



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

1200 Mountain Ave
Middlesex, NJ

Linda Chismar
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Tuesday, July 26, 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 Michael Conahan
Councilman Jack Mikolajczyk
Councilman Martin Quinn
Councilman Douglas Rex

Also Present:

Joe Costa Interim Administrator
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

2. Mayor Madden removed Resolution #203-2022 from the Consent Agenda

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

PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENTS

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 199-2022**HIRING PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER JOSHUA PHAM AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$51,427.00 EFFECTIVE JULY 27, 2022**

WHEREAS, Joshua Pham has successfully completed the background investigation, 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 Joshua Pham be appointed to the position of Probationary Police Officer effective July 27, 2022 at an annual salary of \$51,427.00.

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. Joshua Pham is hereby appointed a Probationary Police Officer for the Borough of Middlesex effective July 27, 2022 at an annual salary of \$51,427.00.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Madden swore in Joshua Pham and stated that Joshua is a certified police officer who graduated from the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Camden County Police Academy in July, 2022. Joshua enlisted in the United States Army National Guard in 2014 where he currently holds the rank of Sergeant.

Joshua attended Raritan Valley Community College, earning an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Joshua lives in Somerset County and grew up in Bound Brook, New Jersey, where his family currently resides.

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

2. Swearing in of Officer Christopher Colon

Mayor Madden swore in Christopher Colon and stated that Christopher is a certified police officer who worked at the Atlantic City Police Department for the past two years. He graduated from the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Atlantic County Police Academy in November 2021.

Christopher attended Atlantic Cape Community College and Rutgers University, earning an Associate of Science Degree. Christopher lives in Atlantic County and grew up in Brigantine, New Jersey, where his family currently resides.

3. Swearing in of Officer April Menditto

Mayor Madden swore in April Menditto and stated that April is a certified police officer who worked at the Rutgers University Police Department and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. She graduated from the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Passaic County Police Academy in July 2018.

April attended Montclair State University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science. April lives in Somerset County and grew up here in Middlesex, where her family currently resides.

4. Swearing in of Officer Christian Dulin

Mayor Madden swore in Christian Dulin and stated that Christian is a certified police officer who previously worked at the Rider University Department of Public Safety. He graduated from the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Cape May County Police Academy in June 2022.

Christian attended East Stroudsburg University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Christian lives in Middlesex County, New Jersey and grew up in Metuchen, New Jersey, where his family currently resides.

Police Chief Geist thanked the Mayor and Council for their support in approving of the new officers. On behalf of the Police Department, Chief Geist congratulated all the new officers and wished them a happy, healthy and safe career.

5. Accepting the Resignation of Chrissy George from the Cultural and Heritage Committee Effective July 1, 2022

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

6. Accepting the Resignation of Michael Conahan from the Joint Land Use Board & Board of Health Effective July 11, 2022

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

7. Appointing Joseph Caruso as a Class IV Member to the Joint Land Use Board

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

8. Appointing Todd Nicolay as Alternate #1 to the Joint Land Use Board

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

9. Appointing Spencer Durkin as Alternate #2 to the Joint Land Use Board

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

PROCLAMATIONS

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

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

2. Approval of the June 28, 2022 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approval of the July 7, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Madden stated that notices will be going out soon to the professionals and attorneys asking them not to accept phone calls from residents. He indicated that any questions or comments residents have can be directed to either the Business Administrator or to him.

Mayor Madden also welcomed Mike Conahan to the Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Eodice

Council President Eodice commended the Police Department for the work that they do.

Also, the Council President stated that In order to be transparent, he wants the public to know that he has submitted an application for the Business Administrator Position.

Councilman Carnes**Councilman Carnes made the following comments:**

- Thanked Chairman Conahan for his service as he has stepped down from the Joint Land Use Board. Thanked Bob Sherr for stepping in as Chair.
 - The Interim School Superintendent started July 1, 2022. The Board of Education hopes to have a permanent replacement filled by January 1, 2023.
 - He has contacted NJ Commission Filming Industry.
 - The Councilman thanked Mrs. George for the work she has done with the Cultural and Heritage Committee and thanked Mr. Edwards for his help.
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Councilman Conahan**Councilman Conahan made the following comments:**

- Thanked everyone for the well wishes.
 - Congratulations to the new Police Officers.
 - Congratulations to the JLUB Members.
 - Swim Pool Commission met on Wednesday.
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Councilman Mikolajczyk**Councilman Mikolajczyk made the following comments:**

- Housing requirements for the Fire Department have been discussed, as well as Senior Service programs that are provided.
 - Expressed his happiness for the new Police Officer hires.
 - Calls for service 2,121, Total Arrests 7, Juvenile Arrests 1, DWI 2, Radar Summons 51, Motor Vehicle Crashes 43, Reportable Crimes 22
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Councilman Quinn

Councilman Quinn stated that last week's Board of Health meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

Councilman Rex

No Report Was Given

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **Borough Hall Security** - Borough Administrator should have the quote tomorrow for the building.
- **Phone problems** - Joe Costa reported that Windstream (our provider) - isolated problem through their network and is working with Verizon. The problem is not with our phones.
- **Baekeland Ave.** Joe stated that will be going out to bid on this job next week.
- **Sewer Ordinance** - The ordinance is ready for introduction, it is awaiting final review and approval from the Borough attorney. This Ordinance should be introduced at the August meeting.

- **Parks Committee** - Councilmen Rex, Conahan, Carnes and Joe Costa met on July 13 to review some maintenance items regarding the parks. We will conduct an update meeting on August 02 (which will include the DPW superintendent) to update. We also discussed the formation of a Parks Committee.
It was proposed that a Parks Committee be formed by the Governing Body. On this committee would be representatives (maybe 2) for Mountain View Park and Victor Crowell Park and up to a total of 9 members with 2 alternatives. The focus would be on future improvements, looking for grants and obtaining donations for improvements to the parks. The Borough Administrator will work with Councilman Carnes on an ordinance to form this committee for the August meeting.
- **Recycling** - Joe has been in contact with Kristy at the County every 2 weeks (during recycling week) to get an update. They have hired some workers and have a supervisor in the Borough on our Thursday collection days. He will continue to monitor this bi-weekly until they have their act together. (Basically, giving them the squeaky wheel approach). We do have a communication chain in place by which residents are notified through social media of delays/changes in recycling pick up.
- **Borough Hall Parking Lot** - No update on re-paving from Army Corp since last meeting. Will follow up before August meeting.
- **Library A/C Update** - Bid Package Advertised beginning July 28; Pre-bid Walk-thru will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 9:00am; Bids received Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 11:00am.
- **Police Department A/C Update** - The bid package will go out next week with a bid opening of approximately August 05 and a start work by date of October 03.
- **Streetscape Update** - We received bids on July 19th. The lowest bidder withdrew his bid and since they were the only bidder, the project will need to re-bid.
- **Fairfield Ave / Stephenson** - June 21 - email to DOT regarding recent crashes and fatality. June 27 DOT responded by email. Email requested crash data from 2019 thru present. July 05 requested data was submitted. July 18 DOT responded that they have installed additional signs for the statutory areas and that a "new investigation assignment has been issued to determine if additional recommendations can be made to increase safety along Rt. 28 between Stephenson Ave and Fairfield Ave."
- **Property Maintenance Ordinance** - Change existing Chapter 315 Property Maintenance to permit the issuance of a summons without and NOV for long grass and garbage on property.
- **New Hires** - Joe requested approval to hire a full time Building & Grounds Maintenance person and a full time Finance/Tax Clerk, noting that these positions are in the budget which was approved/adopted by the governing body. A consensus of council was obtained to move forward.
- **Lantern Flies** - We have information out on the website regarding a Lantern Fly program scheduled on Wednesday August 03 via Zoom call at 7PM by Paul Kurtz from the New Jersey Dept of Agriculture on what these pests do and what homeowners can do if they see them. You can register or get more information by emailing tbond@middlesexlibrarynj.org <<mailto:tbond@middlesexlibrarynj.org>>.
- **Staff Meetings** - Joe Costa indicated that we have staff meetings after every council meeting to review the entire agenda of the previous meeting (resolutions & Ordinances, etc.) the Administrator's report, and public comments that pertain to the staff. His goal is communication and organization. Should an emergency arise (forecast hurricane, etc), we will call a meeting in advance of OEM to discuss preparation. Meeting will include PD, Fire, OEM, DPW, Construction Official and Administration.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Cassius Kennick, Voorhees Avenue, urges the Council to create an Ordinance to better protect those involved in the Recreation Department, stating that due to continuous instances of individuals involved with the program becoming out of line throughout the State, there is a great need to protect those who volunteer and work in the Department.

Ken Beck, 5 Heather Lane, asked the Council for direction on his property and the dangerous circumstance involving loss of land. He implored the Council to help contact the DEP, Army Corps, and other State or Federal agencies that will help. The issue is no longer contained to his property and is now spreading to the neighbor's yards as well.

Madelyn Johnson, Lonanbe Drive, stated that her car was stolen last week, and that the street she lives on has a recurring issue with cars being broken into and/or stolen. She asked the Council to look into the lighting situation, stating that the current lights are extremely dim and there are large dark spots on the street.

Jennifer Johnson, 150 Lincoln Blvd, stated that she appreciated the transparency the Council President tried to give, and asked why the Council President decided to apply for the Business Administrator position now. She also questioned the decision to not allow residents to contact the Professionals and the reasoning behind said decision.

Vincent Lella, 150 Oak Drive, expressed his concern for a line of sight issue for a property owned by him and the danger it causes to the residents as well as bystanders. He asked the Council if there is anything they can do, such as draft an Ordinance for line of sight issues that are located in the middle of the block.

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street, thanked the Council for the appointment of Spencer Durkin. He also stated that the Borough's lawn maintenance Ordinance is too lenient, and suggests that we create stricter regulations for such violations.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Council President
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Eodice, Carnes, Conahan, 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 200-2022

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the June, 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 201-2022

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER ROBERT DANGLER TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "B" EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9, 2022 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$109,862

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

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2022 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer Robert Dangler 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 Robert Dangler be and is hereby advanced in grade to Police Officer Class "B" effective August 9, 2022 at an annual salary of \$109,862.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 202-2022

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER PAUL CERRETO TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "B" EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9, 2022 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$109,862

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

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2022 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer Paul Cerreto 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 Paul Cerreto be and is hereby advanced in grade to Police Officer Class "B" effective August 9, 2022 at an annual salary of \$109,862.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 204-2022

APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND MATTHEW P. GEIST TO SERVE AS CHIEF OF POLICE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex is desires to hire a Chief of Police pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and Chapter 80 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex have resolved to retain Matthew P. Geist, of Middlesex NJ, to serve as Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations and ordinances that are applicable to these positions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, does hereby hire and retain Matthew P. Geist, of Middlesex NJ, to serve as Chief of Police for the Borough of Middlesex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough shall enter into a contract for services

with Matthew P. Geist, to which the Mayor is authorized to execute on the Borough's behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the compensation for Matthew P. Geist shall, consistent with the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, further terms of employment between the Borough and Geist shall be dictated pursuant to the agreement between the parties.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 205-2022

**APPROVING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO ACCESS
BOROUGH PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEGMENT C2
FLOODWALL/LEVEE FOR THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION
PROJECT FOR BLOCK 244 LOT 11, BLOCK 244 LOT 15 AND BLOCK 247.1, 701**

The Governing Body hereby approves the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the Department of the Army Right of Entry to access portions of Borough property in order to commence construction of Segment C2 and H Floodwall/Levee for the Green Brook Flood Damage Reduction Project. The land affected by this permit or right-of-entry is located in the State of New Jersey, County of Middlesex, and is described as follows: Block 244 Lot 11, 845, off So. Lincoln Ave.; Block 244 Lot 15, 841 E, off So. Lincoln; 851 E1-E-2, Public ROW Parker St.; 853 E, Public ROW So. Lincoln Ave.; Block 247.1, 701 E, behind Voorhees.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 206-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE REFUNDS OR CREDITS ON
INTEREST COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR 2021 TO VARIOUS PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, per Senate Bill 4081, for residential customers of local government water, sewer and electric service: interest and penalties cannot be enforced on unpaid balances after 12/21/2021; and,

WHEREAS, the due date of 2021 sewer billing was 8/4/2021, and

WHEREAS delinquent notices were mailed out prior to 12/21/2021 and early 2022, with calculated interest for the 2021 billing, and,

WHEREAS, when payments were received and posted after 12/21/2021 the amount paid included interest and in some cases an overpayment as the payments were received before the calculated due date, and

WHEREAS, several sewer accounts are due a refund for interest collected as there is no open balance for 2022 sewer billing, and,

WHEREAS, some accounts have an open 2022 sewer balance so, a credit of the interest collected will be applied to the 2022 sewer billing: and

NOW THEREFORE, the below accounts are due a refund or credit:

Account #: 384-0
Amount Due: \$24.18
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 523-0
Amount Due: \$8.47
Type: Refund

Account #: 631-0
Amount Due: \$.04
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 789-0
Amount Due: \$1.85
Type: Refund

Account #: 844-0
Amount Due: \$4.60
Type: Refund

Account #: 904-0
Amount Due: \$3.17
Type: Refund

Account #: 1110-0
Amount Due: \$4.03
Type: Refund

Account #: 1451-0
Amount Due: \$2.25
Type: Refund

Account #: 1574-0
Amount Due: \$9.88
Type: Refund

Account #: 1793-0
Amount Due: \$3.35
Type: Refund

Account #: 1926-0

Amount Due: \$59.20
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 2173-0
Amount Due: \$13.63
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 2174-0
Amount Due: \$6.29
Type: Refund

Account #: 2254-0
Amount Due: \$25.72
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 2282-0
Amount Due: \$17.54
Type: Refund

Account #: 2667-0
Amount Due: \$7.19
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 3041-0
Amount Due: \$14.72
Type: Refund

Account #: 3089-0
Amount Due: \$13.50
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 3302-0
Amount Due: \$10.50
Type: Refund

Account #: 3385-0
Amount Due: \$3.90
Type: Refund

Account #: 3552-0
Amount Due: \$42.36
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 3633-0
Amount Due: \$14.77
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 3869-0
Amount Due: \$1.30
Type: Refund

Account #: 4184-0
Amount Due: \$44.42
Type: Credit Account

Account #: 4327-0
Amount Due: \$51.51
Type: Refund

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 207-2022

**HIRING OHANY NAVARRO AS A PART TIME SANITATION EMPLOYEE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2022**

The governing body hereby hires Ohany Navarro as a permanent part time employee for the DPW in the Sanitation Department effective August 1, 2022 at \$14.00 per hour, 28 hours per week, pending a satisfactory physical and background check.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 208-2022

**THE GOVERNING BODY HEREBY REJECTS THE BIDS FOR BIODEGRADABLE &
RECYCLABLE LEAF BAGS PER N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(B)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex authorized the receipt of bids for Biodegradable & Recyclable Leaf Bags; and

WHEREAS, only one (1) bid was received on June 21, 2022 at 11:00am, and opened in public; and

WHEREAS, rejecting bids received pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 (b), a contracting unit may reject all bids if the lowest bid substantially exceeds the contracting unit's appropriation for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough rejects the only bid received on June 21, 2022, as the amount substantially exceeds the Borough's appropriation for goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that: It hereby rejects the bid received on June 21, 2022 as the amount substantially exceeds the Borough's appropriation for said goods and services.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 209-2022

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR DMHAS GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR YEAR ONE GRANT TERM JUNE 1, 2022 - MARCH 14, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for DMHAS Youth Leadership funding through the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize acceptance of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Middlesex Borough Municipal Alliance for Year One Grant Term 7/1/22-3/14/23 in the amount of:

DMHAS Grant Funding	\$5,000.00
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2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 210-2022**ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE FOR OCTOBER 2020 - JUNE 2025**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize acceptance of a strategic plan for the Middlesex Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$7,978.00
Cash Match	\$1,994.50
In-Kind	\$5,983.50

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 211-2022**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RADIO DISPATCHING SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET - *Item Removed from Consent***

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex has a need for radio dispatching services and the County of Somerset has the ability to make the services available; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex and the County of Somerset have acknowledged and

agreed to be bound by the Revised Shared Services Agreement for Radio Dispatching Services for a period of ten years from the date executed.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the Revised Shared Services Agreement for Radio Dispatching Services with the County of Somerset for a period of ten years from the date executed.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Eodice, Council President
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Eodice, Carnes, Conahan, 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 212-2022

ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER THE SENIOR CITIZEN/ DISABLED PERSON/VETERAN TAX DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, certain Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons/Veterans were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2018, and

WHEREAS, upon the death of the owner, if after October 1, the Veteran deduction remains on the property until the end of the following year, and

WHEREAS the property owner has recorded date of death of 10/27/2018, and

WHEREAS the Widow deduction was not removed by 12/31/2019, and,

THEREFORE, the Tax Assessor has disallowed the following Senior Citizen/Disabled Person/Veteran deductions for the year 2020, 2021 & 2022 totaling \$750.00.

Name: Doleiden, Helen
Block/Lot: 111 /1
Amount: \$750.00
Reason: Deduction not removed at end of 2019

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 213-2022**APPROVAL OF A 60-MONTH LEASE OPTION FOR THE SHARP MX-C-304 COPIER FOR THE RECORDS DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74.00 FOR 60 MONTHS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

WHEREAS, the Police Department wishes to lease a new Sharp MX-C304 copier from Shore Business Solutions under Sourcwell Co-op Contract #030321-SEC in the amount of \$74.00 for 60 months for the Records Department to replace the outdated Savin 816 copier; and

WHEREAS, the replacement parts for the Savin 816 copier are not being manufactured and difficult to obtain; and

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

WHEREAS, Shore Business Solutions, Farmingdale, NJ is under Sourcwell Co-op Contract #030321-SEC for multi-function copiers, printers and equipment; and

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

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, the governing body hereby approves the 60-month lease option for the Sharp MX-C-304 copier for the Records Department, in the amount of \$74.00 for 60 months, effective immediately.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting CFO hereby certifies that funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,440.00 are available in Account No. 2-01-20-140-000-057.

Caroline Benson, Acting CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 214-2022**APPROVING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO ACCESS BOROUGH PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEGMENT C2 FLOODWALL/LEVEE FOR THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT FOR BLOCK 278 LOT 61 AND BLOCK 278 LOT 60**

The Governing Body hereby approves the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the Department of the Army Right of Entry to access portions of borough Property in order to commence construction of Segment C2 and H Floodwall/Levee for the Green Brook Flood Damage Reduction project. The land affected by this permit or right-of-entry is located in the

State of New Jersey, County of Middlesex, and is described as follows Block 278 Lot 61, Daisy Park - Off Drake Ave.; Block 278 Lot 60, Daisy Park - Off Drake Ave.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 215-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION JUDGMENT ON
2022 TAX APPEAL FOR BLOCK 7.06 LOT 16**

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A 54:3-21 a taxpayer may file an appeal of Regular Valuation Assessments by April 1st, 2022, and:

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 70 Warrentville Road, Block 7.06 Lot 16, did file an appeal by the April 1, 2022 deadline, and;

WHEREAS, the original assessment was 29,900 Land, 54,400 Improvement for a total assessment of 84,300, and;

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal (# 10-2200008L) was filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, and;

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Taxation issued a judgement reducing the 2022 assessment of the improvement to 46,200, for a total assessment of 76,100, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner will be notified by this resolution that they will receive a credit in the amount of \$1,216.59 to be applied to future property taxes.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves issuing a credit in the amount of \$1,216.59 to be applied to future property taxes for the property located at 70 Warrentville Road, Block 7.06 Lot 16, based upon the Middlesex County Board of Taxation's Judgment reduction in the land and improvement value.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 216-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION JUDGMENT ON
2022 TAX APPEAL FOR BLOCK 262 LOT 1.01**

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A 54:3-21 a taxpayer may file an appeal of Regular Valuation Assessments by April 1st, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 15C Foxhall, Block 262 Lot 1.01 Q C0015, did file an appeal by the April 1, 2022 deadline, and;

WHEREAS, the original assessment was 13,100 Land, 56,900 Improvement for a total assessment of 70,000, and;

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal (# 10-2200007L) was filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, and;

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Taxation issued a judgement reducing the 2022 assessment of the improvement to 39,900, for a total assessment of 53,000, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner will be notified by this resolution that they will receive a credit in the amount of \$ 2,522.21 to be applied to future property taxes.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves issuing a credit in the amount of \$2522.21 to be applied to future property taxes for the property located at 15C Foxhall, Block 262 Lot 1.01 Q C0015, based upon the Middlesex County Board of Taxation's Judgment reduction in the land and improvement value.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 217-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION JUDGMENT ON
2022 TAX APPEAL FOR BLOCK 65 LOT 28.03**

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A 54:3-21 a taxpayer may file an appeal of Regular Valuation Assessments by April 1st, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 1273 Bound Brook Road, Block 65 Lot 28.03 did file an appeal by the April 1, 2022 deadline, and;

WHEREAS, the original assessment was 72,500 Land, 337,200 Improvement for a total assessment of 409,700, and;

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal (# 10-2200005L) was filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, and;

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Taxation issued a judgement reducing the 2022 assessment of the improvement to 211,300, for a total assessment of 283,800, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner will be notified by this resolution that they will receive a credit in the amount of \$ 18,679.16 to be applied to future property taxes.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves issuing a credit in the amount of \$18,679.16 to be applied to future property taxes for the property located at 1273 Bound Brook Road, Block 65 Lot 28.03 based upon the Middlesex County Board of Taxation's Judgment reduction in the land and improvement value.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 218-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION JUDGMENT ON
2022 TAX APPEAL FOR BLOCK 65 LOT 28.01**

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A 54:3-21 a taxpayer may file an appeal of Regular Valuation Assessments by April 1st, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 1275 Bound Brook Road, Block 65 Lot 28.01 did file an appeal by the April 1, 2022 deadline, and;

WHEREAS, the original assessment was 73,200 Land, 255,000 Improvement for a total assessment of 328,200, and;

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal (# 10-2200004L) was filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, and;

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Taxation issued a judgement reducing the 2022 assessment of the improvement to 159,000, for a total assessment of 232,200, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner will be notified by this resolution that they will receive a credit in the amount of \$14,243.04 to be applied to future property taxes.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves issuing a credit in the amount of \$0.000 to be applied to future property taxes for the property located at 1275 Bound Brook Road,

Block 65 Lot 28.01 based upon the Middlesex County Board of Taxation's Judgment reduction in the land and improvement value.

2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 219-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION JUDGMENT ON
2022 TAX APPEAL FOR BLOCK 42 LOT 1**

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A 54:3-21 a taxpayer may file an appeal of Regular Valuation Assessments by April 1st, 2022, and:

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 647 Bound Brook Road, Block 42 Lot 1 did file an appeal by the April 1, 2022 deadline, and;

WHEREAS, the original assessment was 34,400 Land, 173,100 Improvement for a total assessment of 207,500, and;

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal (# 10-2200003) was filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, for adjustment based on market analysis and inspection, and;

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Taxation issued a judgement reducing the 2022 assessment of the improvement to 140,600, for a total assessment of 175,000, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner will be notified by this resolution that they will receive a credit in the amount of \$4,821.87 to be applied to future property taxes.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves issuing a credit in the amount of \$4,821.87 to be applied to future property taxes for the property located at 647 Bound Brook Road, Block 42 Lot 1 based upon the Middlesex County Board of Taxation's Judgment reduction in the land and improvement value.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 220-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION JUDGMENT ON
2022 TAX APPEAL FOR BLOCK 117 LOT 17**

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A 54:3-21 a taxpayer may file an appeal of Regular Valuation Assessments by April 1st, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 305 Union Avenue, Block 117 Lot 17 did file an appeal by the April 1, 2022 deadline, and;

WHEREAS, the original assessment was 42,100 Land, 138,200 Improvement for a total assessment of 180,300, and;

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal (# 10-2200002) was filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, and;

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Taxation issued a judgement reducing the 2022 assessment of the improvement to 75,700, for a total assessment of 117,800, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner will be notified by this resolution that they will receive a credit in the amount of \$9,272.82 to be applied to future property taxes.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves issuing a credit in the amount of \$9,272.82 to be applied to future property taxes for the property located at 305 Union Avenue, Block 117 Lot 17 based upon the Middlesex County Board of Taxation's Judgment reduction in the land and improvement value.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 221-2022

**APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION JUDGMENT ON
2022 TAX APPEAL FOR BLOCK 72 LOT 3.04**

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A 54:3-21 a taxpayer may file an appeal of Regular Valuation Assessments by April 1st, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 5 Heather Lane, Block 72 Lot 3.04 did file an appeal by the April 1, 2022 deadline, and;

WHEREAS, the original assessment was 31,000 Land, 124,800 Improvement for a total of 155,800, and;

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal (# 10-2200001) was filed with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation to reflect significant erosion of the back/side yard, and;

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Taxation issued a judgement reducing the total 2022 assessment to the land value of 11,400 and assessment of the improvement to 118,600, for a total of 130,000, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner will be notified by this resolution that they will receive a credit in the amount of \$3,827.82 to be applied to future property taxes.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves issuing a credit in the amount of \$3,827.82 to be applied to future property taxes for the property located at 5 Heather Lane , Block 72 Lot 3.04 based upon the Middlesex County Board of Taxation's Judgment reduction in the land and improvement value.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

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 222-2022

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, Conahan, 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 223-2022

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) Real Estate - Land Acquisition -Sampling Plant, Presbyterian Property & 302 Union Avenue ; (2) Personnel - DPW Advancements; 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, Conahan, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex

Real Estate - Land Acquisition - Sampling Plant

Real Estate - Land Acquisition - Presbyterian Property

Real Estate - Land Acquisition - 302 Union Avenue

Personnel - DPW Advancements

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be August 23, 2022

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk