ATTACHED CLAIM LIST AS PRESENTED, IF FOUND CORRECT, AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. EXCLUDED VOUCHERS MAY BE PAID UPON BEING FOUND ACCEPTABLE.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Council President
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Eodice, Flood, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex
ABSTAIN:	Carnes

AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 364-2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public which include PBA Negotiations, Dispatch Services Contract Negotiations, Public Health, Real Estate Negotiations, Professional Appointments and Personnel Performance & Salary Review; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex will go into closed session for the following reason listed below as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and the minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the items no longer require confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

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

PBA Negotiations

Dispatch Services Contract Negotiations

Public Health

Real Estate - Negotiations

Professional Appointments

Personnel Performance & Salary Review

ADJOURNMENT

The Reorganization Meeting will be January 4, 2022

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk