



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, October 22, 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 -- **Absent**

Also Present:

Michael La Place Administrator
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENTS

1. Accepting the Resignation of Stephen Greco from the Parks Improvement Committee

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

2. Accepting the Resignation of Jason Sabino from the Recreation Committee

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

3. Accepting the Resignation of Steve Kortbawi from the Cultural & Arts Committee

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

PROCLAMATIONS

1. CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH AWARENESS MONTH - SEPTEMBER, 2024

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council of Middlesex Borough to focus attention on noteworthy causes and occasions; and

WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) is a common inherited neurological disorder that affects approximately 1 in 2,500 people in the United States and 2.8 million worldwide; and

WHEREAS, CMT is characterized by a slow and progressive deterioration of motor and sensory nerves across various parts of the body that can lead to weakness of the foot and lower leg muscles, foot deformities, frequent tripping and falls and muscle weakness in the hands; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 70 kinds of CMT that affect individuals from all walks of life, and in all areas of the world; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for CMT, and while physical therapy, bracing and surgical procedures can help stabilize and correct certain CMT symptoms, continued awareness and research of the disease are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, John Mikolajczyk, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby join with the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association and municipalities across the United States in proclaiming the month of September 2024 to be

CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH AWARENESS MONTH

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Middlesex urges all citizens to join with me and Council in spreading awareness of Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease, and in voicing our support for the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Association.

Councilman Carnes read the Proclamation for Charcot-Marie-Tooth Awareness Month.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the October 8, 2024 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT**Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:**

Mayor Mikolajczyk read an email sent to the county asking for an update on the Class D application for Pond Avenue. The County has been informed that they will need approval of the Joint Land Use Board to proceed.

Mayor Mikolajczyk read correspondence between himself and the DOT, questing the status and timeline of the remaining open short and long term actions (reflective signs and possible grade separation) that are not resolved at the Cedar Avenue Railroad Crossing. As of October 21st there is no target date of installation for these items.

- Recreation did a fantastic job on their Halloween Event.
- In order to help with the rat problem, please be aware of debris in your surroundings and report issues to the Borough.
- The Town Hall meeting will be held on October 29th.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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

- The Rain Garden is complete and looks great. It's behind the Library. Many thanks to Rutgers, our Environmental Commission and DPW.
- Both the children's and adult summer Library programming were back to pre-covid levels for the first time.
- The legacy lawn signs are scheduled to go up the first week of November, depending on weather.
- Recreation did a Haunted House at the Rec Center. Both nights were heavily attended. Thanks Melissa and your entire team.
- Recreation will be hosting its annual Winter Festival and Bonfire on December 7th from 1-6pm in Mountain View Park.
- We will recognize Jack Costa as our next Pillar of Middlesex at our next Regular meeting on November 26th.
- Directly from Army Corp of Engineers: South Lincoln Avenue is scheduled to reopen the week of December 2nd.

- Please come and support the Lincoln Firehouse this Thursday evening for a coin toss, from 5-8pm at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Lincoln Blvd.

Councilman Carnes

Councilman Carnes made the following comments:

- I attended a Powers & Duties of Elected Officials class this past weekend.
- Recreation did a good job with the Haunted House.

Councilman Dessino

Councilman Dessino made the following comments:

- On Sunday they will be planting replacement trees and bushes for the streetscape.
- The Environmental Commission needs a resource inventory done.
- The Green Team has been established.
- The Environmental Commission are making strides towards solar energy.
- New benches will be replaced by streetscape.
- 100 trees were distributed during the Tree Giveaway.

Councilman Dotey

Councilman Dotey made the following comments:

- Highlights of the Court Report.
- Highlights of the Police Report.
- Drug Take Back day is October 26th.
- Officers will be handing out Candy on Halloween.
- November 4th is Coffee with a Cop.
- November 21st is Puzzles and Pastries with Police.
- No Shave November will be observed.

Councilman Quinn

Councilman Quinn made the following comments:

The rabies clinic will be on November 2nd at the DPW Garage.

Councilman Rex

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Staff will be coordinating with representatives of GDB International, the applicant for a Class D Recycling Center at 207 Pond Avenue, to set up an on-site Open House at the proposed operations site. The applicant will be inviting members of the public on-site as it is pursuing local, county and state approvals.
2. Due to the extensive drought that we are experiencing, the DPW is watering new trees in the parks, street shade trees and the municipal tree farm. We anticipate that the drought will result in an earlier leaf-drop this season.
3. Work on setting up the Local History Room at the Public Library continues, with a soft opening hopefully in November and a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony in December.

4. Council resolutions on the agenda this evening include authorization for the purchase of ten (10) metal benches, to be added along Bound Brook Road, approval for change order #2 to increase the total amount of the contract for new Flue (air) extensions by \$936.00 for the Police Department, approval for the purchase of two (2) 30-yard containers for DPW in an amount not to exceed \$33,348.90, authorization to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJ DOT for the Mountain Avenue and South Avenue improvement project and approval of the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for additional work to complete the GIS Sanitary Sewer Mapping Project for the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.
5. There is no Agenda Workshop discussion scheduled for this evening.
6. In Executive Session this evening, there will be a discussion of litigation involving the New Jersey American Water Company and Lake Creighton, litigation regarding the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (MCMJIF) and the proposed restructuring of the Middlesex Borough Recreation Department.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Clare Levourne, 809 Grandview Street, asked if the old McDonalds property has been inspected in consideration of the rat problems. She also asked for clarification on whether the GIS mapping was for intakes.

Kevin Redzinski, 441 Fairview Avenue, thanked the Mayor for following up on the Cedar Ave railroad crossing, expressed his disappointment over the delayed response on request for the number of summons issued and questioned how the Town Hall meeting would be noticed to the public. He suggested that the Council not pursue any legal action towards American Water, discussing the sewer spillage and stating that the funds spent trying to pursue legal action might not be financially beneficial in the long run. Mr. Redzinski discussed concerns over excessive noise near his home and expressed worries over the need for equipment and availability of a part time employee noise technician.

Monica Townsend, 120 Barbara Place, asked if the Town Hall meeting will include Committee Members. She brought to the attention of the Council some traffic and road concerns by Cedar and Hooker Ave, stating a need for new signs and paving. Ms. Townsend also inquired if the Borough maintained a list of homes that do not allow for solicitations.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, suggested that the Mayor extend an invitation to the Senator and two Assembly members to the Town Hall Meeting. He questioned who is responsible for noise complaints and how they are enforced. Mr. Polakiewicz suggested that Somerset County Board of Health attend a Council meeting after the new Board of Health Contract starts.

Joseph DeScenza, 321 Salvatore Avenue, asked for clarification of Resolution 294-2024.

Zoning Officer, Tyler Gronau, discussed the certification requirements to become a noise technician. He also discussed the noise complaint concerns made by Mr. Redzinski and the actions that have been taken.

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street, stated that we need proactive residents on Council, and suggested that it be made known who does not attend the Town Hall meeting that was invited.

Bob Edwards, 243 Hazelwood Avenue, asked for an update on the Sampling Plant property, and questioned if there was a plan for usage as of yet.

Tim Stewart, 345 Main Street, questioned if licensed peddlers in town are issued badges. He asked for

clarification on what will be discussed at the Town Hall meeting and for insight into the school budget process. Mr. Stewart expressed his desire to become more involved.

Vincent Pillegi, 608 Clinton Ave, discussed the school budget 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 [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Dessino, Dotey, Quinn
ABSTAIN:	Carnes
ABSENT:	Rex

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 284-2024

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the September 2024 Police Report.
2. Acceptance of the September 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 285-2024

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2, INCREASING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW FLUE EXTENSION KITS BY \$936.00 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AIR HANDLING UNITS REPLACEMENT BY HANNA'S MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS

WHEREAS, Hanna's Mechanical Contractors, Inc., was awarded the contract for the Middlesex Police Department Air Handling Units Replacement on September 26, 2023 in the amount of \$263,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #2 which reflects a \$936.00 increase in the total amount of the Contract for the installation of new flue extension kits. This will bring the total contract amount for this project to \$265,384.00; and

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

Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following change order is hereby approved.

Original Contract Sum: \$263,500.00

Change Order #1 \$948.00

Change Order #2 \$936.00

NEW CONTRACT SUM: \$265,384.00

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: that the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that the funds in the amount of \$936.00 are available in 2023 Buildings & Grounds Capital Budget Account Number: C-04-23-095-000-083.

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 286-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (10) 6-FOOT CAST END RIBBON BENCHES FROM
GAME TIME C/O MARTURANO RECREATION COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$33,348.90**

WHEREAS, as a member of the Educational Services Commission (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase (10) 6-foot Cast End Ribbon Benches under CO-OP ESCNJ #24/25-01; and

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

WHEREAS, Game Time c/o Marturano Recreation Company is under CO-OP ESCNJ #24/25-01 Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of Cast End Ribbon Benches; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase of (10) 6-foot Cast End Ribbon Benches from Game Time c/o Marturano Recreation Company is not to exceed \$33,348.90; 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. The Governing Body hereby authorizes the appropriate Borough Officials to purchase (10) 6-foot Cast End Ribbon Benches from Game Time c/o Marturano Recreation Company, utilizing the CO-OP ESCNJ #24/25-01.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$33,348.90 are available in the following account number: C-04-19-962-000-050 (Bound Brook Rd Streetscape).

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 287-2024

**APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 30-YARD CONTAINERS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,800.00**

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Department of Public Works wishes to purchase two (2) 30-yard containers; and

WHEREAS, two quotes were received for the purchase of two (2) 30-yard containers from the following vendors:

- 1) Rudco Products, Inc. - \$11,800.00
- 2) Conshohocken Steel Products - \$11,825.00

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and the Purchasing Agent recommend utilizing Rudco Products, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) 30-yard containers in an amount not to exceed \$11,800.00; and

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

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Department of Public Works and the Purchasing Agent, the governing body hereby approves the purchase of two (2) 30-yard containers for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$11,800.00

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that funds in the amount of \$11,800.00 are available from the Recycling Trust, Account Number T-03-56-286-868-000.

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 288-2024

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER
THE VETERAN TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR BLOCK 231, LOT 28**

WHEREAS, per (N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.10 et seq. as amended by P.L. 2019 c.413; N.J.A.C. 18:27-1.1 et seq.), certain Veterans were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex on or before October 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said Veterans did file their claims for the Veteran deduction with the proper official of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has allowed the following Veteran deduction for the 2024 tax year totaling \$250.00

Name:	Faltz, Alton
Block/Lot:	231 / 28
Amount:	\$250.00

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 289-2024

**APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FROM REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR
ADDITIONAL WORK TO COMPLETE THE GIS SANITARY SEWER MAPPING PROJECT
FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00**

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers have completed the initial phase of the GIS Sanitary Sewer System Mapping project as authorized by Resolution# 189-2023; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers have submitted a proposal for additional mapping work on non-accessible and traffic control areas per follow up reviews from the State and Borough, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

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 approves the proposal for additional work from Remington & Vernick Engineers to complete the GIS Sanitary Sewer Mapping System in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

NOW, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO certifies funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 are available in the Sanitary Sewer Ordinance, Account No. C-04-17-907-000-050.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 290-2024

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING THE
SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - *Item Removed from Consent***

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex aims to be a climate-ready community that is resilient to climate change; and

WHEREAS, a climate-ready community seeks to understand current and projected climate hazards affecting health, safety, infrastructure, property, and businesses so that appropriate actions may be implemented before hazard events occur to cause harm; and

WHEREAS, a climate-ready community seeks to optimize sustainability through improving quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic, and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex Master Plan is aimed at guiding the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air, and water, and improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, a Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment is required by NJ law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28) to be included in the Borough of Middlesex Master Plan Land Use Plan Element; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and, recognizing municipalities are interested in guidance on climate resilience, created a Guide to Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey provides a Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance Program for municipalities to use the Guide to Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning to complete a Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment consistent with the NJ law; and

THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex has determined that Middlesex Borough should apply for the aforementioned Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance Program.

THEREFORE, the Borough of Middlesex will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance project, including providing planning documents and relevant assessment data and supporting public events and opportunities to share and receive comment on the project.

THEREFORE, the Borough of Middlesex will commit to providing a professional planner to review the draft and final version of the Climate Change-Related Vulnerability Assessment for potential adoption into the municipal Master Plan Land Use Plan Element.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned application to Sustainable Jersey for Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance.

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 291-2024

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN GRECO, ASSISTANT RECREATION
COORDINATOR, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The governing body hereby accepts the resignation of Stephen Greco, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, effective October 9, 2024.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 292-2024

**APPROVAL OF THE PAINT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

WHEREAS, Middlesex County has entered into a contract with a paint recycling/disposal vendor to provide for the removal and recycling/disposal of paint and paint related products; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex desires to continue to be included in this paint drop-off program; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with this program it is necessary for the Mayor and Borough to execute the Shared Service Agreement with Middlesex County.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the renewal of the Paint Collection Program Shared Service Agreement with Middlesex County which will commence on January 1, 2025.
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 293-2024

**APPROVAL OF THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY
COVERING THE CFC/HCFC RECOVERY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2002 Middlesex County (Division of Solid Waste Management) began a new program to partially fund the proper removal of chlorofluorocarbons and other ozone depleting compounds from household appliances; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide partial funding for up to a 5 year period, or for such shorter period as may be dictated by the exhaustion of available funds, to municipalities for each appliance from which CFCs are properly recovered; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue in this program the Borough must execute an shared service agreement with Middlesex County covering the CFC/HCFC Recovery Reimbursement Program which will commence on January 1, 2025.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the renewal of the Shared Service Agreement with Middlesex County covering the CFC/HCFC Recovery Reimbursement Program.
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 294-2024

**AUTHORIZING TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT
CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
MOUNTAIN AVENUE AND SOUTH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of Middlesex formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk and Colliers Engineering & Design are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LTPF-2025-Mountain Ave and South Ave Improve-00027 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Middlesex.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Middlesex and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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 295-2024

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

AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 296-2024

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 Personnel - Restructuring of the Recreation Department, Potential Litigation - MCMJIF & Potential Litigation - Lake Creighton; 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
ABSENT:	Rex

Personnel - Restructuring of the Recreation Department

Potential Litigation - MCMJIF

Potential Litigation - Lake Creighton

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be November 26, 2024

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk