



Borough of Middlesex

Mayor and Council Reorganizational Meeting

~ Minutes ~

1200 Mountain Ave
Middlesex, NJ

Linda Chismar
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Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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

COUNCILMAN CARNES, DESSINO & CONAHAN TO BE SWORN IN

ROLL CALL

Mayor John Madden
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes
Councilman Michael Conahan
Councilman Robert Dessino
Councilman Jack Mikolajczyk
Councilman Martin Quinn
Councilman Douglas Rex

Also Present:

Joe Costa Interim Administrator
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 1-2023

APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A. AS THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

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

Christopher M. Corsini of the firm of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. having offices located at 56 East Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey as the Legal Counsel for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Christopher M. Corsini of the firm Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A., having offices located at 56 East Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey is hereby appointed as the Legal Counsel for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex

MAYOR'S NEW YEAR' ADDRESS

Mayor Madden made the following comments:

Good evening everybody and welcome. Today we begin a new year, one of renewal and resumption of tremendous progress in making Middlesex Borough an even greater place to live and raise a family.

As I enter my fourth year as your Mayor, we face some new challenges as we emerge from the shadows of the pandemic. Masks are still somewhat ubiquitous around town.

This year, inflation will continue to have an impact on our financing of capital projects as less and less Federal and State funding is available. With the constriction of financial resources, budgeting and planning become paramount. One tool in our financial bag is forecasting. Having a 4-5 year projection of costs allows us to set aside money each year for an anticipated capital expense resulting in more efficient planning of our tax dollars.

The Borough was assessed with an insurance bill of over \$500,000, which represents an increase of premiums for those in the pension program.

After 36 years, the Borough received a statutory mandate to conduct a Borough-wide revaluation program. The purpose here is to ensure that all Borough properties are brought up and assessed to current equalized valuation, so that all taxpayers pay their fair share of property taxes.

I am happy to report that we have met many of our goals last year while other projects are in the pipeline in some degree of processing. For instance, we are well underway with our Rt. 28 Streetscape project, the Presbyterian Church acquisition (mostly paid for with the American Rescue Grant funding) will be used by our Recreation Department and Seniors, the hiring of four Police Officers and soon five replacing those we lost

through attrition, a new pickle ball court, a new dog park with separate fenced-in areas for medium and large dogs, a Parks Improvement Committee and a Film Committee. Daisy Park was sold to the Army Corp. for their flood mitigation work in exchange for the purchase and installation of a much-needed new playground at Cook Field. We have replaced urgently needed gear for the Fire Department, entered into a shared service agreement with Somerset County to supply dispatching services for our Police and also renewed a shared-service agreement with the Board of Education for various cost sharing duties. We have recently completed our 10-year Master Plan as we pave the way for future economic growth and efficient land use opportunities while maintaining our own identity. With this plan we will soon secure the Lincoln Statue Park as exclusive Borough property, provide adequate housing especially for seniors and - very important- no more large apartment buildings!

Our Construction Department has been handling a tremendous increase in their workload as residents are improving their properties. Floodwalls and levees are being constructed to mitigate our flooding issues. Our Police have responded to many more calls for service last year as they keep our community safe. Our DPW have answered the increased number of calls for service as well as providing the means for maintaining the high levels of municipal services for our residents.

I want to thank our staff, our professionals and volunteers for delivering us to where we are today- a thriving and vibrant community. Lastly, I wish to thank our elected officials who have answered the call of duty in their continued trust and confidence of our residents.

Happy New Year.

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMAN CARNES, DESSINO & CONAHAN

Councilman Carnes made the following comments:

Thank you everyone for being here tonight. It's been a crazy past three years and a great journey. I hemmed and hawed about running again, asking myself and my family if it was worth it. Without the help and support of my wife, it would not be possible for me to be here today. Its all about family, and this community is part of that family.

I am excited to declare 2023 the "Year of the Volunteer".

We have already received our first response from the new volunteer page on the website, and anyone who is interested in becoming involved as well should go on the website and check it out. There are many current and future volunteer opportunities available. Volunteerism is the way a community runs.

I will strive to serve the public with integrity and honor, and remember I am here to serve the public.

The past three years my knowledge and experience have grown tremendously.

I am always trying to find better ways to serve the people, the community gardens being the first step in that service.

Happy New Year.

Councilman Dessino made the following comments:

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and thank them for coming. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to serve as a Councilman for the next three years. I would like to thank my wife, and family as well as Mike Hompesch, Steve Greco, the entire Mayor and Council, and friends for their support. I started my

political journey after recently retiring from the Department of Public Works. I have served on the Beautification Committee, Joint Land Use Board, Housing and Urban Development Committee, and the Green Brook Flood Control Commission. I am looking forward to serving the public for the next 3 years.

Councilman Conahan made the following comments:

I would like to welcome everyone today and wish everyone and their families a healthy and happy New Year.

I would like to start by saying thank you to the many people who helped me get here today. This starts with thanking my wife Maddalena, and my two children, Jacalyn and Megan for their unending love and support. I also want to thank the Middlesex Borough Republican Party for their consistent and unwavering support throughout this campaign, especially the following who really went above and beyond: Mike Hompesch, Steve Greco, Martin Quinn, Jack Mikolajczyk, as well as my two running mates. Most importantly, I would like to thank all of the Middlesex Borough residents for their overwhelming support in November's election.

I am passionate about serving this community, and have done so successfully as a volunteer in numerous capacities, since 2006.

I'm a big sports guy and I will pledge to you now that my focus will be winning. Winning for the Borough. Winning for our residents! This includes, but is not limited to: maintaining all Borough services, keeping our community safe, including our schools. Continuing to build our surplus. Ensure our volunteer First Responders, like our Fire Department, OEM and Rescue Squad, are fully equipped for the next Hurricane Ida. Find new and creative ways to increase volunteerism, since Borough Volunteers are truly the back bone of Middlesex. Restore Community Day this June. Restrict new Apartment and Condo buildings through our new Master Plan. Expand new programs and community events in Recreation, like the new Bonfire Fest at Mountain View Park this February 26th. Utilize our first ever grant writing vendor, who will be appointed later in this meeting, to secure more grant money. Continue our discussions for a much needed, new Senior Housing Complex, like Watchung Terrace across the street. All of this, with a hyper focus on continuing our conservative fiscal policy, which will hopefully give us a third year in a row with a zero municipal tax increase.

In closing, I am committed, along with this entire Governing Body, to keep Middlesex moving in the right direction.

If you don't trust your teammates, how will you play the game, let alone win the game. We're focused on winning.

Teamwork is essential. Middlesex is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

I look forward to continue working with our residents, volunteers, Borough employees and the entire Governing Body.

Once again, I thank all who put their trust and confidence in me.

Thank you!

APPOINTMENTS

1. Council President

Councilman Mikolajczyk made a motion to nominate Councilman Conahan for Council President, seconded by Councilman Rex and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

2. Fire Department Officers

The Borough Clerk read all Fire Department Officials for 2023

2023 Fire Officials

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

Company No. 1-Lincoln Hose

Captain	Brian Mattox
Lieutenant	Jason Frank
Engineer 21	Joseph Buro
Asst. Engineer 21	Joseph McCauley
Engineer T 25	Bryan Oliver
Honorary Assistant Captain	Mark Colacci

Company No. 2-Beechwood Heights

Captain	Eric Chomen
Lieutenant	Ken Pukas Jr
Engineer 22	James Lukac
Asst. Engineer	Randy Rudnick

Company No. 3-Pierce

Captain	Stephen Bird
Lieutenant	Nick Lally
Engineer 23	Chad Heulitt
Asst. Engineer 23	Sean Kaplan

Company No. 4-Parker

Captain	John Pazar
Lieutenant	Jeff Meyer
Engineer 24	Andy Castaldo Jr.
Asst. Engineer	Rob Pollara Jr.

Mayor Madden stated that he swore in the 2023 Fire Officials on January 1, 2023 at noon.

3. By Mayor Not Requiring Council Confirmation

The Borough Clerk read all Mayor Madden's Appointments for 2023 that did not require Council Confirmation.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Georgios Georgoulas	1-year	12/31/23
Councilman Dessino	1-year	12/31/23

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cassius Kennick	3-year	12/31/25
Christine DiNizo	3-year	12/31/25
Robert Bender	3-year	12/31/25
Laura Thomassey	2-year	12/31/24

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Sean Johnson	5-year	12/31/27
Jason Bond	5-year	12/31/27

4. By Mayor Requiring Council Confirmation

The Borough Clerk read all Mayor Madden's Appointments for 2023 that required Council Confirmation.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bill Coyle	3-year	12/31/25
Hardick Shah	3-year	12/31/25
Mike Jones	3-year	12/31/25

LIBRARY BOARD

Barbara Ferris	5-year	12/31/27
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SWIM POOL COMMISSION

Mary Dinger	5-year	12/31/27
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Laura Steinau	4-year	12/31/26
Robert Sherr	2-year	12/31/24

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Leonard Jackson	3-year	12/31/25
Emily DeScenza	3-year	12/31/25
Shirley Penrose	3-year	12/31/25

JOINT LAND USE BOARD

Mayor Madden	1-year	12/31/23
Councilman Conahan (Class III)	1-year	12/31/23
Robert Sherr (Class IV)	4-year	12/31/26
Stephen Greco (Class II)	1-year	12/31/23
Joe Caruso (Class IV)	4-year	12/31/26
Spencer Durkin, Alt 2	2-year	12/31/24

GREENBROOK FLOOD CONTROL

Mark Kranz	5-year	12/31/27
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PARKS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mike O'Donnell	3-year	12/31/25
Todd Nicolay	3-year	12/31/25
Shannon Quinn	3-year	12/31/25

Councilman Conahan made a motion to approve the above appointments seconded by Councilman Mikolajczyk and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

2023 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS**1. Council Representative Appointments**

The Borough Clerk read all Council Representatives Appointments for 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH
COUNTY SWAC/COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
OEM/RESCUE/FIRE

JOINT LAND USE BOARD
RECREATION/SENIORS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
SWIM POOL COMMISSION
POLICE/MUNICIPAL COURT
ZONING/CODE
ENFORCEMENT/CONSTRUCTION
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMITTEE
FILM COMMITTEE
PARKS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN QUINN
COUNCILMAN REX
COUNCILMAN DESSINO
COUNCILMAN CARNES
COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK
COUNCILMAN CONAHAN
COUNCILMAN CONAHAN
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COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK
COUNCILMAN QUINN

COUNCILMAN DESSINO
COUNCILMAN CONAHAN
COUNCILMAN MIKOLAJCZYK
COUNCILMAN CONAHAN
COUNCILMAN CARNES
COUNCILMAN CARNES
COUNCILMAN QUINN
COUNCILMAN CARNES
COUNCILMAN CONAHAN

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 2-2023**APPOINTMENT OF SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY AS THE BOROUGH AUDITOR
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Suplee, Clooney & Company having offices located at 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 as the Borough Auditor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1,

2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Suplee, Clooney & Company having offices located at 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 is hereby appointed as the Borough Auditor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 3-2023

APPOINTMENT OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS THE BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Colliers Engineering & Design, 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ 07701 as the Borough Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Colliers Engineering & Design, having his office located at 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ 07701 is hereby appointed as the Borough Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 4-2023

APPOINTMENT OF GLUCKWALRATH LLP AS THE BOND ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of GluckWalrath LLP, having offices located at 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 as the Bond Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. GluckWalrath LLP, having his office located at 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 is hereby appointed as the Bond Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 5-2023

APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL COLACCI, ESQ. OF COLACCI LAW FIRM, LLC AS THE BOROUGH PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Michael Colacci, Esq. of Colacci Law Firm, LLC, 1 Birchwood Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921 as the Borough Prosecutor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to

December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Michael Colacci, Esq. of Colacci Law Firm, LLC, 1 Birchwood Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921 is hereby appointed as the Borough Prosecutor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 6-2023

**APPOINTMENT OF APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY AS THE
BOROUGH LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy having offices located at 25 Independence Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059 as the Borough Labor Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, having offices located at 25 Independence Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059 is hereby appointed as the Borough Labor Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
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AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 7-2023

APPOINTMENT OF RICCIPLANNING AS THE BOROUGH PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Paul Ricci of the firm of Ricciplanning having offices located at 177 Monmouth Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 as the Planner for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Paul Ricci of the firm of Ricciplanning, having his office located at 177 Monmouth Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 is hereby appointed as the Planner for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 8-2023

APPOINTMENT OF GLUCKWALRATH, LLP AS CONFLICT REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm GluckWalrath LLP., 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 as the Conflict Redevelopment Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to

December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. GluckWalrath LLP., having his office located at 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728 is hereby appointed as the Conflict Redevelopment Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

RESOLUTION 9-2023

APPOINTMENT OF MARCO BENUCCI OF THE FIRM WRONKO LOEWEN BENUCCI AS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Marco Benucci of the firm of Wronko Loewen Benucci, having offices located at 1130 Route 202 South, Suite A-7, Raritan, NJ 08869 as the Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Marco Benucci, Esq. of the firm of Wronko Loewen Benucci, having his office located at 1130 Route 202 South, Suite A-7, Raritan, NJ 08869 is hereby appointed as the Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 10-2023

**APPOINTMENT OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHM, HALM & CIPRIANI AS THE
CONFLICT MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, having offices located at 98 E Water Street, Toms River, NJ 08753 as the Conflict Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, having offices located at 98 E Water Street, Toms River, NJ 08753 is hereby appointed as the Conflict Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a salary set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 11-2023

**APPOINTMENT OF KING, MOENCH & COLLINS, LLP AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL
ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. King, Moench, & Collins, LLP, having his office located at 51 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2F, Morris Plains, NJ 07059-1254 is hereby appointed as the Environmental Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

RESOLUTION 12-2023

APPOINTMENT OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A. AS THE REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. having offices located at 56 East Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey as the Redevelopment Counsel for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A., having offices located at 56 East Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey is hereby appointed as the Legal Counsel for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 13-2023

APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS AS THE ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Environmental Resolutions, having offices located at 815 East Gate Drive, Suite 103, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 as the Alternate Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Environmental Resolutions, having office located at 815 East Gate Drive, Suite 103, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 is hereby appointed as the Alternate Engineer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 14-2023

APPOINTMENT OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A. AS THE TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher P.A., 56 East Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 as the Tax Appeal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for

the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher P.A., having his office located at 56 East Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 is hereby appointed as the Tax Appeal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 15-2023

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT D. SPENGLER AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Robert D. Spengler, 59 West Union Avenue, P.O. Box 309, Bound Brook, NJ 08805-0309 as the Alternate Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Robert D. Spengler, 59 West Union Avenue, P.O. Box 309, Bound Brook, NJ 08805-0309 is hereby appointed as the Alternate Public Defender for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 16-2023

APPOINTMENT OF BRUNO ASSOCIATES AS THE GRANT WRITER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Bruno Associates, having offices located at 1373 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07015 as the Grant Writer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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

1. Bruno Associates, having his office located at 1373 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07015 is hereby appointed as the Grant Writer for the Borough of Middlesex for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a fee set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, Mikolajczyk, Quinn, Rex

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jack Mikolajczyk, Councilman
AYES:	Carnes, Conahan, Dessino, 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 17-2023

ADOPTING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 18-2023**APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following are designated as "Official Newspapers" for the year 2023:

The Courier News
The Home News Tribune
The Star Ledger

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 19-2023**APPOINTING JOSEPH COSTA TO SERVE AS FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE
CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR 2023**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the term of the appointment is either:

1. A commissioner, other than the special commissioner, who is a member of the appointing municipality's governing body shall hold office for two years or for the remainder of his/her term of office as a member of the governing body, whichever

shall be less.

2. Commissioners who are employees of the appointing member shall hold office at the pleasure of the Borough and can be removed by the Borough at any time without cause.

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 20-2023

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO REINVEST FUNDS FOR 2023

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

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

1. The Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest and re-invest Borough funds.
2. This resolution shall take effect for the year 2023.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 21-2023

AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 22-2023

APPOINTING THE PACO OFFICER FOR 2023

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

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

1. Carmen Modica hereby is appointed PACO Officer for the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2023.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 23-2023**REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR 2023**

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Law" P.L. 1975 C231, the following schedule is set for the meetings of Mayor and Council for the year 2023:

January 3(Reorganization), 24	July 25
February 14, 28	August 22
March 14, 28	September 12, 26
April 11, 25	October 10, 24
May 9, 23	November 21
June 13, 27	December 19

Regular Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey.

Action may be taken at any meeting above.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 24-2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 25-2023

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES

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

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

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

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, which is the New Jersey statute defining a tax delinquency, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex does hereby fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year 2023 and the penalty so fixed shall be six (6%) of the amount of the yearly delinquency.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 26-2023

APPROVAL OF LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following are designated as legal depositories:

State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Unity Bank
Depository Trust

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 27-2023

CANCELLING SMALL SEWER BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, finds

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex that the Municipal Tax Collector is authorized to process the cancellation of sewer delinquencies of less than ten (\$10.00) Dollars for the 2023 billing year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 28-2023

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

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 29-2023

APPROVAL OF THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH RESCUE TASK FORCE MEMBERS AND MEDICAL ADVISOR FOR 2023

The Governing Body hereby appoints Dr. Ronald Frank as the Rescue Task Force Medical Advisor for the Rescue Task Force for 2023 along with the following Members, all of which are also members of the Middlesex Borough Fire Department:

Bartok, Kenneth

Bird, David

Bird, Steve

Costa, Jack

Giardino, Jackie

Frank, Ronald (Medical Advisor)

Mattox, Bryan

Lubetkin, Darren

Meyer, Jeff

McKeown, Colin

Schroeder, George

Tarbous, Stephen

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 30-2023**APPOINTING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023**

The Governing Body hereby concurs with the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator's Appointment of the following individuals to the Local Emergency Management Council for a term effective January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

Jack Costa - Director
Barbara Benson
Stuart Teitelbaum
Juan Pereira
Maggie Schneider
Arthur Sullivan

Stephen Bird
James Green
Claudia Palermo
Lee Poandl
Jorge Camacho
Stuart Teitelbaum

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 31-2023**APPOINTING THE BOROUGH'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUXILIARY
MEMBERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023**

The Governing Body hereby appoints Borough's Office of Emergency Management Auxiliary Members effective January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

Kenneth Burd
Jeremiah Carnes
Ronald Franks
Bruce Hagerman
Sean Kaplan
Debra May
Robert Poltorak
Monique Sasso

Eileen Camacho
Karen Casale
Linda Gonzalez
Alan Kriney
Nicholas Lally
Courtney Poandl
Robert Soper
Antonio Sasso

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 32-2023**APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT DRIVERS FOR 2023**

The Governing Body hereby approves the following Qualified Fire Department Drivers for the year 2023:

LINCOLN FIRE HOUSE	BEECHWOOD FIRE HOUSE
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John Hein (Truck 21/TK25/TK18)	Robert Frisch (Truck E22/TK18)
Brian Mattox (Truck 21/TK25/TK18)	Darren Lubetkin (Truck E22/TK18/TK25)
Mark Rutledge (Truck 21/TK25/TK18)	Brian Chomen (Truck E22/TK18/TK25)
Colin McKeown (Truck 21/TK25/TK18)	Eric Chomen (Truck E22/TK18/TK25)
Jason Frank (Truck 21/TK25/TK18)	Randy Rudnick (Truck E22/TK18)
Shawn Young (Truck 21/TK25/TK18)	Jake Wright (Truck E22/TK18)
Joe Eckert (Truck 21/TK25/TK18)	Ken Pukas, Jr. (Truck E22/TK18)
Brian Oliver (Truck 25/TK18)	Dan Knoell (Truck E22/TK18)
Jeff Decker (Truck 25/TK18)	James Lukac (Truck E22/TK18)
Joe McCauley (Truck 25/TK18/TK21)	Steve Tarbous (Truck E22/TK18)
Joe Buro (Truck 25/TK18/TK21)	Mike Macher (Truck 18)
Cody Tindle (Truck 25/TK18)	Roxeanne Radi (Truck 18)
	Diamonte Stewart (Truck 18)
	Matt Gould (Truck 18)
PARKER FIRE HOUSE	PIERCE FIRE HOUSE
John Pazar (Truck 24/TK18)	Bill Winkleman (Truck E23/TK18)
Jeff Meyer (Truck 24/TK18)	Sean Kaplan (Truck E23/TK18)
Andy Castaldo, Jr. (Truck 24/TK18)	Jack Costa (Truck E23/TK18)
Ryan Zittel (Truck 24/TK18)	Chad Heulitt (Truck E23/TK18)
Jake Kyryczenko (Truck 24)	Dave Bird (Truck E23/TK18/TK25)
Bob Soper (Truck 24/TK18)	Nick Lally (Truck E23/TK18/TK22/TK25)
Rob Pollara (Truck 24/TK18)	Stephen Bird (Truck E23/TK18/TK22/TK24/TK25)
Kevin Mott (Truck 24)	Ken Bartok (Truck E23/TK18/TK22/TK25)
Andrew Pollara (Truck 24)	George Schroeder (Truck E23/TK18/TK25)
Eric Berg (Truck 25)	Rob Imbriaco (Truck E23/TK18)
	Colleen Dooley (Truck 18)
FIRE POLICE	
Jim Green (FP1, FP2)	
Barbara Benson (FP1, FP2)	
Randy Rudnick (FP1, FP2)	
Lee Poandl (FP1, FP2)	
Mike Macher (FP1, FP2)	

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 33-2023

PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET

A Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$ 7,831,448.94 and a Temporary Swim

Pool Budget in the amount of \$ 100,000.00 to provide for the payment of claims and salaries including debt service payments between the first day of January 2023 and the adoption of the 2023 budget to be set up as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

Mayor & Council

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

Administrator

Salary & Wage	\$35,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00

Purchasing Agent

Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
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Municipal Clerk

Salary & Wage	\$50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00

Rescue Squad Rental

\$2,400.00

Printing & Advertising

\$10,000.00

Postage

\$10,000.00

Assessment of Taxes

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

Collection of Taxes

Salary & Wage	\$30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00

Financial Administration

Salary & Wage	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00

Legal Services

\$50,000.00

Engineering Services

\$20,000.00

Environmental Services

\$5,000.00

Public Buildings & Grounds

Salary & Wage	\$7,500.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00

Computer Data Services

Other Expenses	\$125,000.00
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Land Use Board

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

Salary & Wage	\$18,000.00
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Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
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CRS Flood Management

	\$2,500.00
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Shade Tree Commission

Salary & Wage	\$1,000.00
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Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
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Board of Health

Other Expenses	\$30,000.00
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Housing & Community Development

Salary & Wage	\$375.00
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Other Expenses	\$100.00
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Insurances

Group Insurance Plan	\$1,000,000.00
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Workers Compensation	\$100,000.00
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Temporary Disability	\$12,000.00
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Long Term Disability	\$10,000.00
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Other Insurances	\$160,000.00
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PUBLIC SAFETY:**Fire Department**

Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
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Police Department

Salary & Wage	\$1,000,000.00
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Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
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Juvenile Conference Committee

Salary & Wage	\$1,000.00
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Emergency Management

Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
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Road Repair & Maintenance

Salary & Wage	\$300,000.00
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00

Sewer Systems

Salary & Wage	\$10,000.00
Other Expenses	\$12,000.00

Solid Waste Management

Salary & Wage	\$60,000.00
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Garbage Removal

Salary & Wage	\$125,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00

Sanitary Landfill

\$100,000.00

Prosecutor's Office

\$10,000.00

RECREATION & EDUCATION:**Parks & Playgrounds**

Salary & Wage	\$170,000.00
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00

Board of Recreation

Salary & Wage	\$25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00

Senior Citizen Bus Transportation

Salary & Wage	\$3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00

Senior Coordinator

Salary & Wage	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00

Title III Clerk

\$10,000.00

Medical Transportation

\$5,000.00

Senior Nutrition

\$5,000.00

Uniform Construction Code

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

Utilities

Gasoline	\$50,000.00
Fuel Oil	\$50,000.00
Electricity	\$50,000.00
Telephone	\$15,000.00
Natural Gas	\$15,000.00
Street Lighting	\$50,000.00
Fire Hydrants	\$70,000.00
Water	\$15,000.00
Municipal Court	
Salary & Wage	\$50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,500.00
Public Defender	\$5,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$5,000.00
County Curbside Recycling	\$65,000.00
Multi Family Solid Waste	\$35,000.00
Animal Control	\$7,000.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:	
PERS	\$0.00
DCRP CoMatch	\$5,000.00
PFRS	\$0.00
Social Security	\$80,000.00
TOTAL	\$4,545,375.00
26.25% of the 2022 General Appropriation in the Budget = \$5,638,937.56	
Older Americans	
Information Assistance Grant	\$6,500.00
Transportation Assistance Grant	\$10,000.00
Stormwater Management	
Salary & Wage	\$286,664.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$215,000.00

Middlesex County Utility Authority	\$500,000.00
Piscataway Sewerage Authority	\$150,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	
Bond Principal	\$1,316,472.00
Bond Interest	\$414,315.42
Green Acres Loan	\$6,498.15
Infrastructure Principal & Interest	\$148,824.37
MCIA Loan - Multi Purpose	\$228,800.00
TOTAL	\$7,831,448.94

DEDICATED SWIMMING POOL UTILITY

Swim Pool Utility	
Salary & Wage	\$30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$70,000.00
TOTAL	\$100,000.00
26.25% of the 2022 Swimming Pool Utility	
Appropriation = \$124,563.60	

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 34-2023**ENDORISING THE "BUY LOCAL POLICY" TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY IN MIDDLESEX BOROUGH**

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

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

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

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

That all departments, boards, commissions and committees be directed, whenever

economically feasible and consistent with existing laws and our Borough financial policies, to purchase materials and services from business and professionals located in Middlesex Borough; and

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Robert Sherr, 212 Lucia Street, congratulated the newly appointed members of Council, and thanked Jim Eodice for his service.

Barbara Benson, Middlesex NJ, stated that she was proud of the Governing Body and expressed her support and thanks to the members of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk