



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Middlesex, NJ

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Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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:

Michael La Place Administrator
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen of the Year - Barbara Benson

Mayor Mikolajczyk spoke on the achievements and service Barbara has exhibited throughout the years and recognized her service and accomplishments, such as spearheading the First Awareness Campaign and Volunteer Fair for 2024. Being Captain and Administrator for the Office of Emergency Management and being an active member of the Fire Police and Swim Pool Commission and a member of the Middlesex Community Advisory Panel (CAP) - Veolia.

Barbara Benson expressed her gratitude for all in attendance tonight and her joy for the recognition of this award. She spoke about the need for volunteers and what has driven her to be so involved in the community and why she is so dedicated to the Borough and Volunteerism itself. Barbara talked about the steps that need to be taken in order to get more residents involved with the community, stating that Volunteers are the Backbone of the Borough. She also gave an overview of the Volunteer Initiative.

2. Middlesex Community Pool

Mark Kranz from the Swim Pool Commission gave a presentation on the Swim Pool Mural Project:

The murals will be painted on the pool building and the entrance of the pool to help draw in residents and make the facility more recognizable. The project will be painted by 5 art students. Mr. Kranz gave a description of the proposed paintings made from the students, of which has been approved by the Commission already. The estimated costs are between \$1,000 and \$1,500. The front entrance mural will be done first, which can be painted while the facility is open. The Commission is looking into possibly sealing the murals and anti-graffiti materials.

Mr. Kranz asked for a consensus to move forward with the mural project. Consensus was received.

3. Citations - Councilman Rex & Councilman Quinn

Mayor Mikolajczyk gave an overview of the accomplishments of Councilman Rex and Councilman Quinn during their service and thanked them for their time and efforts in serving Middlesex.

Councilman Rex made the following comments:

Good Evening Everybody;

I sit here Grateful and full of Humility.

As I begin, I need to say to the Mayor, Council, Business Administrator and the Administration staff, how much I appreciated their support during the past 12 months.

Even though I had been part of the gallery of citizens attending Council meetings, my first months of being a new Councilman were challenging. The budget of the Fire Department needed a large amount of money to replace masks and oxygen bottles that were going to expire. Based on my manufacturing knowledge, I recommended taking an inventory, and ordering only what was needed. I suggested that they split future orders into groups so that the inventory didn't expire at the same time.

The Borough Swim Pool Commission started construction of the lap pools. The gate near the pool, at the end of Market Street was opened and never closed upon completion of the project. Historically the gate was open during the school year and then closed when school ended. The residents on Market Street were upset with pool members parking on Market Street and blocking their driveways. Signage was placed on Market Street, but it was ignored. Google was unwilling to change the pools address which might have directed more cars into the High School Parking lot.

I worked with another Councilman to install a new gate. In recent years, complaining residents moved away and the gate remains open. I regret that our efforts did not resolve the situation.

As a Councilman, I was happy to be part of the conservative body that was able to start to restore the Borough Surplus. I also supported bringing our Police Force back up to 35 officers.

Last, but not least, I was happy to be part of the commission that was involved in choosing a company that's creating the design and improvements to make Victor Crowell Park even better for our Middlesex Borough Community.

I am humbled that the citizens of this town have elected me to be their voice, at Borough events and Council Meetings. Thank you for supporting me for my 6 years.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Accepting the Resignation of Steve Greco from the Recreation Committee

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 2139-24 by title:

ORDINANCE 2139-24**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 247 (DEVELOPMENT FEES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO RECONFIGURE CHAPTER ORDER**

WHEREAS, Middlesex Borough has previously adopted Ordinance No. 2101-23 to adopt development fees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's code aggregation vendor has recommended a reordering of the code;

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

SECTION I.

Chapter 247 (Development Fees) shall be reordered and redesignated as Chapter 180.

SECTION II.

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

SECTION III.

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 IV.

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. 2139-24. Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2139-24.

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 2140-24 by title:

ORDINANCE 2140-24

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

TITLE	SALARY	RANGE
Full Time Employees		
Recreation/Office on Aging Director	\$70,000	\$95,000
Recreation Clerk	\$40,000	\$55,000
Part Time Employees		
Parks Committee Secretary	\$1,000	\$1,500
Code Enforcer/Zoning Official	\$30,000	\$60,000
Hourly Employees	Per Hour	Per Hour
Recreation Program Coordinator	\$24.00	\$28.00

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Approval of the November 26, 2024 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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

2. Approval of the December 2, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

- Thank you Claire, for the hard work you did this year.
- The past Mayors photo's are up on the wall, the goal is not to change history but to record it.
- Thank you DPW, the decorations are well done.
- Thank you Martin and Doug for your service to the Borough.

Drones

- I attended a meeting in Trenton, where no new information was shared.
- The Chief of Police attended a meeting hosted by the White House.
- More than 1 million drones are legally registered.
- The FBI has received 5,000 reports on drones the last few weeks, 190 of which were worth following up on, all of which were legal.
- No public safety or national security threats at this time.
- The FBI are utilizing Geo Spatial Tracking to aide in the tracking of the drones.
- If you are concerned, please contact the Police to follow up.

Cedar Ave Crossing

- The meeting at the tracks hosted about 30 people from various entities, including the County, Conrail, NJ Transit and the NJ DOT.
- The short term and intermediate term plans have been implemented.
- The long term plan will be to raise the tracks, however it will take several years to get the funding for this project.
- Timing of lights and additional signage has been discussed.
- Restriping will occur.
- We will continue to pursue this matter.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Conahan

Council President Conahan made the following comments:

- Congratulations to Barbara Benson for being our first “Citizen of the Year” in over 5 years. Barbara is Middlesex royalty. She is an absolute treasure. She is a wealth of knowledge. She is caring, compassionate, organized and is always willing to step up and help out with anything and everything. Thank you, Barbara, for all that you do for Middlesex!
 - Thank you Mark and the entire Swim Pool Commission for your mural presentation. I look forward to seeing the finished product.
 - A big thank you to our entire Fire Department, all 4 fire houses, for this past Saturday’s annual Santa Run. Thank you to all of our firefighters. In addition, thank you to our OEM and Fire Police who also helped and participated.
 - Congratulations to Ken Bartok for being reelected Fire Chief as well as his leadership team: Sean Young and Eric Chomen. Congrats!
 - Excellent job to Melissa DeMarino and her entire recreation team for a wonderful festival on December 7th. Thanks to all the vendors and volunteers who helped make it happen. Additional thanks go to our Fire Department who managed the bonfire for the entire event, OEM who helped throughout and operated a much needed warming station, and DPW who prepped the entire park, which looked great. Thank you Lenny and your team for wrapping our new street lamps on Route 28 with holiday lights, plus Victor Crowell Park, the Gazebo looks fantastic this year. Thanks again Lenny.
 - The Library is planning to open its History room on January 23rd at 6pm.
 - I found out yesterday that our Police Department coordinated 12 community policing initiatives this year, spearheaded by Sergeant Joleen Auricchio, including collecting and donating almost 8,000lbs of food supporting the Middlesex County REPLENISH Program - very impressive!
 - Parks Committee - the newly appointed engineering firm, Suburban, attended our meeting 2 weeks ago and laid out the process for the Victor Crowell Park Master Plan. More to come.
 - On the Borough website under “Latest News” on the home page, there is a 2025 NJDEP Green Acres survey specific to how we can improve Victor Crowell Park. Please take a couple of minutes to complete it.
 - I want to recognize the contributions of Councilman Doug Rex over the last 6 years, as well as Councilman Martin Quinn over the last 4.5 years.
 - Doug, you were battle tested from your first day because year one (2019) was DiMura’s last. Despite your recent health challenges, you were a consistent and positive driving force for many of us. You’re witty sense of humor is priceless.
 - Martin, you are “Mr. Dependable”. Aside from your trip to England, you attended every meeting. You are the biggest reason, over the last 3 years, that our BOH is successfully contracted with Somerset County, effective January 1st. There were other accomplishments, like tabling the Daisy Park to the Army Corp resolution, which was instrumental in getting the Army Corp back to the table. Plus, everything you did to lead the committee to revise the rental registration program - job well done.
 - Both of you, thank you, because this job is as thankless as it gets. Your commitment of hundreds of hours of your personal time will not be forgotten. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
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Councilman Carnes

Councilman Carnes made the following comments:

- Congratulations Barbara. She was a great selection for this award.
 - Changes need to be made in the following year to Councilmatic Committees, no meeting were held between himself and administration.
 - Thank you to Councilman Rex and Councilman Quinn for your service and dedication.
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Councilman Dessino

Councilman Dessino made the following comments:

- Congratulations Barbara.
 - Thank you Martin and Doug for your service.
 - Thank you Lenny for your hard work.
 - The Environmental Resource Inventory is being worked on.
 - The Green Team is in the process of applying for the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Cert.
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Councilman Dotey

Councilman Dotey made the following comments:

- Highlights of the Fire Report.
 - Highlights of the Court Report.
 - Highlights of the Police Report.
 - Thank you to Councilman Quinn and Councilman Rex, you have my appreciation and respect.
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Councilman Quinn

Councilman Quinn made the following comments:

Councilman Quinn expressed his gratitude over the support he received from the residents, Mayor and Council and his family throughout his service as Councilman, thanking all involved.

Councilman Rex

Councilman Rex made the following comments:

Councilman Rex expressed his concerns over the need to keep the Victor Crowell Park bridge green, the improvement of the 9-11 memorial and the deterrent of geese at the park when reviewing the master plan.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Congratulations to Barbara Benson, our Citizen of the Year. I always appreciate her warm smile, positive attitude and all that she does for Middlesex.

And I would like to personally thank Councilman Rex and Quinn for their support and for their service to Middlesex Borough. It has been a pleasure working with you both.

2. The Middlesex Public Library's new Local History Room is scheduled to open to the public next month on January 23. Not everything will be scanned and online by the opening but most aspects of the room will be ready for the public to use.
3. It has been a busy and productive year for Middlesex Borough. I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their support and leadership and my fellow Borough staff members for their hard work and dedication. Working closely with the elected leadership and various departments, the Administration managed the successful sale of two underutilized surplus municipal properties, which are now on the tax rolls. The community-based comprehensive master planning process for Victor Crowell Park is under way and three resolutions on the agenda this evening are in support of major improvements planned for Mountain View Park. Working with the Chief Financial Officer, preliminary work on next year's budget has also begun.

The year 2024 marks the 85th Anniversary of the establishment of the Middlesex Police Department. Accomplishments during this anniversary year included the assignment of an officer to staff the position of School Resource Officer, and we look forward to continuing the development of this relationship and its impact on the re-implementation of drug education and assignment of Class III Special Law Enforcement

Officers in our schools. The Middlesex Police Department also saw the continued success of several community programs. These included the highest recorded attendance at National Night Out, and the successful "Operation Take Back," where 204 pounds of unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs were collected safely and securely.

Recreation and Senior Services has had a banner year. In addition to the department's regular schedule of activities, entertainment and wellness programs, special events such as Community Day and the Winter Wonderland Festival were very popular. There were 1200 registrations for recreational programs in 2024.
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For Seniors, the Department hosted 10 programs on a weekly basis as well as a party every other month. The number of residents coming to these parties is at the highest level since before the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Public Works Department (DPW) continued to provide efficient and friendly support services to Middlesex residents and businesses. This is in addition to taking on unique challenges such as the Heather Lane area flood retention wall installation and the establishment of the Tree Farm, in partnership with our newly re-established Environmental Commission. DPW completed extensive tree planting throughout the Borough and watered the new trees during an extended Fall drought. All parks were spruced up this summer with painting and landscaping projects. Recently the DPW decorated our two main parks, the municipal complex and the new streetlights along Bound Brook Road with holiday lighting.

Reflecting an increase in overall enforcement of laws and codes locally, the Municipal Court completed 45 court sessions this year with a 28 percent increase in ticketing and criminal complaints from last year. As for Land Use and Code Enforcement, staff reports that with the leadership of Councilman Quinn, the Foveonics system was implemented and has proven to be a big help with records management.

During a very busy Presidential election year, the Clerk's Office was responsible for a broad range of community, governmental and official services as well as for providing on-going staff support to the Mayor and Council.

The Fire Department implemented a new cloud-based reporting, inventory and membership system called RedNMX. The Department is moving away from paper and excel spread sheets. There are five (5) new members going through the Fire Academy right now and we anticipate three (3) more in 2025. And last but not certainly not least, the Office of Emergency Management, OEM, reports that it has five (5) new members and has established a cadet program for 16-18 year old residents.

4. There is no Agenda Workshop discussion scheduled for this evening.
5. In Executive Session this evening, there will be a discussion of potential litigation regarding the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (MCMJIF), real estate at 1190 Mountain Avenue and contract negotiations regarding employee health benefits.
6. Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

John Madden, 39 Ramsey Road, acknowledged the service and accomplishments of Councilman Quinn and Councilman Rex. He complimented the decorations throughout the town which were put up by the DPW.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, commented on Councilman Quinn and Councilman Rex's service. He questioned why the Presbyterian Church Property was back on executive session for discussion

and asked how much money has been spent in pursuit of the property. Mr. Polakiewicz inquired if any part of the Playground Park Improvements Project will be funded by either State, Federal or grant funds. He also expressed his concerns over the Engineering firm involved in the project and questioned the selection process.

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

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

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 the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 322-2024

**APPROVING THE GOVERNING BODY TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 320-2023 AND
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$23,352.33 FROM EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING, INC., UTILIZING NEW
JERSEY STATE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 320-2023 of the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex authorized the Middlesex Borough Police Department to procure certain police vehicle equipment from Island Tech Services pursuant to NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00739; and

WHEREAS, Island Tech Services have been unresponsive to the needs and requirement of the Middlesex Borough Police Department, and no services have been rendered nor payment made by the Borough under Resolution No. 320-2023; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Police Department now wishes to purchase the aforementioned police vehicle equipment in the amount of \$23,352.33, under NJ State Contracts #17-FLEET-00761; 17-FLEET-00719; 17-FLEET-00768 for an alternate vendor authorized thereby; and

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

WHEREAS, East Coast Emergency Lighting Inc. is an authorized police equipment vendor under NJ State Contracts #17-FLEET-00761; 17-FLEET-00719; 17-FLEET-00768; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the purchase of the necessary police vehicle equipment shall not exceed \$23,352.33; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Resolution No. 320-2023 is

hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to purchase police vehicle equipment from East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc., utilizing the New Jersey State Contracts under the terms and conditions hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$23,352.33 are available in 2023 Police Department Capital Budget, Account No. C-04-23-095-000-071.

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 323-2024

TERMINATION OF PART TIME DPW EMPLOYEES - *Item Removed from Consent*

At the recommendation of the DPW Superintendent the Governing Body hereby approves of the termination of part time employees John Jenkins & Samaad Rawlins from the DPW effective December 4, 2024:

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Dessino, Quinn, Rex
ABSTAIN:	Carnes, Dotey

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 324-2024

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN ELICHKO AS ELECTRICAL SUB CODE
OFFICIAL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2025**

The Governing Body hereby accepts the resignation of John Elichko as Electrical Sub Code Official from the Construction Department effective January 2, 2025.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 325-2024**ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS**

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the November 2024 Fire Report.
2. Acceptance of the November 2024 Tax Totals.
3. Acceptance of the November 2024 Court Report.
4. Acceptance of the November 2024 Police Report.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 326-2024**AUTHORIZING THE TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION FOR BLOCK 167.01 LOT 11**

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 December 17, 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: 11/7/2024
Block/Lot: 167.01 / 11
Amount: \$352.47
Premium: \$100.00
Certificate: 23-00003
Payable To: Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank
P.O. Box 774
Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 327-2024

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW
ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE BOROUGH OF
MIDDLESEX TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
EQUIPMENT FOR 2025**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency ("DLA") Law Enforcement Support Office ("LESO") 1033 Program (the "1033 Program") to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies ("LEAs"); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county law enforcement agencies to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county law enforcement agencies, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Middlesex Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for a one-year period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Middlesex Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the Middlesex Police Department, if it shall become available within the period of time for which this Resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Middlesex Police Department, without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Middlesex Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, the description of which is attached hereto, if it shall become available within the period of time for which this Resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Middlesex Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Middlesex Police Department shall provide a

quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire (1) "DEMIL A" property and (2) "DEMIL B through Q" property, both of which may be made available through the 1033 Program during the time period for which this Resolution authorizes, with program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31, 2025.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 328-2024

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 FORD 250 PICKUP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND LIFT GATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,222.00

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase a 2024 Ford 250 pickup truck with plow and lift gate under the NJ State Contract #A88626, for the Department of Public Works; and

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

WHEREAS, Winner Ford is under the NJ State Contract #A88626 for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase of a 2024 Ford 250 pickup truck with plow and lift gate is \$64,222.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of a 2024 Ford 250 pickup truck with plow and lift gate under NJ State Contract #A88626, for the Department of Public Works be and is hereby approved.

The CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$64,222.00 are available in the 2024 Capital - Parks Dept, Account Number C-04-24-125-000-078.

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 329-2024

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER BRANDON STOUT TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "I" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$61,448 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 2025

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

WHEREAS, On December 10, 2024 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer Brandon Stout 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 Brandon Stout be and is hereby advanced in grade to Police Officer Class "I" effective January 8, 2025 at an annual salary of \$61,448.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 330-2024

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER DAVID WILCZYNSKI TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "I" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$61,448 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 2025

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

WHEREAS, On December 10, 2024 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer David Wilczynski 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 David Wilczynski be and is hereby advanced in grade to Police Officer Class "I" effective January 8, 2025 at an annual salary of \$61,448.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 331-2024

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE CHRISTINE DINIZO OF MIDDLESEX, NJ TO RECREATION CLERK IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$45,000 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby approves the advancement of Christine DiNizo of Middlesex, NJ to Recreation Clerk in the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DiNizo will be paid an annual salary of \$45,000 effective December 30, 2024; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex that:

1. The Governing Body hereby approves the advancement of Christine DiNizo of Middlesex, NJ effective December 30, 2024 at an annual salary of \$45,000.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 332-2024

**APPROVAL OF THE CANCELLATION OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
2020 VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, there was an improvement authorization that was funded by the authorization of debt, for 2020 Various Capital Improvements, and;

WHEREAS, there is an unexpended balance of aforementioned improvement authorization and no further expenditures will be disbursed from said authorization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the balance of the improvement authorization for the 2020 Various Capital Improvements be cancelled and the unexpended balance reduce the amount of Deferred Charges Unfunded.

Ordinance #2002-20

Ordinance Adoption Date: 7/14/2020

Original Amount Authorized: \$2,031,210.00

Total Cancellation: \$563,713.64

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 333-2024

**APPROVAL OF THE CANCELLATION OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
2024 ACQUISITION OF 1190 MOUNTAIN AVENUE**

WHEREAS, there was an improvement authorization that was funded by the authorization of debt, for 2024 Acquisition of 1190 Mountain Ave, and;

WHEREAS, there is an unexpended balance of aforementioned improvement authorization and no further expenditures will be disbursed from said authorization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the balance of the improvement authorization for the 2024 Acquisition of 1190 Mountain Ave be cancelled and the unexpended balance reduce the amount of Deferred Charges Unfunded and be credited to Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance #2116-24

Ordinance Adoption Date: 4/9/2024
Original Amount Authorized: \$425,000.00
Total Cancellation: \$401,229.00

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 334-2024

**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 July 2024 through December 2024, as follows:

John Anello 108 Howard Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,247.40	Kathleen Anello 108 Howard Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20
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	Michael Colacci 25 Starlit Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,058.50
Anthony Cole 900 Rolling Hills Ln Neshanic Station, NJ 08853	\$1,048.20	Susan Cole 900 Rolling Hills Ln Neshanic Station, NJ 08853	\$1,048.20
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
Robert Heisch 150 Harris Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,978.80	Michael Jesionka 517 Beechwood Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20
Marcia Karrow 61 Elwood Ave Flemington, NJ 08822	\$1,747.00	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	\$1,036.20
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 Port Charlotte, FL 33953	\$1,020.60
Charles Sebastian 512 Clinton Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$768.00	James Smith 7 Center Pl Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,048.20

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 335-2024

SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$2,969.30, which item is now available as a revenue from the National Opioid Settlement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$2,969.30 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "National Opioid Settlement Fund"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State Settlement Agreement of \$2,969.30 from the National Opioid Settlement Fund.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 336-2024

**AUTHORIZING A GRANT SUBMISSION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS' FY25 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000.00 to carry out a project to Replace Playground Equipment at Fitzsimmons Park,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. Recognizes and accepts that that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Borough of Middlesex and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Borough of Middlesex and the Department of Parks and Recreation recognize and accept that the Department of Community Affairs may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Middlesex Department of Parks and Recreation and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Borough Administrator are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successor in said title is authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 337-2024

**APPROVAL TO ADVANCE MARIE FILIK TO RECREATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR
AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$25.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 18, 2024**

WHEREAS, Marie Filik is currently employed in the Recreation Department and the Recreation Director has recommended advancement to the role of Recreation Program Coordinator.

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

1. The Governing Body approves the advancement of Marie Filik to the position of Recreation Program Coordinator effective December 18, 2024 with an hourly rate of \$25 per hour, not to exceed 28 hours per week.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 338-2024

**AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE MIDDLESEX LIBRARY ROOF REPAIR TO
CHRIS ANDERSON ROOFING, LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,740.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex Administration have determined that there is a need for the acquisition of the following goods and services: Repair of the Middlesex Library roof, and

WHEREAS, requests for quotes were solicited on August 19, 2024 for the repair of the Middlesex Library roof; and

WHEREAS, one (1) quote was received, quote listed below:

Chris Anderson Roofing, LLC
Hopelawn, NJ
\$10,720.00

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

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, the governing body hereby awards the contract for the Middlesex Library roof repair to Chris Anderson Roofing, LLC. in the amount of \$10,740.00

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,740.00 will be allocated from the 2022 Capital Budget - Buildings and Grounds. Account number C-04-22-062-000-083.

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 339-2024

SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - SUSTAINED ENFORCEMENT GRANT

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$21,000.00, which item is now available as a revenue from the FY25 Sustained Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$21,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$21,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "Sustained Enforcement Grant"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of \$21,000.00 from the FY25 Sustained Enforcement Grant through NJ SAGE.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 340-2024

AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE SEWER PUMP REPAIR TO PSI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,741.13

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Department of Public Works has determined that there is a need for the acquisition of the following goods and services: Repair of the Sewer Pump; and

WHEREAS, requests for quotes were solicited on December 10, 2024 for the repair of the sewer pump; and

WHEREAS, one (1) quote was received, quote listed below:

PSI
Middlesex, NJ
\$14,741.13

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 the Purchasing Agent, the governing body hereby awards the contract for

the sewer pump repair to PSI in the amount of \$14,741.13.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that funds in an amount not to exceed \$14,741.13 will be allocated from the 2017 Capital - Sanitary Sewer. Account number C-04-17-907-000-050.

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 341-2024

AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 ROAD PROGRAM – 1ST STREET, 2ND STREET, SENECA AVENUE AND RUTGERS LANE TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$752,224.82

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex Administration and Borough Engineer have determined that there is a need for the acquisition of the following goods and services: 2024 Road Program - 1st Street, 2nd Street, Seneca Avenue and Rutgers Lane; and

WHEREAS, a notice of advertisement for sealed bids and invitation to bid for the 2024 Road Program - 1st Street, 2nd Street, Seneca Avenue and Rutgers Lane were prepared and advertised in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, Executive Order 107, and Local Finance Notice 2020-10; and

WHEREAS, twelve sealed bids were received on December 6, 2024 and opened publicly and read out loud, for the 2024 Road Program - 1st Street, 2nd Street, Seneca Avenue and Rutgers Lane; and

WHEREAS, listed below are the bids received for said project:

1)	Top Line Construction Corp. Somerville, NJ	Base Bid: \$752,224.82
2)	P&A Construction Colonia, NJ	Base Bid: \$768,112.00
3)	Black Rock Enterprises LLC Old Bridge, NJ	Base Bid: \$780,330.21
4)	KM Construction Corp Irvington, NJ	Base Bid: \$850,480.60
5)	S. Brothers Manalapan, NJ	Base Bid: \$854,150.38
6)	AJM Contractors, Inc. Clifton, NJ	Base Bid: \$891,253.80
7)	Crossroads Paving Newark, NJ	Base Bid: \$899,471.40
8)	REIVAX Contracting Corp. Flemington, NJ	Base Bid: \$920,064.95
9)	Lucas Brothers, Inc. Morganville, NJ	Base Bid: \$953,889.00
10)	Z. Brothers Sayreville, NJ	Base Bid: \$988,115.00
11)	C. Conti Services, LLC Hillsborough, NJ	Base Bid: \$997,799.00
12)	Brothers Eosso Paving, LLC Farmingdale, NJ	Base Bid: \$1,395,947.11

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Colliers Engineering & Design, recommends awarding

the bid to Top Line Construction Corp., the lowest responsible bidder, in the total bid amount of \$752,224.82 as contingent upon the Borough Attorney's review and availability of funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid proposal package of the lowest bidder, declares them to be in conformance with the Borough Instructions to Bidders and the Local Public Contracts Law and recommends an award of contract to Top Line Construction Corp., as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to make such purchase or acquisition and have been certified as such by the local finance officer.

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

1. At the recommendation of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney, the Mayor and governing body hereby awards the contract for the 2024 Road Program - 1st Street, 2nd Street, Seneca Avenue and Rutgers Lane to Top Line Construction Corp. as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$752,224.82.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Borough standard form of Contract for Goods and Services referenced herein and made a part of this award of contract as well as any non-substantive modifications thereto and related constituent documents.
3. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Qualified Purchasing Agent, Chief Financial Officer, Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney, and Top Line Construction Corp.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies funds are available in the amount of \$752,224.82 in the following account numbers

2024 Capital - Road Construction - \$730,551.36 C-04-24-125-000-086
2023 Capital - Road Construction - \$21,673.46 C-04-23-095-000-086

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 342-2024

**AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK PLAYGROUND AND
RESTROOM DESIGN TO TC LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$650,319.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex Administration have determined that there is a need for the acquisition of the following goods and services: Mountain View Park Playground and Restroom Design; and

WHEREAS, a notice of advertisement for sealed bids and invitation to bid for the Mountain View Park Playground and Restroom Design were prepared and advertised in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, Executive Order 107, and Local Finance Notice 2020-10; and

WHEREAS, One sealed bid was received on December 11, 2024 and opened publicly and read out loud, for the Mountain View Park Playground and Restroom Design; and

WHEREAS, listed below is the bid received for said project:

- 1) TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc. Base Bid: \$650,319.00
Bayville, NJ

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers, recommends awarding the bid to TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc. the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the total bid amount of \$650,319.00 as contingent upon the Borough Attorney's review and availability of funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid proposal package of the lowest bidder, declares them to be in conformance with the Borough Instructions to Bidders and the Local Public Contracts Law and recommends an award of contract to TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc., as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to make such purchase or acquisition and have been certified as such by the local finance officer.

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

1. At the recommendation of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney, the Mayor and governing body hereby awards the contract for the Mountain View Park Playground and Restroom Design to TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc. as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$650,319.00.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Borough standard form of Contract for Goods and Services referenced herein and made a part of this award of contract as well as any non-substantive modifications thereto and related constituent documents.
3. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Qualified Purchasing Agent, Chief Financial Officer, Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney, and TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies funds are available in the amount of \$650,319.00 in Account number C-04-23-104-000-050 (2023 Mountainview Park ADA Playground).

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 343-2024

**APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK PLAYGROUND & RESTROOM
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$196,500.00**

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers has submitted a proposal to provide professional engineering consulting services for the Design, Inspection and Construction Administration Services - Mountain View Park Playground & Restroom; and

WHEREAS, the engineering fees for the Design, Inspection and Construction Administration Services for the Mountain View Park Playground & Restroom project is \$196,500.00; and

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approve the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$196,500.00 for professional engineering consulting services for the Design, Inspection and Construction Administration Services - Mountain View Park Playground & Restroom and authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute this Agreement.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

NOW, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the CFO certifies that the funds in the amount of \$196,500.00 are available from the 2021 Capital Mountainview Park. Account Number C-04-21-039-000-087

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 344-2024

**AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ADA
COMPLIANT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK TO
PLAYPOWER LT FARMINGTON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,188,452.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase ADA compliant playground equipment at Mountain View Park from PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. under Sourcwell Co-op Contract #010521-LTS-04 in the amount of \$1,188,452.00; and

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

WHEREAS, PlayPower LT Farmington, is under Sourcewell Co-op Contract #010521-LTS-04 for purchase and installation of ADA compliant playground equipment; and

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

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, the governing body hereby approves awarding the contract for the purchase and installation of ADA compliant playground equipment at Mountain View Park to PlayPower LT Farmington, in the amount of \$1,188,452.00, effective immediately.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,188,452.00 are available in Account number C-04-23-104-000-050 (2023 Mountainview Park ADA Playground).

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 345-2024

**HIRING BRIAN MATTOX AS PART TIME SANITATION EMPLOYEE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 18, 2024 - *Item Removed
from Consent***

The governing body hereby hires Brian Mattox, Middlesex, as a permanent part time employee for the DPW in the Sanitation Department effective December 18, 2024, at \$15.50 per hour, 28 hours per week. Mr. Mattox has completed the requirements for a satisfactory physical, a background check and a driver's abstract report.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Dessino, Quinn, Rex
ABSTAIN:	Carnes, Dotey

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 346-2024**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

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 347-2024**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 Potential Litigation - MCMJIF, Real Estate - 1190 Mountain Avenue and Contract Negotiations - Health Benefits; 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 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

Potential Litigation - MCMJIF

Real Estate - 1190 Mountain Avenue

Contract Negotiations - Health Benefits

ADJOURNMENT

The Reorganization Meeting will be January 7, 2025

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk