



**Borough of Middlesex**  
**Mayor and Council Regular Meeting**  
**~ Minutes ~**

1200 Mountain Ave  
Middlesex, NJ

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**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Municipal Building**

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**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.**

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk  
Council President Michael Conahan  
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes  
Councilman Robert Dessino  
Councilman Kevin Dotey  
Councilman Martin Quinn  
Councilman Douglas Rex

**Also Present:**

Michael La Place Administrator  
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

**Others Absent:**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Assemblywoman Matsikoudis Legislative Update**

Assemblywoman Matsikoudis spoke about the different types of programs that her team were available to help residents with today during her mobile office hours at Borough Hall. She indicated that about \$779,000 was received on over 230 individuals. The Assemblywoman talked about several items that have been brought to legislation during the 1<sup>st</sup> term, and discussed the three committees she is involved with.

The Assemblywoman commented on the situation at Heather Lane, and stated that she will help move things forward and try to get some answers.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Accepting the Resignation of Tom Harrity from the Board of Health**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

2. Appointing John Ellery to the Board of Health as a Regular Member & Rich Gianchiglia as Alternate I

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

3. Appointing Hamza Choudhry to the Board of Health as Alternate II

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

4. Appointing Kim Mazze to the Swim Pool Commission

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
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### PROCLAMATIONS

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### ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

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### ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2111-24 by title:

#### ORDINANCE 2111-24

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE AND SIGN FOR THE RELEASE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS EXECUTED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AS PART OF THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Middlesex ("Borough") has engaged with the United States Department of the Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") for planned construction activities associated with the Green Brook Flood Risk Management Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Middlesex is currently the easement holder (as the

beneficiary/grantee of conservation easements) on parcels identified as follows: a) Block 58, Lot 1.02 (easement granted to Borough as part of minor subdivision of Lot 1 into Lots 1.01 and 1.02), parcel better known as 130 Nelson Street near the corner of Nelson Street and Dayton Avenue; and b) Block 56, Lot 18.01 (easement granted to Borough as part of minor subdivision of Lot 18 into Lots 18.01 and 18.02), parcel better known as 7-9 East Wilson Street; and

**WHEREAS**, these conservation easements to the benefit of the Borough were drafted and recorded as part of the approval process for minor subdivisions affecting the above listed lots; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has now been approached by the USACE requesting a release of these conservation easements to assist with the construction activities associated with the Green Brook Flood Risk Management Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the release of these easements will result in the construction of infrastructure designed for the protection of local residents from recurring flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the legal descriptions, maps, deeds, and other materials evidencing the existence of these easements is attached hereto as Exhibit A for the easement on Block 58, Lot 1.02, and Exhibit B for the easement on Block 56, Lot 18.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough intends to have a public hearing on this ordinance for release of the easements as specified in N.J.S.A. 13:8B-5, upon public notice as consistent therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has simultaneously made application to the NJDEP for a certificate approving the release of these Borough-held conservation easements consistent with N.J.S.A. 13:8B-6; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor must sign off on the release of these restrictions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, that the Borough consents to the release of the conservation easements as specified herein to facilitate improvements necessitated by the Green Brook Flood Risk Management Project and approves the execution of any additional documents as may be deemed necessary therefor.

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2111-24.

Joe DeScenza, 321 Salvatore Avenue, questioned where the land was located.

Seeing that there were no further public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the public hearing.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2113-24 by title:

**ORDINANCE 2113-24****AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 265, LOT 25 IN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(A)**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined that certain municipally owned land designated as Block 265, Lot 25 on the tax map of the Borough of Middlesex (hereinafter the "subject property" or the "property"), consisting of one parcel of land better known as 210 Grove Avenue in the Borough, is no longer necessary for municipal purposes and as such shall be sold at public sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Lands and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a), et seq., authorizes the sale by municipalities of any real property, capital improvement, or personal property no longer needed for public use;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, that the subject property shall be sold by open public sale to the highest bidder. The property is being sold by the Borough "as is."

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, the following terms and conditions shall apply:

1. The Borough Council reserves the right to reject all bids.
2. The minimum bid the Borough will consider is \$450,000.00, plus the cost of recording the deed, and agrees that deeds shall be recorded by the purchaser.
3. All bids shall be submitted as sealed bids clearly indicating on the face of the envelope it is a "Bid for Block 265, Lot 25", and shall be submitted within twenty days after advertisement of sale required by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a).
4. Potential Bidders are advised:
  - a. That the description of the property is intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate. No representations of any kind are made by the Borough of Middlesex as to the conditions of the property; the premises are being sold in their present conditions "as is."
  - b. That the sale is made subject to all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and ordinances of the United States, State of New Jersey, and the Borough of Middlesex.
  - c. That no employee, agent, or officer of the Borough of Middlesex has any authority to waive, modify, or amend any of the conditions of the sale.
  - d. That offers for the property must be made for a sum equal or greater to the minimum bid price of \$450,000.00
  - e. The property will be conveyed subject to all covenants, restrictions, reservations, and easements established of record or by prescription and without representation as to character of title of the property to be conveyed.
5. Additional Terms the Successful Bidder must comply with:

- a. Bidder shall deposit cash, check, or money order in the amount of not less than 10% of the bid price within 10 days of notice of acceptance of their bid. In the event a bidder fails to timely deposit 10% of the bid price, the Borough may re-auction the subject property.
  - b. The successful bidder shall pay at the time of closing: (1) The balance of the purchase price (2) The cost of recording deeds and agrees that deeds shall be recorded by the purchaser.
  - c. To pay prorated real estate taxes for the balance of the current year as of the date of closing.
  - d. To abide by appropriate zoning, subdivision, health, and building regulations and codes and stipulate that this sale will not be used as grounds to support any variance from the regulations.
  - e. That the failure to close title as agreed shall forfeit to the Borough any and all money deposited with the Borough.
  - f. That the purchase price shall not be used before any County Board of Taxation, Tax Court of New Jersey, or in any court of this State as grounds to support a challenge of the existing assessments with regard to other property.
  - g. That the title shall close on or before September 30, 2024. The Borough reserves the right to require that two or more pieces of contiguous property be merged and treated as one piece of property.
  - h. The Borough reserves the right to withdraw the offer of sale and reject any and all bids.
  - i. All sales are subject to final approval by the Borough Council.
  - j. Parties interested in submitting bids and who require additional information, should contact Linda Chismar, Clerk, 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, N.J. 08846.
6. Acceptance of the bids shall constitute a binding agreement of sale, and the purchaser shall be deemed to agree to comply with the terms of conditions of the sale herein contained.
  7. The sale is subject to all of the terms and conditions as provided for in the Notice of Sale.

CONSTRUCTION: Where consistent with the context in which used in this ordinance, words importing the singular shall include the plural; words importing the plural shall include the singular; and words importing one gender shall include all other genders.

INCONSISTENCY: Should any provision of this ordinance be inconsistent with the provisions of any prior ordinances, the inconsistent provisions of said prior ordinances are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SEVERABILITY: In the event that any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this ordinance which may be given effect and, to realize this intent, the provisions and applications of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PURPOSE OF CAPTIONS: Captions contained in this ordinance have been inserted only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections, and are not intended

and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2113-24.

Seeing that there were no public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the public hearing.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2114-24 by title:

**ORDINANCE 2114-24**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$163,102.44 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Middlesex shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40 A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$570,858.54 and

that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Middlesex be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years: and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2114-24.

Seeing that there were no public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the public hearing.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2115-24 by title:

**ORDINANCE 2115-24**

**AN ORDINANCE APPORTIONING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE (CHAPTER 19) TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE (CHAPTER 93) AND THE MIDDLESEX PUBLIC LIBRARY (CHAPTER 260)**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to apportion the responsibilities currently assigned to the Culture and Heritage Committee (Chapter 19) to the Recreation (Chapter 93) and the Middlesex Public Library (Chapter 260); and

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Chapters 19, 93, and 260 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey shall be amended as follows:

**Section I:**

Section 93-4 is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

The primary purpose of the Recreation Committee shall be to:

- A. Assist in providing equipment as needed to programs concerned with the recreation of the residents of the Borough of Middlesex.

- B. Provide recommendations to the Parks Improvement Committee for the orderly development of parks or other public lands in the Borough of Middlesex.
- C. Cooperate with the Middlesex County Department of Recreation in coordinating and advising on activities to be held on county-owned recreational land should such aid be requested by the Middlesex County Recreation Department.
- D. Suggest improvements to the Parks Improvement Committee needed for orderly development and to undertake such improvements as it is authorized to carry out pursuant to this chapter or hereafter by resolution of the Borough Council.
- E. Operate and maintain such parks or other public lands over which it is given jurisdiction in any resolution of the Borough Council and shall do so pursuant to any standards set forth in any such resolution.
- F. Handle other specific programs which may be assigned or authorized by the Borough Council, by resolution from time to time, in accordance with the general purposes of the Recreation Committee and the provisions of this chapter and subject to the limitations contained herein.
- G. **Engage and encourage the visual arts (including, but not limited to, sculpture, painting, drawing, architectural design, photography, motion pictures, and television), literary arts (including, but not limited to, the writing of prose, poetry, drama and choreograph), and performing arts (including, but not limited to, music, dance, poetry-reading, and theater).**

## Section II:

Chapter 260 is hereby amended as follows (all provisions herein are novel and a new Article II shall be created):

### Article II. Heritage Preservation

#### Section 260-6 Library Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the Middlesex Public Library to preserve and commemorate the culture, heritage, and history of the Borough of Middlesex.

#### Section 260-7 Collaboration

The Middlesex Public Library is encouraged to establish cooperative efforts to seek voluntary assistance from other sources of expertise consistent with its purpose.

#### Section 260-8 Grants

The Middlesex Public Library is encouraged to apply for and to accept grants and contributions under the auspices of and through the Borough of Middlesex from public and private sources to finance initiatives related to the preservation and commemoration of the culture, heritage, and history thereof.

## Section III

Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex is hereby repealed.

## Section IV

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

## Section V

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

## Section VI

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2115-24.

Mayor Mikolajczyk read the following emails into the record.

Email from Mark Kranz to Mayor Mikolajczyk:

"Hi Jack,

Sorry this took a bit to get to you but the last week to 10 days has been crazy busy. The current members that show up and are vested in the committee are:

- Mark Kranz
  - Lisa Lentini-Pombrio
  - Leonard Jackson
  - Mark Holmes
  - Hardik Shah
  - Steve Kortbawi (agreed to do landscape design for a community garden)
- These three have expressed interest in being on the committee:
- James Johansen
  - Dwayne Phillips
  - Jeremiah Carnes

Our current projects and possible future projects:

- Open Mic Night
- Color and Flowers Festival
- Art/photography Contest/show (local artists and photographers)
- Community Garden
- Middlesex Borough Documentary

As I implied at the last council meeting, I'm not quite sure why so much time, effort and resources are being wasted on a committee that is viable, has active and vested volunteer members. Dissolving the C & H committee over an event/disagreement that had nothing to do with the C & H committee and didn't occur at any meeting or event is just silly and senseless. I'm sure there are many, many more important issues in town that all this time and effort can be devoted to.

If you have any additional requests or questions please give me a call or email me.

Best Regards and Stay Safe,

Mark Kranz"

Email from Mayor Mikolajczyk to Mark Kranz:

"Mark,

Thank you for your response. I will address your concerns below. I am replying to you and to Michael the business administrator only. Michael can forward a copy of my response to the other members as replying to all in some cases, can be construed as a violation of the sunshine law once it appears a dialog is taking place.

With all the information that has been presented, I still believe a split of the cultural and heritage is appropriate.

Looking at the projects list you have forwarded it looks like the active projects are:

- Open Mic Night
- Color and Flowers Festival
- Community Garden
- Of these projects

Active - Open Mic Night- has no future dates on the calendar.

Active - Color and Flowers Festival - Hardik has mentioned he is planning on having this event this year but no date set.

Active - Community Garden - still in planning stages with no firm location or plan set.

Possible - Art/photography Contest/show (local artists and photographers) - possible for 2024 no detail or date.

Possible - Middlesex Borough Documentary - possible for 2024 - no firm details at this point.

With the exception of the possible Documentary, none of the potential or active projects are heritage in nature and have been a contributing factor to several of the members leaving. Having the Library look after this portion is the best way to see the projects of this nature through and they are already well underway with this project.

The remaining part is best served as a part of recreation. The intent with this move is not to shut down anything but to give projects a better chance of being successfully completed. As a large portion of the projects have nothing firmly on the calendar making the move at this time would have the least amount of disruption and may in fact, when coordinated with other rec events, have an increased participation rate. I have conferred with the Business administrator and he has had several conversations with the rec department. The charge is simple, these active projects are to be given support to have them continue. New projects are to be discussed and if viable, helped to move forward. The rec department has committed to this. If the need becomes too great and the rec department down the road needs additional help, this can be addressed at that time. Based on the information presented, it does not appear to be a problem.

Your statement that the C&H is being dissolved "over an event/disagreement" is not true. I was put into a position of conducting the exit interviews for the five recent departures. The responses I received and further investigation clearly pointed to the finding that the heritage portion of the committee was structurally an issue. My recommendations have been based solely on that belief. Nothing else. My recommendations on the Cultural side are founded in the belief that this reorganization will result in projects being funneled to resources in Middlesex where these projects will have the best chance for a successful conclusion. We are hoping the volunteers stay engaged.

There is a Council vote on Tuesday and this will formulate our course forward for these projects.

If the vote passes, I would hope that you do not discontinue your efforts, but in the true spirit of volunteerism and wanting to make Middlesex a better place, give the new arrangement a chance.

Sincerely,

Jack Mikolajczyk”

Mayor Mikolajczyk read a statement from the Director of Senior Services and Recreation stating her support and intent to integrate the Culture part of the committee into the recreation Department.

Mark Kranz, 7 Park Place, commented on the emails the Mayor read. Mr. Kranz talked about the attendance of the Color and Flower Festival, the plans for the Community Garden, the delay on picking a date for the next festival, and prospective projects. He discussed differences in past practices within the Committee and the current membership, as well as the reasoning behind several members leaving. He strongly opposed placing the committee with the Library and the Recreation Department, stating that it does not follow their by-laws and that no member would be willing to volunteer under them.

Mayor Mikolajczyk spoke about the exit interviews and expressed his support of the Library and Recreation Department being in charge of the Culture and Heritage of the town. He stated that since most events for the Borough are run through the Recreation Department it would make sense to have them oversee any other ones as well.

Hardik Shah, 34 Marlborough Avenue, talked about the Flower Festival, the proposed date, and the donations that were received. Mr. Shah expressed his opinion that the Committee should not be changed, stating that he would not be interested in working with the Recreation Department.

Lisa Lentini-Pombrio, 117 Giles Avenue, talked about her involvement with the Committee and the importance of this Committee within the community. She suggested that the Council just change the name to better reflect what the committee does.

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street, stated that the name should not be a defining factor. He also stated that everyone has their own focuses, and those voices should be heard.

Councilman Carnes expressed his concerns of losing the members of the Committee as volunteers within the Borough. He stated that the committee should not be penalized for the past members that did not agree with the current plans of the committee. Councilman urged the Council to not disband the Committee.

Council discussed leaving the Committee intact, but revising the Ordinance so that they will work in conjunction with the Recreation Department and Library.

Seeing that there were no further public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the public hearing.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the February 13, 2024 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

2. Approval of the February 27, 2024 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

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### MAYOR'S REPORT

**Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:**

- The Ordinance on the Culture and Heritage will be rewritten.
- Volunteer Fair will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room.
- Met with Assemblywoman Matsikoudis earlier tonight to discuss the Borough disappointment over Heather Lane, and the need for assistance.
- Finances are tough, however, the Council are aware and considerate of all aspects when looking at the budget and spending.
- Pillars of Middlesex will be starting soon, please send recommendations to the Clerk. The first presentation is planned for the second meeting in April.
- At the next meeting, the Environmental Commission members will be appointed and the Commission will be coming back after 20 years.

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### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Conahan

**Council President Conahan made the following comments:**

- Thank you to Assemblywoman Matsikoudis for hosting mobile office hours here from 5-7pm. Also, thank you for presenting tonight, and all that you do for Middlesex Borough.
- I want to thank Tom Harrity for his many years of volunteer service to our Board of Health.
- Our annual Bunny Hop will be Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-12pm in Mountainview Park and is free admission.
- Rec softball and baseball registration ended and the season is beginning later this month. Thank you Melissa and Mackenzie.
- The Fire Dept. conducted its first inspection in several years and Councilman Dotey and I attended this past Saturday. We visited all 4 firehouses and inspected all 4 firetrucks. It was a great learning experience.
- The annual Fire Department Carnival is the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- As I briefly mentioned at the last Council meeting, I want to confirm details tonight that Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm will be our first Volunteer Fair in the Community Room. Middlesex Borough is facing a critical shortage of volunteers so please come and learn more about how you can get involved and make our community stronger. All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Refreshments will also be served. I want to thank Barbara Benson and Lee Poandl for spearheading this initiative. They both have done a tremendous job and I appreciate all of their time and effort. Look for a mailer that's going out next

week to every address in Middlesex.

- April is national volunteer month.
- Lastly, I attended my first Library Board of Trustees last night.
- Highlights of the 2024 Circulation Report and the Programming Report of the Library.

Events the Friends of the Library have planned for the Spring:

- Flute Duo with Susan Graham & Mardee Reed-Ulmer - Sunday, January 21, at 3pm.
- A W.A.S.P. Takes Wing with Carol Simon Levin - Wednesday, February 7, at 2pm.
- U.S. Grant Life and Myth with Kenneth Serfs - Sunday, February 18, at 2pm.
- Early Prison Release with Dr. John Paitakes - Sunday, March 3, at 3pm.
- Songs You Know & Love with Flip Peters & Kevin Brown - Sunday, March 24, at 3pm.
- Begin Writing Your Memoir Today with Susen Edwards - Wednesday, April 10, at 2pm.
- A Guitar Concert with Vic Lennard - Sunday, May 5, at 3pm.

Councilman Conahan read the Overview of the Friends of the Library:

"The friends of the Middlesex Public Library are solely dedicated to charitable, literary, and educational purposes, to increase public awareness of the Library, and to encourage the use of the Library's facilities, resources, and services.

The organization has been in existence informally since the 1980's. Throughout those early years we offered free concerts, historic reenactments, and lectures to our patrons and members of the community.

A new administration took over in 2013, incorporated, and applied for tax-exempt status in 2014, hoping to expand our scope, audience and resources. We created a website, Facebook page, and increased our networking and marketing activities.

The Friends continue to offer approximately fifteen educational and musical programs yearly (spring and fall). All our programs are free of charge and are funded through charitable donations and yearly membership in the organization (\$10 per household).

We have offered financial support to the Library's summer reading programs and, when funding permits, we donate to other Library activities. After each of our programs we offer refreshments donated and often baked by our volunteers. Our guests look forward to this time to socialize with each other, our performers, and our volunteers.

The Friends host a Memoir Writers group, a book club, occasional chair yoga classes, and are a presence at community events where we offer free children's books and gently used adult books at a nominal cost.

Our organization achieved solvency until the Pandemic hit in 2020. Since that time, we lost several of our active volunteers, and have been working diligently to rebuild our presence in the community. We also lost the use of our meeting room for a year after Hurricane Ida. The meeting room reopened in Fall 2022 when we resumed programming.

We are fortunate to have been offered a \$4,000 grant from the Arts Institute of Middlesex County to help sponsor a series of Six Jazz Concerts to be held in Fall 2024. Musical Programs have always been our most popular events. Our goal is to entertain, educate, and provide social connections for our audience. While our audience is primarily seniors, we hope to provide enough diversity in our programming to attract patrons from all generations.

The Arts Institute requires us to carry Liability Insurance. We ask that the Borough grant our request to be added to their policy so that we can accept that grant and continue to provide our services to the Library and the Community.”

Councilman Conahan asked for a consensus to approve adding them to the JIF Policy.

A consensus was received to add the Friends of the Library to the Borough’s Policy.

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Councilman Carnes

**Councilman Carnes made the following comments:**

Councilman Carnes stated that they will be moving forward with an intern program with the Borough.

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Councilman Dessino

**Councilman Dessino made the following comments:**

- JLUB will meet tomorrow, with two applications on the agenda.
  - Grass pickup is on Wednesday.
  - Branch pickup is the third Wednesday.
  - Catch basins are cleared.
  - Street sweeping has begun, the schedule will be posted soon.
  - Several potholes were addressed.
  - Yearly evaluations are in progress for the DPW.
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Councilman Dotey

**Councilman Dotey made the following comments:**

- The OEM have 7 new members.
  - OEM would like to look into whether nixels can be broadcast in Spanish.
  - Highlights of the January Fire Report.
  - The Fire Department completed the annual bailout training.
  - William Smith, a 48 year member of Pierce Fire House passed away.
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Councilman Quinn

**Councilman Quinn made the following comments:**

Thank you, Tom Harrity, for your service with the Board of Health.

The Board of Health will meet at the Recreation Center and the Shade Tree at Borough Hall on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Councilman Rex

No report given.

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. The preliminary round of 2024 budget meetings with municipal departments and the review of proposed capital funding requests for the year has been completed. I again would like to thank our Chief Financial Officer, Caroline Benson, and the entire Management Team for developing a lean and sensible municipal budget.

2. Council resolutions on the agenda this evening include ones to approve the purchase of (18) 45-gallon recycled trash receptacles for Mountain View Park, an application to Middlesex County for a 2024 Recycling Enhancement Grant, authorization for the annual Route 28 Coin Toss Fundraising event for Parker Engine and Hose Company #4 on March 20<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 14 at the intersection with South Lincoln Avenue, the purchase of thermal cameras for the Fire Department and authorization of a Memorandum of Understanding between the boroughs of South Plainfield and Middlesex to allow the Middlesex Police Department to use the South Plainfield Firearms Range.
3. Borough departments are working with the Middlesex Public Library to assist with the development of a Local History Room and Archives at the Library. The Department of Public Works delivered a rendering of the Middlesex Borough 9-11 Memorial to the Local History Room and relocated the scale model of the memorial from Borough Hall to the entrance lobby of the Community Room.
4. This Spring, repairs are planned for the Victor Crowell Park Annex building, 302 Union Avenue, including painting trim and repairing the roof.
5. The Municipal Engineer is preparing an estimate for a preliminary site plan for Lincoln Park. This initial site plan will include curbing, walks, access roads and parking. The plan will also anticipate amenities such as landscaping for the expanded green space, new shade trees, benches and ornamental lighting.
6. Regarding the Bound Brook Road/Route 28 Streetscape Beautification project, our Municipal Engineer has reported to me that the installation of the new vintage style streetlights is expected to begin next week.
7. The topic for discussion during the Agenda Workshop session this evening is Heather Lane and the residential properties impacted by serious erosion.
8. Executive Session this evening: a discussion of two items, real estate located at 1190 Mountain Avenue and Creighton Lake.

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### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Privilege of the Floor for anyone wishing to comment.

Maria Bruno, 735 Drake Avenue, expressed her concerns over the protocol taken to put a lien on her property, stating that she was never notified of any issues. She spoke upon her displeasure of how the previous Zoning Officer conducted business.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, asked the Council how much revenue was lost on the 80 properties from the Flood Wall project, and how long the revenue has been missing. He also questioned if the Council knew anything about whether the schools will be looking into using the OLMV property.

Seeing that there were no further public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the public portion of the meeting.

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### NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, 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 86-2024**

**ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS**

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the 2023 Year End Tax Report.
2. Acceptance of the February 2024 Fire Report.
3. Accepting Tyler Soper as an active member of the OEM.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 87-2024**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (18) 45-GALLON RECYCLED GARBAGE  
RECEPTACLES FOR MOUNTAINVIEW PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,699.32**

**WHEREAS**, the Middlesex Department of Public Works wishes to purchase eighteen (18) 45-Gallon Recycled Garbage Receptacles for Mountainview Park; and

**WHEREAS**, two quotes were received for the purchase of eighteen (18) 45-gallon recycled garbage receptacles from the following vendors:

- 1) Barco Products, LLC - \$11,699.32
- 2) Tree Top Products, LLC - \$11,804.35

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works and the Purchasing Agent recommend using Barco Products, LLC for the purchase of (18) 45-gallon recycled garbage receptacles for Mountainview Park in the amount of \$11,699.32; 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 Department of Public Works and the Purchasing Agent, the governing body hereby approves the purchase of (18) 45-gallon recycled garbage receptacles for Mountainview Park in the amount of \$11,699.32.

**NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CFO hereby certifies that funds in the amount of \$11,699.32 are available from the 2023 Capital - Parks Dept, Account No. C-04-23-095-000-078.

Caroline Benson, CFO

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 88-2024**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2024 RECYCLING  
ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

The Governing Body approves submission of the Middlesex County 2024 Recycling Enhancement Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000 for improvements to the Recycling Center and authorizes the DPW Superintendent and Recycling Coordinator to execute this document.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 89-2024**

**AUTHORIZING PARKER ENGINE & HOSE COMPANY NO. 4 TO HOLD THEIR  
ANNUAL COIN TOSS EVENTS ON MARCH 30, 2024, JUNE 1, 2024 AND SEPTEMBER  
14, 2024 AT THE INTERSECTION OF S. LINCOLN AVENUE AND ROUTE 28, PENDING  
ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION BEING FILED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO  
THE EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Parker Engine & Hose Company No. 4 has requested to hold fund raising activities within the Borough of Middlesex by conducting coin tosses within the Borough at the intersections of S. Lincoln Avenue and Route 28 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Parker Engine & Hose Company No. 4 would like to conduct these coin tosses on Saturday, March 30, 2024 with alternate rain dates of Saturday, April 6, 2024, and Sunday, April 7, 2024, and Saturday, June 1, 2024 with alternate rain dates of Sunday, June 2, 2024, Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Sunday June 9, 2024, and Saturday, September 14, 2024 with alternate rain dates of Sunday, September 15, 2024, Saturday September 21, 2024 and Sunday, September 22, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Parker Engine & Hose Company No. 4 has met all of the criteria required in Middlesex Borough Ordinance No. 1747-09, with the exception of the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby authorizes Parker Engine & Hose Company No. 4 to conduct a coin toss between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on

Saturday, March 30, 2024 with alternate rain dates of Saturday, April 6, 2024, and Sunday, April 7, 2024, and Saturday, June 1, 2024 with alternate rain dates of Sunday, June 2, 2024, Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Sunday June 9, 2024, and Saturday, September 14, 2024 with alternate rain dates of Sunday, September 15, 2024, Saturday September 21, 2024 and Sunday, September 22, 2024, at the intersections of S. Lincoln Avenue and Route 28, pending receipt of approval from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and filing this approval receipt with the Clerk's Office prior to the events being held.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 90-2024**

**AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING  
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO JRC SOUTH FOR A CONTRACT TERM  
OF APRIL 1, 2024 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
\$10,400.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Middlesex Administration and the Department of Public Works have determined that there is a need for the acquisition of the following goods and services: Heating and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance Services for Middlesex Borough facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, solicitations for quotes were received on February 9, 2024, for Heating and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance Services for Middlesex Borough facilities;

**WHEREAS**, listed below is the only quote received for said project:

JRC South  
318 Maria Drive  
Toms River, NJ  
\$10,400.00/yearly cost

**WHEREAS**, JRC South, Toms River, NJ, is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder;

**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 Department of Public Works Supervisor and Purchasing Agent, the governing body hereby awards the contract for Heating and Air conditioning Preventative Maintenance Services to JRC South for a contract term of April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025.
2. The Governing Body hereby authorizes the mayor to execute the Contract between the Borough of Middlesex and JRC South for Heating and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance Services for Middlesex Borough facilities.

**NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,400.00 will be allocated from the 2024 Operating Budget, Buildings & Grounds - Service Contracts. Account Number 4-01-26-310-000-130.

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Caroline Benson, Treasurer

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 91-2024**

**CANCELLING OFF 1ST & 2ND QTR. 2024 TAXES FOR BLOCK 154 LOT 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Middlesex purchased Block 154 Lot 1, 302 Union Avenue, for the purpose of recreation and park space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Middlesex is tax exempt; and

**THEREFORE**, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel off 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. 2024 taxes in the amounts of \$187.38 and \$1307.48.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 92-2024**

**APPROVING TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION FUNDS FOR BLOCK 70.04, LOT 12**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-54, a lien has been redeemed by the owners or those persons having an interest, and the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to receive redemption funds in the following specific amounts, and;

**WHEREAS**, the interest and payments on the following Tax Title Lien Redemptions were calculated for March 12, 2024, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check to the lien holder in the following amount(s):

Date of Sale: 12/02/20

Block/Lot: 70.04 / 12

Amount: \$2,033.75

Premium: \$600.00

Certificate: 19-00019  
Payable To: Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank  
P.O. Box 774  
Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 93-2024**

**APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) FLIR K-2 THERMAL CAMERA KITS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase (10) FLIR K-2 Thermal Camera Kits under the NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00804 for the Fire Department; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Safety Equipment is under the NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00804 for FLIR K-2 Thermal Camera Kits; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for the purchase of (10) FLIR K-2 Thermal Camera Kits is not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of (10) FLIR K-2 Thermal Camera Kits under NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00804 be and is hereby approved.

The CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 are available in the 2023 Capital - Fire Dept, Account No. C-04-23-095-000-075.

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Caroline Benson, CFO

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 94-2024**

**REFUND OF 1ST QTR. 2024 TAXES ON BLOCK 77, LOT 3**

**WHEREAS**, the property owner of Block 77 Lot 3 has been granted a full Disabled Veteran Exemption as of December 5, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, resolution #45-2024, dated 1/23/2024 cancelled off 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. taxes in the amount of \$3,489.02, and

**WHEREAS**, 1st Qtr. 2024 payment was sent in error via WIRE in the amount of \$1,744.51 and posted on 2/8/2024; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a credit of \$1,744.51, on the tax account for Block 77 Lot 3, and,

**WHEREAS**, the mortgage provider has requested a refund for the error in the payment; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner is entitled to a refund via the mortgage company, and;

**NOW THEREFORE**, a check in the amount of \$1,744.51 should be made payable to:

CoreLogic Refunds Dept.  
PO Box 9202  
Coppell, TX 75019

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 95-2024**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FLIR K65 THERMAL CAMERA KITS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,922.86 UNDER THE NJ STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00804 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase two (2) FLIR K65 Thermal Camera Kits under the NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00804 for the Fire Department; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Safety Equipment is under the NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00804 for FLIR K65 Thermal Camera Kits; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for the purchase of two (2) FLIR K65 Thermal Camera Kits is not to exceed \$21,922.86; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of two (2) FLIR K65 Thermal Camera Kits under NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00804 be and is hereby approved.

The CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$21,922.86 are available in the FY23 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Account No. G-02-25-526-000-101.

Caroline Benson, CFO

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 96-2024**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE USE OF THE SOUTH  
PLAINFIELD FIREARMS RANGE**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Borough of South Plainfield for use of the South Plainfield Firearms Range for a five-year term to commence upon execution by both parties and the receipt of the initial \$2,000 payment being made by the Borough of Middlesex to the South Plainfield Police Department.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 97-2024**

**WAIVING PERMIT FEES FOR PIERCE FIRE COMPANY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF  
THE HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM**

The Governing Body approves waiving the Permit Fees for the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system for the Pierce Fire House at 412 & 416 A Street.

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS**

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 98-2024**

**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.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

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### AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

#### 1. Heather Lane Property Erosion

Mayor Mikolajczyk reported that there was no update on the Heather Lane Property Erosion, but that he spoke with Assemblywoman Matsikoudis to request help to move this matter along. We are also waiting on the weather to cooperate to get the work done by the DPW.

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### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

Mayor Mikolajczyk opening the privilege of the floor on Agenda Workshop items. Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the privilege of the floor on Agenda Workshop items.

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

#### RESOLUTION 99-2024

#### 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 Real Estate - 1190 Mountain Avenue & Creighton Lake; 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.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Robert Dessino, Councilman                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, Carnes, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex |

Real Estate - 1190 Mountain Ave.

Creighton Lake

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting will be March 26, 2024

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC  
Borough Clerk