



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Middlesex, NJ

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7:00 PM

Municipal Building

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ., NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY WAY OF AN ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE TO THE STAR LEDGER, COURIER NEWS AND HOME NEWS, AND POSTED AT BOROUGH HALL.

SALUTE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

Michael La Place Administrator

PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENTS

1. Accepting the Appointment of Bob Sherr as Alternate II to the Board of Health

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

PROCLAMATIONS

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2124-24 by title:

ORDINANCE 2124-24**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 351, SOLID WASTE, SECTION 351-4
PLACEMENT OF GARBAGE IN SUITABLE RECEPTACLES IN THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX
THAT:**

§ 351-4 Placement of garbage in suitable receptacles is amended to read as follows:

The occupant of any residential building or premises covered by the terms of this article shall place, keep and make readily accessible for collection and removal of garbage, ashes and rubbish placed in plastic bags inside covered receptacles with detachable lids, such as may be specified in rules and regulations to be adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex pertaining to the subject matter of this article. No loose garbage, medical waste or debris shall be inside the approved receptacle. Acceptable receptacles are metal or plastic containers with handles and tight-fitting lids weighing less than 50 pounds when filled and not to exceed 44 gallons in size. The use of stand alone plastic bags or cardboard boxes, paper bags, crates, drums, pails, or similar containers as receptacles is not permitted. Garbage in these containers will not be collected. Extraordinary exceptions will be approved solely at the discretion of the Superintendent of the DPW.

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

1. The Governing Body does hereby amend Chapter 351, Solid Waste, Section 351-4 to read as stated above.
2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2124-24. Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2124-24.

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2125-24 by title:

ORDINANCE 2125-24**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE
ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$2,187,600**

THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,658,500 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,187,600, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor, including the sum of \$441,440 grant funds expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and \$87,660 as the down payment for said purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in the Capital Improvement Fund of one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the costs of said improvements or purposes not provided for by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,658,500, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued consist of: (i) acquisition of various equipment for the Police Department, including, but not limited to, a police pickup truck, a police sedan with equipment, police rifles with attachments, tasers with cameras and related equipment, a radar traffic counter, a major disaster enclosed trailer, mobile license plate readers, a casualty throw kit, and light-emitting diode (LED) traffic safety signs; (ii) acquisition of various equipment for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), including, but not limited to, a portable radio and alert pagers with chargers and batteries; (iii) equipment maintenance and acquisitions for the Fire Department, including, but not limited to, turnout/swift water gear, Truck #24 paint repair, an air compressor, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), uniforms, and a utility truck; (iv) acquisition of a pickup truck and Truck #8 steel body replacement for the Road Department; (v) acquisition of various equipment and improvements for the Parks Department, including, but not limited to, fence repair and replacement, replacement benches/tables/garbage cans, a replacement mower, and a pickup truck; (vi) acquisition of various equipment for the Department of Senior & Disabled Services, including, but not limited to, tables and a sedan for medical transports; (vii) various equipment acquisitions and upgrades for the Recreation Department, including, but not limited to, soccer goals/nets, a Christmas display, playground equipment upgrade, and locked equipment boxes; (viii) various acquisitions for and improvements to the Public Library, including, but not limited to, digitization of the Middlesex Chronicle, new lighting in the children's room, and new staff and patron computers; (ix) various acquisitions and improvements for the Buildings and Grounds Department, including, but not limited to, building maintenance, replacement windows for the Public Works Garage, duct cleaning and repair for Borough buildings, defibrillators for Borough buildings, epoxy floor for the Public Works Garage, and above ground fuel tanks; (x) road improvements to Seneca Avenue,

First Street and Second Street, including, but not limited to, milling and overlay; (xi) various information technology (IT) acquisitions, services and upgrades, including, but not limited to, new computers, backup services, identification card machines, and firewall renewals and upgrades; (xii) acquisition of a jet vac vehicle for the Sewer Department; (xiii) a landscaping study at Victor Crowell Lake; (xiv) an engineering study/historical preservation at Lincoln Park; and (xv) various administrative work, including, but not limited to, property revaluation, digitization of various municipal records, and renovation plans for the Municipal Building, together with all purposes necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with contracts, plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Clerk, as finally approved by the governing body of the Borough.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$1,658,500, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$2,187,600, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor. The excess of the appropriation of \$2,187,600 over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of said \$87,660 down payment for said purposes, and the sum of \$441,440 grant funds expected to be received from the NJDOT for said road improvements to Seneca Avenue, First Street and Second Street.

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

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the amount of the obligations authorized for said purposes, according to the reasonable life

thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10.55 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such Statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,658,500 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2125-24.

John Madden, 39 Ramsey Rd, questioned if it was a matching grant and where the location for the use of the funds would be. He also questioned if Dunellen would be contributing financially at all.

Seeing that there was no further public participation, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2125-24.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex
ABSTAIN:	Carnes

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2126-24 by title:

ORDINANCE 2126-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 320 (REGISTRATION, LANDLORD) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO CLARIFY CERTAIN COMPLIANCE DATES

WHEREAS, the existing Chapter 320 titled "Registration, Landlord" requires amendment to function more effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex have previously amended this ordinance to clarify certain terms; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex desires to further amend Chapter 320 to provide additional clarification concerning certain ; 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 Chapter 367 of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

Section I

Section 320-1(g) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

The registration of a rental unit shall remain valid for that same calendar year. Upon expiration of a rental unit's registration, the owner shall be required to re-register as outlined in this chapter for each yearly renewal cycle. Renewal applications shall be due by the 31st of ~~January~~ March of each year beginning in 2025, and upon prompt payment and, subject to any necessary inspections as outlined by this chapter, a registration certificate shall be issued.

The 2024 Due Date shall be August 31, 2024, and violations/fines for 2024 will be assessed for each dwelling unit pursuant to the following schedule:

- a. September 1, 2024 - \$500
- b. October 1, 2024 - \$1,000
- c. November 1, 2024 - \$2,000 & monthly thereafter

Section II

Section 320-1(i) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

Violations/fines for noncompliance in accordance with Section 320-4.c shall be issued for each dwelling unit beginning on ~~February~~ **April** 1 of each calendar year starting in 2025 pursuant to the following schedule:

- a. April 1 - \$500
- b. May 1 - \$1,000
- c. June 1 - \$2,000 & monthly thereafter

Section III

Section 320-1(j) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

The Borough shall send notice of the need for registration and payment to all existing registered rental units by ~~October~~ **January** 31st of each year.

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. 2126-24.

Gene Hanania, Lincoln Blvd, expressed his concerns on the effects the Ordinance would have on Landlords and the financial strain this would create. He also stated that the need for continual inspections was not needed.

William Vogt, 375 Lincoln Blvd, stated that there should not be any fees for 2024. He also asked for clarification on whether an owner occupied unit would be charged. He expressed his concerns over the fees charged and the inspections required.

Seeing that there was no further public participation, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2126-24.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex
NAYS:	Carnes

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2128-24 by title:

ORDINANCE 2128-24

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE SALARY RANGE OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

TITLE	SALARY	RANGE
Full Time Employees		
Chief of Police	\$180,000	\$250,000
Borough Administrator	\$125,000	\$180,000
Borough Clerk/Registrar	\$70,000	\$110,000
Deputy Borough Clerk	\$50,000	\$70,000
Purchasing Agent/Administrative Clerk	\$50,000	\$70,000
Chief Financial Officer	\$80,000	\$125,000
Deputy Treasurer	\$50,000	\$80,000
Tax Collector	\$70,000	\$90,000
Deputy Tax Collector	\$50,000	\$70,000
Finance/Tax Clerk	\$40,000	\$55,000
HR Manager/Payroll Manager	\$50,000	\$75,000
DPW Superintendent	\$100,000	\$130,000
DPW Assistant Superintendent	\$85,000	\$100,000
Zoning Officer/Code Enforcer	\$65,000	\$80,000
Recreation/Office on Aging Director	\$70,000	\$90,000
Recreation Program Coordinator	\$45,000	\$60,000
Court Administrator	\$60,000	\$80,000
Court Deputy Administrator	\$50,000	\$65,000
Court Violations Clerk	\$40,000	\$55,000
Senior Certified Technical Assistant	\$55,000	\$75,000
Certified Technical Assistant	\$45,000	\$60,000
Senior Administrative Assistant	\$50,000	\$65,000
Administrative Assistant	\$40,000	\$55,000
Police Administrative Assistant	\$50,000	\$70,000
Senior Police Records Clerk	\$45,000	\$65,000
Police Records Clerk	\$40,000	\$60,000
Part Time Employees		
Assistant Recreation Coordinator	\$12,000	\$15,000
Recreation Committee Secretary	\$1,000	\$1,500
Tax Assessor	\$20,000	\$45,000
Code Enforcer/Zoning Official	\$45,000	\$65,000
Construction Official	\$15,000	\$35,000

Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$15,000	\$20,000
Building Sub-Code Official	\$15,000	\$20,000
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$15,000	\$25,000
Fire Sub-Code Official	\$12,000	\$18,000
Planning/Zoning Clerk (per meeting)	\$200	\$400
Shade Tree Secretary	\$2,000	\$3,000
Juvenile Conference Committee Secretary	\$2,000	\$3,000
Municipal Magistrate	\$35,000	\$50,000

Hourly Employees	Per Hour	Per Hour
Administrative Clerk	\$17.00	\$22.00
Construction/Code Inspectors	\$15.00	\$20.00
ReSale Certificate Inspector	\$15.00	\$18.00
DPW Laborer	\$15.00	\$20.00
Senior Dept Non CDL Driver	\$18.00	\$25.00
Senior Dept CDL Driver	\$22.00	\$28.00
Pre-School Program Supervisor	\$18.00	\$22.00
Pre-School Program Instructor	\$15.00	\$20.00
Playground Coordinator (Seasonal)	\$20.00	\$24.00
Playground Site Supervisor (Seasonal)	\$17.00	\$22.00
Playground Counselor (Seasonal)	\$15.00	\$18.00
Police Matrons	\$15.00	\$20.00
Crossing Guards	\$15.00	\$20.00
Custodian	\$15.00	\$20.00

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2128-24. Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2128-24.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the June 11, 2024 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

Mayor Mikolajczyk expressed his condolences for the passing of Ed Benson.

A moment of silence was observed for Ed Benson.

- Thanks Lenny and DPW for your work.
- The Council was debriefed on the events that occurred at the Firemen's Carnival, discussion has been made and plans are in motion to allow for the Carnival to continue in a safe manner in the future.
- At the last Board of Health meeting, discussion on the contract was had.
- The next Pillar of Middlesex will be in July.
- The Letters for Landlord Registration have been mailed out.
- Updates to the website have been made.
- I attended a podcast with the Chief about Middlesex Borough.
- Congratulations to all the students who graduated last week.

Mayor Mikolajczyk asked for a consensus from Council to allow Victor the Rock Snake to return every year on a continual basis.

Consensus was received for the continual return of the Rock Snake.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Conahan

Councilman Conahan made the following comments:

- I want to extend my deepest condolences to the entire Benson family on the recent passing of Ed Benson. Ed spent most of his life in Middlesex and dedicated many, many hours volunteering in town, primarily on the Zoning Board. A Board near and dear to me, where I got my start, Ed spent an incredible 26 years on the Zoning Board with approximately 20 of those as the Chairman which is truly unprecedented.
- Finally, some good news regarding grant awards: we received a \$65,000 local Recreation Improvement grant from the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs, designated for improvements to the Cook Field Playground. This will replace the approximate \$55,000 spent on Heather Lane, that originally was earmarked for this playground from the sale of Daisy Park to the US Army Corp of Engineers. Thanks to all involved in securing these grant funds.
- I am very pleased to announce that our next "Pillar of Middlesex" award will go to Jim Grimm at our July 23rd Council Meeting at 7pm. Jim is our long-time manager of our Community Swim Pool and is celebrating his 41st year at the pool. Please come and support Jim on July 23rd for all that he has done for our Pool.
- Thank you once again to our OEM and Library for coordinating and hosting "You are the help until help arrives" specialized training for our Summer Camp Counselors in the Rec Dept.
- Our schools finished the year this past Thursday.
- Thank you to all of our first responders.
- The Parks Committee is waiting for the Victor Crowel Park RFP process to end and then Administrator La Place, who is on vacation this week, will meet with the Parks Committee to review proposals and move forward.
- Upgrades to Mountain View Park, including new bathrooms, and a new playground - both of which are over 30 years old- should start in September.
- Our library offers tons of summer programming - I encourage everyone to check out the Library's website. For adults, there was a workshop to learn how to plant a butterfly garden. Upcoming is "Zoom Paint and Sip" on July 8th from 7-8pm on zoom. For kids each week there is: Toddler Time and Family Storytime every Monday. Stage and Story as well as Crafternoons every Tuesday. On Thursdays there is Stage and Story, Paws to Read with Clifford and Pajama Storytime on zoom. Makerspace happens every Friday. Special events include: interactive movie, E. T. on 7/10 at 1pm, Bolloun twisting on 7/18 at 12:30 and 2:15, the Magic of Conrad on 7/24 at 3pm, international snack tasting on 7/31 at 2pm, Zoophoria Animal Show on 8/1 at 1pm, and Stuffed Animal Camp Library on 8/14 at 5pm. All of these special children events require registration prior on the Library website, lots going on at the Library!

- I'm happy to see Victor the Rock Snake back in the Park, thanks Ann Marie.
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Councilman Carnes

Councilman Carnes made the following comments:

- The Culture and Arts Committee received a \$1,000 donation.
 - The next Color and Flowers festival will be held in 2025.
 - Murals will be done around town.
 - The Film Committee is discussing how to get more exposure for the Borough.
 - Happy Campers started in Recreation.
 - Congratulations to Jim Grimm.
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Councilman Dessino

Councilman Dessino made the following comments:

- JLUB will meet tomorrow.
 - The Environmental Commission are trying to form a Green Team.
 - Fencing was installed at the Baseball and Softball field.
 - DPW supplied concrete for the High School Seniors to sign.
 - Concrete work has been done at Borough Hall.
 - The Municipal Buildings have been power washed.
 - DPW has had issues with roots in the sewers recently.
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Councilman Dotey

Councilman Dotey made the following comments:

- Highlights of the Shade Tree Report.
 - Highlights of the Police Report.
 - Highlights of the Fire Report.
 - Highlights of the Court Report.
 - 2 new officers have started within the Police Department.
 - OEM hosted a personalized counselor training program for Summer Playground staff and have 3 new members of the Cadet program coming in tonight.
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Councilman Quinn

Councilman Quinn made the following comments:

The County has received the current contract for Board of Health.

Councilman Rex

No report was given.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikolajczyk read Administrator La Place's report into the record:

1. Earlier this evening was the hearing for the Middlesex Borough 2024 Capital Plan. A sincere thank you to Chief Financial Officer Caroline Benson for her fine work on the plan and for coordinating all the requests from the departments as well as addressing questions from the Mayor and Council.

2. Introduced on June 11th and set for a hearing on July 23rd is the proposed rezoning of surplus municipal property, Block 306, Lot 17, a parcel of land on the northwesterly corner of W. Pershing and Madison avenues. The Borough intends to rezone the site from MUN, Municipal to R-50, One Family Residential in order to sell the land for residential development.
3. During the Agenda Workshop this evening, the proposed Tree Ordinance, mandated by the state DEP, will be discussed. Staff is looking to clarify the specific issues that Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has with our current "shade tree" ordinance, in advance of the upcoming council discussion on this matter. It has been suggested that the ordinance be revised as little as possible, so we will be considering the minimal changes required for us to conform to the DEP.

An amendment to the Massage Ordinance will also be discussed during tonight's workshop session.

4. Council resolutions on the agenda this evening include approvals for various property owner sewer fee appeals and waivers, the approval of the members of this summer's recreation playground staff and the approval for advancement of Middlesex Police Department officers April Menditto and Christian Dulin.
5. Concerning the Bound Brook Road/Route 28 Streetscape Beautification project, PSEG wiring is complete for all the fixtures and one of the new streetlights will be replaced after being damaged by a car.
6. Executive Session this evening will involve the discussion of real estate located at 1190 Mountain Avenue and litigation regarding Creighton Lake.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Ann Marie Kleiber, 116 Chestnut St, thanked the Council for approving the use of Victor Crowel Park for the Rock Snake location.

Michelle Tackach, 149 Benard Place, expressed her concerns with updating the Court Room wall of Mayors with a photo of Past Mayor DiMura and urged the Council to reconsider putting his photo up.

Elizabeth Spencer, 172 Misty Lane, expressed her concerns over the impact that placing Mayor DiMura's photo would have on the community and urged the Council to not update the wall with his photo.

Kristie Tackach, 149 Benart Place, stated that Mayor DiMura's photo should not be placed on the wall and expressed her concerns over showing recognition for him.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, asked the Council to clarify the reasoning that certain properties were having their sewer fees waived in Resolution 185-2024. He expressed his concerns over approving a resolution that the Council are questioning.

John Madden, 39 Ramsey Road, expressed his condolences on Ed Benson and spoke upon his participation of the Zoning Board. He also thanked the DPW for all their work while in the heat and humidity.

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

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
AYES:	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 184-2024

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the May 2024 Police Report.
2. Acceptance of the May 2024 Fire Report.
3. Acceptance of the May 2024 Fire Chief Report.
4. Acceptance of the May 2024 Court Report.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 185-2024

AUTHORIZING WAIVED/ADJUSTED SEWER CHARGES FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES

- Item Removed from Consent

WHEREAS, As per Ordinance 2067-22, all users which discharge more than 100,000 gallons of domestic sanitary wastewater per annum, shall be charged a service charge for flow, and:

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

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

WHEREAS, account holders submitted prior successful appeals and 2023 usage is comparable to the prior approved appeals, and

WHEREAS, as per Ordinance 2067-22, was amended to specify “each dwelling unit within a two- family, multi-family , apartment house, condominium complex, townhouse complex, commercial building, or other residential building shall be One Service Unit”, and

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

Block/Lot: 339/25
Original Amount: \$194.98
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 5/12
Original Amount: \$85,628.94
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 262/1.01
Original Amount: \$823.26
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 62/19
Original Amount: \$194.98
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 29/5
Original Amount: \$108.32
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 295/10.01
Original Amount: \$108.32
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 114/9
Original Amount: \$64.99
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 245/1
Original Amount: \$44,490.81
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 145/11
Original Amount: \$519.96
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 124/4
Original Amount: \$335.81
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 6/2.02
Original Amount: \$14,193.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 104/19.01
Original Amount: \$173.72

Block/Lot:314/9
Original Amount: \$346.64
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 104/18
Original Amount: \$649.95
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 116/15
Original Amount: \$574.12
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:116/13
Original Amount: \$151.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86.02/22
Original Amount: \$184.15
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 22.04/3.27
Original Amount: \$75.83
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 110/12
Original Amount: \$595.79
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 344/3
Original Amount: \$89,555.72
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 157/15
Original Amount: \$129.99
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 108/14
Original Amount: \$194.98
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 284/1/C0001
Original Amount: \$75.83
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 256/6
Original Amount: \$119.16
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 256/3
Original Amount: \$563.28
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 255/22
Original Amount: \$281.61
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 259/1
Original Amount: \$281.61
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 209/2
Original Amount: \$4,885.44
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 72/3.04
Original Amount: \$43.32
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 81/13
Original Amount: \$584.95
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 52/21
Original Amount: \$400.80
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 114/11
Original Amount: \$21.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 209/53
Original Amount: \$454.96
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 70.04/11
Original Amount: \$725.78
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 122/13
Original Amount: \$86.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 313/33
Original Amount: \$75.83
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 179/1
Original Amount: \$1,169.91

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 209/73

Original Amount: \$162.48

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 109/1

Original Amount:\$314.14

New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot: 206/1

Original Amount: \$10.84

New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot: 349/9.01/X

Original Amount: \$54,876.42

New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot: 224/9.01

Original Amount: \$1,364.89

New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot: 279/1

Original Amount: \$8,449.35

New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot: 204/1

Original Amount:\$11,743.42

New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:204/1

Original Amount:\$10,884.94

New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot: 204/1

Original Amount:\$6,228.69

New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:204/1

Original Amount: \$9,521.75

New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:55/32

Original Amount:\$628.28

New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot: 86/6.01/C0006

Original Amount: \$324.97

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 295/31
Original Amount: \$21.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 22.03/3.25
Original Amount: \$1,841.52
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 310/29
Original Amount: \$996.59
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 279/1
Original Amount: \$4,094.68
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 44/17
Original Amount: \$259.98
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 204/1
Original Amount: \$8,384.35
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 204/1
Original Amount: \$5,632.89
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 207/1
Original Amount: \$953.26
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 75/4.01
Original Amount: \$151.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 7.04/6
Original Amount: \$292.48
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 124/11
Original Amount: \$86.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:55/29
Original Amount:\$151.66
New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot:70.10/3
Original Amount:\$1,213.24
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:166/37
Original Amount:\$194.98
New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot:13/35.01
Original Amount:\$433.30
New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot:265/13
Original Amount:\$249.14
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:204/1
Original Amount:\$12,646.61
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:87/21
Original Amount:\$32.50
New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot: 3 Van Ness
Original Amount:4,322.16
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot: 4.01/8
Original Amount: \$465.80
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 256/28
Original Amount: \$747.44
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86.06/6
Original Amount: \$194.98
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 312/27
Original Amount: \$1,007.97
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 109/8
Original Amount: \$1,039.92
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 109/10
Original Amount: \$32.50
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86.05/4
Original Amount: \$10.84
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 293/3.02
Original Amount: \$1,419.06
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 312/24
Original Amount: \$981.21
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:25/19
Original Amount: \$270.82
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:188/7
Original Amount: \$194.98
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:87/24
Original Amount:\$ 563.28
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:71.01/17.01
Original Amount:\$704.11
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:6/2.02
Original Amount: \$20,211.96
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:204/1
Original Amount: \$12,584.01
New Amount:\$0.00

Block/Lot:204/1
Original Amount: \$3,531.39
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:123/10
Original Amount: \$530.80
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:255/17
Original Amount:\$422.46
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:265/11
Original Amount:\$823.26
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot:40/48
Original Amount:\$888.26
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:52/23
Original Amount: \$400.80
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:323/56
Original Amount: \$32.50
New Amount:\$ 0.00

Block/Lot: 215/1
Original Amount: \$465.80
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 307/30
Original Amount: \$1,461.67
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 111/9
Original Amount: \$433.30
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:113/9
Original Amount: \$368.30
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:320/1.01
Original Amount: \$108.32
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:79/5.01
Original Amount: \$151.66
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:104/6
Original Amount: \$205.82

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86/22

Original Amount: \$541.62

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:150/12

Original Amount: \$584.95

New Amount: \$0.00

RESULT:	TABLED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/23/2024 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President	
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman	
AYES:	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 186-2024

APPROVAL OF THE 2024 SEWER BILLING WAIVED APPEALS FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES - *Item Removed from Consent*

WHEREAS, As per Ordinance 2067-22, all users which discharge more than 100,000 gallons of domestic sanitary wastewater per annum, shall be charged a service charge for flow, and;

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

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

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

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

Block/Lot: 99/44.03

Original Amount: \$574.12

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 167.01/8

Original Amount: \$400.80

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 22/3.08
Original Amount: \$54.16
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 70.06/5
Original Amount: \$173.32
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 81/14.01
Original Amount: \$964.09
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 263/43
Original Amount: \$411.64
New Amount: \$0.00
Refund Due: 411.64

Block/Lot: 165/29
Original Amount: \$32.50
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 22.02/2
Original Amount: \$119.16
New Amount: \$0.00

RESULT:	TABLED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/23/2024 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President	
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman	
AYES:	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 187-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTIONS FOR
BLOCK 362.01 LOT 1**

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 June 25, 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: 11/16/2023
Block/Lot: 362.01 / 1
Amount: \$104,445.21
Premium: \$75,000.00
Certificate: 22-00009
Payable To: Xueliang Zhu 248 Brower Ct. West New York, NJ 07093

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 188-2024

APPROVAL OF SUMMER PLAYGROUND STAFF FOR 2024

The Governing Body hereby approves the hiring of the 2024 Summer Playground Staff listed below and agrees to pay these employees the hourly rate indicated.

Michelle Melchiorre	312 Raphael Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Supervisor	\$21.50
Declan Swain	9 Garden Place, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$18.00
Julianna Rosati	645 Voorhees Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Parker Parisi	120 Nutwood Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Ciara Canty	292 Harris Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Ava Sviderskis-Carroll		Counselor	\$15.13
Zia Picone	23 Field Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807	Counselor	\$15.13
Aidan Kozak	110 Wagner Street, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Miley Stout	58 Shady Lane, Bound Brook, NJ 08805	Counselor	\$15.13
Daniel Ianiero	312 Raphael Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Dylan Ianiero	312 Raphael Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Daniel Kannaley	37 Whitney Drive, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Matthew Filik	222 Fairview Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13

Sarah Tiedemann	216 Shepherd Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Camren Robinson	405 Lorraine Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Rylee Garrison	200 Giles Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13
Colton Lyerly	608 Lorraine Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	Counselor	\$15.13

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 189-2024

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that the disbursing officers be and they are hereby authorized to draw checks, charged against Group Insurance for Employees from the period January 2024 through June 2024, as follows:

John Anello 108 Howard Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,247.40	Kathleen Anello 108 Howard Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$873.50
James L Benson 445 Harris Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20	Patricia A Benson 445 Harris Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20
Cynthia Chomen 10 Oswego Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20	Anthony Cole 900 Rolling Hills Ln Neshanic Station, NJ 08853	\$1,048.20
Susan Cole 900 Rolling Hills Ln Neshanic Station, NJ	\$1,048.20	Dorothy Coren 20 Mead Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$552.50

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Joseph Coren 20 Mead Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$891.50	Francis DeNick 59 Marlborough Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,467.60
Debra DeVuyst 148 Turner Rd Sugar Run, PA 18846	\$989.40	Kenneth DeVuyst 148 Turner Rd Sugar Run, PA 18846	\$1,048.20
Dennis Donatelli 7 June Way Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20	Kathy Donatelli 7 June Way Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20
Michele Lella Echols 195 Shafer Ave Phillipsburg, NJ 08865- 2414	\$1,048.20	John Fuhrmann 38 Whitney Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$813.00
Sheila Fuhrmann 38 Whitney Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$813.00	John Giuliano 339 Second St Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$578.40
John A Haverstick 771 County Rt 16 Mexico, NY 13114- 3193	\$1,020.60	Michael Jesionka 517 Beechwood Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$232.93
Charlie Nash 13 Homestead Terrace Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	\$989.40	Jerome Nowak 6544 North Kennedy Ave Fresno, CA 93720	\$578.40
Kevin Reilly 436 Giles Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,020.60	Erica Schaefer 58 Joe-Ent Rd Flemington, NJ 08822	\$629.40
Jerry Schaefer 58 Joe-Ent Rd Flemington, NJ 08822	\$629.40	Maureen Schaefer 58 Joe-Ent Rd Flemington, NJ 08822	\$813.00
Robert Schwarz 265 Fountain St	\$1,020.60	Charles Sebastian 512 Clinton Ave	\$768.00

Port Charlotte, FL
33953

Middlesex, NJ 08846

James Smith
7 Center Pl
Middlesex, NJ 08846

\$873.50

James Tolomeo
45 Myrtle Ct
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

\$629.40

Rita Wahler
16 Fitzsimmons Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

\$599.40

Roger Wahler
16 Fitzsimmons Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

\$629.40

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 190-2024

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER APRIL MENDITTO TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "H" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$69,130 EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2024

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

WHEREAS, On June 19, 2024 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer April Menditto be advanced in grade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Police Officer April Menditto be and is hereby advanced in grade to Patrolman Class "H" effective July 13, 2024 at an annual salary of \$69,130.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 191-2024

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER CHRISTIAN DULIN TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "H" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$69,130 EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2024

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

WHEREAS, On June 19, 2024 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer Christian Dulin be advanced in grade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Police Officer Christian Dulin be

and is hereby advanced in grade to Patrolman Class "H" effective July 13, 2024 at an annual salary of \$69,130.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 192-2024

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER
THE SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSON/VETERAN TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR BLOCK
302, LOT 29**

WHEREAS, certain Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons/Veterans were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2023, and

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

WHEREAS, the property has a recorded deed date of 3/8/2024, and;

THEREFORE, the Tax Collector has disallowed the following Senior Citizen/Disabled Person/Veteran deduction for the 2024 year totaling \$204.82.

Name: Mazariegos, Carlos G & Mirna E
Block/Lot: 302 / 29
Amount: \$204.82
Reason: Sale of property 3/8/2024
Year: 2024

NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 193-2024

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.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn, Rex
ABSTAIN:	Carnes

AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

1. Massage Ordinance Amendment

The Borough Clerk clarified the recommended amendments to the Massage Ordinance, Chapter 272, requested by the Police Department

- Proof of Incorporating Documentation must be included in application
 - Owner must be a licensed massage therapist in NJ
 - Specific documentation required to provide identity (including age) & residence,
 - Therapist must provide NJ Licensure Certificate & be fingerprinted by PD each year
 - Police Department now will be included in the initial approval of applications and also in the annual renewal of the license
 - Police Department will conduct inspections of each establishment not less than twice a year
- A consensus of Council was obtained to introduce an Ordinance to amend Chapter 272 (Massage and Bodywork Therapy Establishments) at the July 23, 2024 Council Meeting.

2. Tree Ordinance Amendment

Borough Clerk discussed the tree ordinance amendment that is required by the DEP.

- All amendments made to this ordinance were mandatory DEP language (refer to email of C. Corsini dated June 7, 2024) with exception of Section IV, where the DBH was changed from 8 inches to 4 inches which is sample suggested language by DEP
- The ordinance must include DEP preferred measurement which is considered DBH (diameter at breast height) rather than DPM (disc Pasteur measure)
- Ordinance must designate that restrictions apply to all Privately-owned trees, whether commercial or residential. Privately owned trees must be subject to regulations for removal and replacement

Council discussed the minimum measurement of the tree to be removed and decided to allow for the largest possible diameter to be required.

Council stated their intentions to exclude the need for a permit and fee for the removal of dead trees and how it should be noted in the revised Ordinance.

The recommendation made by the Environmental Commission for the maximum enforcement allowed was acknowledged by Council.

Discussion on who the enforcement officer would be and what training would be required was made.

Council decided no fee should be charged for a permit for removal, and the fees that should be charged for the replacement of trees into the Tree Replacement Fund should change as the price for planting changes.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Privilege of the Floor on Agenda Workshop Items for anyone wishing to comment.

John Madden, 39 Ramsey Rd, commented on the additional costs the Borough would incur if there was a natural disaster and the need for a clause to be put into the Ordinance about it.

Seeing that there were no further comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Privilege of the Floor on Agenda Workshop Items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 194-2024

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 & Potential Litigation 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.

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

Real Estate - 1190 Mountain Avenue

Potential Litigation - Lake Creighton

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be July 23, 2024

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk