



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Middlesex, NJ

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Tuesday, June 28, 2022

7:00 PM

Municipal Building

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
Councilman Jack Mikolajczyk
Councilman Martin Quinn
Councilman Douglas Rex

Also Present:

Joe Costa Interim 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 2063-22 by title:

ORDINANCE 2063-22

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM TO
CONSIDER WHETHER THE BOROUGH SHOULD ALLOW CLASS 5 CANNABIS
RETAILERS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX**

WHEREAS, municipalities in the State of New Jersey may, from time to time, and under the authority contained in N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, submit to the public a question or policy concerning municipal government to the voters in the municipality at a general election to ascertain the sentiment of residents of said municipality on a particular question of policy; and

WHEREAS, the results of said referendum are non-binding on the Borough but shall inform the governing body as to the views of the public as to the subject issue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2032-21 of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, as adopted on May 25, 2021, "Class 5" cannabis retailers, defined as "retail...locations at which cannabis and cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers" are not currently permitted to operate in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex to submit to the public a non-binding referendum pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 on the issue of the sale of cannabis at a retail locations ("Class 5 retailers") within the geographic boundaries of Middlesex Borough.

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

1. The Clerk of the County of Middlesex is hereby requested, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 8, 2022 general election the following proposition:

Do you support the establishment of retail stores that sell cannabis (marijuana) and cannabis-related items in the Borough of Middlesex?

2. The Clerk of the County of Middlesex is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 8, 2022 general election the following Interpretive Statement:

A "yes" vote on this question means that you do want the Borough of Middlesex to take the necessary steps to make it legal to operate marijuana retail stores within the geographic boundaries of the Borough.

A "no" vote on this question means that you do not want the Borough of Middlesex to take the necessary steps to make it legal to operate marijuana retail stores within the geographic boundaries of the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in the manner prescribed in N.J.S.A. 19:37-1; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk shall take whatever steps prescribed by law to effectuate the inclusion of referendum that is the subject of this Ordinance on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective upon final publication as required by law.

Mayor Madden opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2063-22.

The public made the following comments:

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, wants to know how the quality of life will be affected by allowing a Cannabis store in the Borough. He asked the Council who would be held accountable, and what measures will be taken for the residents that will live near these storefronts. He expressed his concern for the unforeseen affects it will have on the town and the residents. Mr. Polakiewicz asked the Council how they plan to educate the residents about this before the election, as he has concern that some residents will misinterpret the question.

Vincent Lella, 150 Oak Drive, expressed his concern for the quality of the town if the Borough allows Cannabis retail stores.

Bruce Sanders, 10 Venice Avenue, asked the council what type of planning and discussion went into this Ordinance. He shared with the council several facts on the subject of Cannabis. He implored the Council to reconsider adopting the Ordinance, stating that it is opening Pandora's Box.

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street, expressed his distaste for the Ordinance, stating that anyone who wishes to buy Cannabis should go somewhere else for it. He asked the council why they do not ask the public about everything that the Borough does with a referendum vote, since the council feels that this matter should be up to the public to decide. He stated that drunk driving is already an issue, and he believes that Cannabis is going to create an even bigger problem.

Jen Johnson, 150 Lincoln Blvd, expressed her support of the Ordinance. She asked what type of regulations will be in place and whether they will be made known to the public before the November Election.

Bob Edwards, 243 Hazelwood Avenue, shared issues that Readington Township had, stating they had problems with the smells the facility emitted. He expressed his concern for underage children, and the affects having a store would have on them.

Councilman Rex stated that he believes that Cannabis is a gateway drug. He expressed his distaste of the Ordinance, believing it should not be considered for adoption. Councilman Rex also showed his concern for the strain that such a facility would have on the Police Department.

Seeing that there were no further public comments, Mayor Madden closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2063-22.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Council President
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Eodice, Carnes, Mikolajczyk, Quinn
NAYS:	Rex

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2062-22 by title:

ORDINANCE 2062-22

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITA EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$2,279,900 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,636,870 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,279,900, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor, including the sum of \$556,530 grant funds expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and \$86,500 as the down payment for said purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in the Capital Improvement Fund of one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the costs of said improvements or purposes not provided for by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,636,870, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued consist of the following:

i) acquisition of various equipment for the Police Department, including, but not limited to, dispatch equipment, an interview recordation system, two (2) outfitted police vehicles, camera equipment for the Detective Bureau, tasers with cameras and related equipment, patrol rifle plates, traffic safety signs, replacement pepper spray canisters, and traffic signal upgrades, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$345,950, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$328,622, and an average period of usefulness of five (5) years;

ii) acquisition of various equipment for the Office of Emergency Management, including, but not limited to, an equipment storage trailer, evacuation shelter cots, alert pagers, and various shelter provisions, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$38,500, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$36,575, and an average period of usefulness of five (5) years;

iii) equipment repairs and acquisitions for the Fire Department, including, but not limited to, repairs to Engine Nos. 22 and 23 doors, and the purchase of turnout/bunker gear, a gear washer, various hoses and tools, accountability boards, and a generator for the Parker Fire House, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$80,050, estimated

amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$76,048, and an average period of usefulness of 8.29 years;

iv) acquisition of a garbage truck, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$202,670, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$192,536, and an average period of usefulness of ten (10) years;

v) acquisition of a sign shop printer/cutter and various vehicles for the Road Department, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$78,030, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$74,079, and an average period of usefulness of five (5) years;

vi) acquisition of a stump grinder attachment for the Parks Department, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$11,150, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$10,542, and an average period of usefulness of five (5) years;

vii) acquisition of chairs for the Department of Senior & Disabled Services, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$3,040, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$2,888, and an average period of usefulness of five (5) years;

viii) upgrade to the Cook Field Playground and acquisition of various equipment for the Recreation Department, including, but not limited to, soccer goals/nets, a portable pickle ball net system, a portable gaga ball pit, a Christmas display, and a turf blanket, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$46,100, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$43,770, and an average period of usefulness of 10.49 years;

ix) acquisitions and upgrades for the Public Library, including the purchase of new computers for patrons and staff and replacement of existing non-tempered glass windows with tempered glass windows, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$14,190 estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$13,431, and an average period of usefulness of ten (10) years;

x) various capital improvements and equipment acquisitions for the Buildings and Grounds Department, including, but no limited to, building maintenance, above ground fuel tanks, roof top heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units, and fire alarm panels for Police Headquarters, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$197,600, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$187,670, and an average period of usefulness of fifteen (15) years;

xi) road improvements to Hazelwood Avenue, Lonanbe Drive and Misty Lane, including, but not limited to, milling and overlay, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$810,670 including said \$556,530 grant funds expected to be received from the NJDOT, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$241,356, and an average period of usefulness of twenty (20) years;

xii) a sewer main line along Baekeland Avenue, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$364,800, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$346,560, and an average period of usefulness of forty (40) years;

xiii) acquisition of various information technology (IT) equipment, including, but not limited to, new computers and laptops, a Wi-Fi system for Borough Hall, data switches, and Cradlepoint routers for police vehicles, with a total appropriation and

estimated cost of \$50,670, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$48,137, and an average period of usefulness of five (5) years; and

xiv) acquisition of a jet vac truck for the Sewer Department, with a total appropriation and estimated cost of \$36,480, estimated amount of bonds and notes therefor of \$34,656, and an average period of usefulness of twenty (20) years,

together with all purposes necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with contracts, plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Clerk, as finally approved by the governing body of the Borough.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$1,636,870, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$2,279,900, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor. The excess of the appropriation of \$2,279,900 over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of said \$86,500 down payment for said purposes, and the sum of \$556,530 grant funds expected to be received from the NJDOT.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer, who shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of such notes occurs, such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not a current expense and are improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the amount of the obligations authorized for said purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 17.01 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such Statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,636,870 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$400,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs, legal fees and other items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included as part of the cost of said improvements and is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for said improvements.

(e) To the extent that moneys of the Borough are used to finance, on an interim basis, costs of said improvements or purposes, the Borough reasonably expects such costs to be paid or reimbursed with the proceeds of obligations issued pursuant hereto.

Section 6. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 7. Any grant or similar moneys from time to time received by the Borough for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements within the appropriation herein authorized or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are received and so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from other sources, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Madden opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2062-22. Seeing that there were no public comments, Mayor Madden closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2062-22.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Madden reported that on June 23, 2022, Councilwoman Flood tendered her resignation from the Council to our Municipal Clerk effective on that date. Mayor Madden stated that we will miss her participation, and thanked her for all her time and efforts.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Eodice

Council President Eodice stated that the SWAC meeting was cancelled.

Council President Eodice also thanked Councilwoman Flood for all of her time and efforts spent helping the Borough and wished her the best.

Councilman Carnes

Councilman Carnes reported that the JLUB master plan has been finalized.

Councilman Carnes also stated that he will be taking over as the BOE representative, and that he is impressed with what he has seen from the Board so far.

Councilman Carnes also expressed that Councilwoman Flood will be missed.

Councilwoman Flood

Councilman Mikolajczyk

Councilman Mikolajczyk stated that the resignation of Councilwoman Flood is a great loss.

Councilman Mikolajczyk also expressed his excitement for the hiring of the new Police Officers, and thanked Administrator Joe Costa for his efforts. He also stated several items from the May police report: 2,037 Calls for service, 10 arrests, 6 DWI, 43 Motor Vehicle Crashes, 53% higher reportable crimes.

Councilman Quinn

Councilman Quinn stated that Councilwoman Flood would be missed.

Councilman Rex

No Report was given.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Borough Hall Security - Tele is working up a quote for the security cameras for Borough Hall.

Sewer Ordinance - This ordinance will be introduced at the July 26, 2022 Council Meeting.

Baekeland Avenue Pump Station - Pricing of this came in considerably higher than what was budget. \$610,000 was the amount quoted, while only \$360,000 was in the Budget. American Rescue funds will supplement the remainder of this project.

Firework Tent - Administrator received numerous complaints regarding the firework tent on Bound Brook Road. After investigating this tent, it was determined that it is legally permitted and all required permits were obtained. The lawn signs that they put up were removed as they were not permitted. In the future, Joe Costa indicated that Council can adopt an ordinance to prohibit these tents in a temporary structure.

Park Committee - Joe Costa will be working with Councilman Carnes to put together a Parks Committee and will update council at the next meeting.

Recycling Pickup - There was an issue on Thursday regarding the recycling pickup. MCIA, who contracts with Soltarra, apparently has a labor shortage and delayed Thursday's recycling pickup until the next day. This was put on Facebook and Nixle. Joe will look at all other options and present to Council.

Borough Hall parking lot - Joe Costa had a conversation with the Army Corp. regarding the replacement of the borough hall parking lot. They have offered to do a section of the lot sooner than later. We are awaiting a date.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street, stated that he believes that the Borough is too lenient on property maintenance, and that the Borough needs to be stricter on residents who do not maintain their property. He additionally brought to the attention of the Council a street sign near River Road that has the incorrect information as well as a sign on Mountain Avenue with faded lettering.

Sean Early, 130 Stephenson Avenue, expressed his concern for a line of sight issue near Fairfield Avenue, stating there was a fatal accident there and the sight issue is extremely dangerous.

Vincent Lella, 150 Oak Drive, expressed his concern for the safety of the public and the issues on Fairfield Avenue in regards to line of sight. He stated that cars park from curb to curb, blocking the view of the oncoming traffic. Mr. Lella additionally asked the Council about any Ordinances that the Borough has in terms of overgrown hedges creating a line of sight issue and blocking the view of incoming cars. Additionally, he expressed his concern for residents due to the rent control repeal that was recently adopted, asking the Council to reconsider. He also inquired on the process to nominate a Councilmember to replace Councilwoman Flood, and whether the names of those nominated will be made public.

Bruce Sanders, 10 Venice Avenue, asked about Resolution 192-2022 and what the funds are being used for.

Ann Marie Kleiber, 116 Chestnut Street, expressed her concern for residents leaving the High School, asking for the Council to look into making that a no left turn exit.

Bob Edwards, 243 Hazelwood Avenue, asked if the Borough still has an Ethics Committee, and what the process is to file.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, asked the Council what the process to replace Councilwoman Flood is and what the timeline will be.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 188-2022

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the May, 2022 Police Report

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 189-2022

**APPOINTING LEE POANDL AS MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPUTY
COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2023**

The Mayor hereby appoints Lee Poandl as the Municipal Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator effective June 28, 2022 - December 31, 2023.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 190-2022

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,946.53 FOR THE 2019
ROAD PROGRAM (ASHLAND ROAD AND FISHER AVENUE)**

WHEREAS, Stilo Excavation, Inc., was awarded the contract for 2019 Road Program (Ashland Road and Fisher Avenue) on March 23, 2021 in the amount of \$459,666.51; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1, is for \$14,946.53 for adjustment for As-Built quantities This will bring the total contract amount for this project to \$474,613.04; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following change order is hereby approved.

Original Contract Sum: \$459,666.51

Change Order #1 \$14,946.53

NEW CONTRACT SUM: \$474,613.04

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer hereby certifies that the funds in the amount of \$14,946.53 are available in Account No. C-04-19-961-000-050.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 191-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE PBA LOCAL 181 CONTRACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 -
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

The Governing Body hereby approves the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the PBA Local 181 Contract effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 192-2022

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT OF 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$594,710.39**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$594,710.39, which item is now available as a revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$594,710.39;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$594,710.39 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a Federal Grant of \$594,710.39 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 193-2022

HIRING PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER COLON AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$51,427.00 PENDING A SATISFACTORY BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, Christopher Colon has successfully completed the psychological and medical examination required for the position of a Probationary Police Officer in the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Chief Geist is recommending that Christopher Colon be appointed to the position of Probationary Police Officer at an annual salary of \$51,427.00 upon meeting all the requirements for the position.

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. Christopher Colon is hereby appointed a Probationary Police Officer for the Borough of Middlesex at an annual salary of \$51,427.00 upon successful completion of the background investigation and official Oath of Office.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 194-2022

HIRING PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER APRIL MENDITTO AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$51,427.00 PENDING A SATISFACTORY BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, April Menditto has successfully completed the psychological and medical examination required for the position of a Probationary Police Officer in the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Chief Geist is recommending that April Menditto be appointed to the position of Probationary Police Officer at an annual salary of \$51,427.00 upon meeting all the requirements for the position .

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. April Menditto is hereby appointed a Probationary Police Officer for the Borough of Middlesex at an annual salary of \$51,427.00 upon successful completion of the background investigation and official Oath of Office.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 195-2022

HIRING PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER CHRISTIAN DULIN AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$51,427.00 PENDING A SATISFACTORY BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, Christian Dulin has successfully completed the psychological and medical examination required for the position of a Probationary Police Officer in the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Chief Geist is recommending that Christian Dulin be appointed to the position of Probationary Police Officer at an annual salary of \$51,427.00 upon meeting all the requirements for the position .

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. Christian Dulin is hereby appointed a Probationary Police Officer for the Borough of Middlesex at an annual salary of \$51,427.00 upon successful completion of the background investigation and official Oath of Office.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 196-2022

RENEWAL OF THE MIDDLESEX ELKS LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 2022 - 2023

The application for the Middlesex Elks renewal of Liquor License for the year 2022-2023 which have been approved by the Police Department be accepted; and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the following license in consideration of the fees which have been paid to the Borough of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey:

Middlesex Lodge 2301 BPO Elks
545 Bound Brook Road

1211-31-014-001

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 197-2022

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

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 198-2022

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 including: (1) Personnel - Borough Administrator; (2) Real Estate - Land Acquisition; (3) Police Chief Contract; (4) Dispatch Services Contract; (5) Personnel - Labor Attorney; (6) Personnel - Property Maintenance Inspector; 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, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex

Personnel - Borough Administrator

Real Estate - Land Aquisition

Police Chief Contract

Dispatch Services Contract

Personnel - Labor Attorney

Personnel - Property Maintenance Inspector

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be July 26, 2022

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk