



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Agenda ~

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7:00 PM

Municipal Building

- I. 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.
- II. SALUTE TO FLAG**
- III. ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk	☐	☐	☐	
Council President Michael Conahan	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Joseph DeScenza	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Robert Dessino	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Kevin Dotey	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Kenneth Griggs	☐	☐	☐	
Administrator Michael La Place	☐	☐	☐	
Borough Attorney Christopher Corsini	☐	☐	☐	

- IV. PRESENTATIONS**
 - 1. Tax Assessor - Borough Tax Assessments
- V. APPOINTMENTS**
- VI. PROCLAMATIONS**
- VII. ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION**
 - 1. **Ordinance 2142-25** AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF GROVE AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX
 - 2. **Ordinance 2143-25** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 62, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
 - 3. **Ordinance 2144-25** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 420-7 AND 420-59 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARDS

4. **Ordinance 2145-25** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (CULTURE AND ARTS COMMITTEE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

VIII. ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

1. **Ordinance 2141-25** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV (STRUCTURES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY FIRE) OF CHAPTER 317 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.32 (UNSAFE STRUCTURES)

IX. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the February 11, 2025 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council President Conahan
2. Councilman Carnes
3. Councilman DeScenza
4. Councilman Dessino
5. Councilman Dotey
6. Councilman Griggs

XII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XIII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

During the conduct of the meeting, unless a Public Hearing is held or the Regular Order of Business is waived, the audience does not participate. A Public Portion is held at the end of the meeting. Individuals commenting from the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Council but will not be permitted to speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. If a group is represented by an attorney, the attorney will be given an opportunity to speak on behalf of all of the members of the group. The Council, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Council will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Mayor or appropriate Borough representative for resolution.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS: Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action. The Resolutions listed below were submitted to the Borough Council for review and will be adopted by one motion.

1. **Resolution 71-2025** Acceptance of Standing Reports
2. **Resolution 72-2025** Accepting the Resignation of Carmen Modica Effective February 28, 2025

3. **Resolution 73-2025** Appointing Kelsey Meixner Deputy Registrar/Deputy Board of Health Secretary Effective March 1, 2025
4. **Resolution 74-2025** Approving Change Order #1, Decreasing the Total Amount of the Contract for the 2023 NJDOT State Aid Douglass Lane, Rutgers Lane, and Princeton Drive by \$63,262.63
5. **Resolution 75-2025** Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites
6. **Resolution 76-2025** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue a Tax Title Lien Redemption for Block 86.02 Lot 8
7. **Resolution 77-2025** Approving the Temporary Discharge Approval Application at the Factory Lane Site to be Submitted by the MCUA at the Request of New Fields, on Behalf of Bayer Crop Science, Inc.
8. **Resolution 78-2025** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Property Taxes for Block 357 Lot 1 & 2
9. **Resolution 79-2025** Rescinding Resolution #60-2025 Hiring the Part Time Electrical Sub-Code Official
10. **Resolution 80-2025** Accepting the Resignation of Alex Augusztin From the Department of Public Works Effective 02/21/2025

XV. NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS: Matters listed within the Non-Consent Agenda will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to Committee for further review and discussion. The Resolutions listed below were submitted to the Borough Council for review and will be adopted individually by motion.

1. **Resolution 81-2025** Pay All Claims

XVI. AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

1. Emergency Services Volunteer Fee Waiver
2. Environmental Commission Recommended Ordinance Regarding Invasive Plants

XVII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

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XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Resolution 82-2025** Executive Session
 Personnel - Zoning & Code Enforcement
 Personnel - Electrical Sub-Code Official
 Contract Negotiations - Rescue Squad

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

1. The next Regular Meeting will be March 11, 2025

ORDINANCE #2142-25**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF GROVE AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX**

WHEREAS, Grove Avenue was previously dedicated to the Borough with a 100-foot-wide public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, a certain portion of Grove Avenue is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Grove Avenue to be vacated is more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Counsel of the Borough of Middlesex have reviewed the request for a vacation of a portion of the public right-of-way aforesaid and have determined that the portion of the public right-of-way in the map and description attached hereto is no longer needed for public use and the public rights in and to the aforesaid public right-of-way can be vacated.

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 Code of the Borough of Middlesex pertaining to the dedication of streets and roads is hereby amended to vacate and abandon the public right-of-way in and to a portion of Grove Avenue as described herein.
 2. The area of the public right-of-way to be vacated and abandoned is described in accordance with the sketch and metes and bounds description of the same prepared by Eric V. Wilde, P.L.S. of Colliers Engineering & Design, dated January 28, 2025 and more particularly described. A copy of this Sketch and Description are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
 3. All rights and privileges presently possessed by public utilities, as defined in N.J.S. 48:213 and by any cable television company, as defined in the Cable Television Act, N.J.S. 48:5A-1, et seq., are expressly reserved and excepted from the vacation of that portion of the public right-of-way in accordance with N.J.S. 40:67-1b.
 4. A notice of intention to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way aforesaid and to adopt an ordinance to effect such street vacation shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Middlesex and mailed notice given to all persons whose lands would be affected by the passage of such Ordinance, of the time, date and place of public hearing on the consideration of this street vacation ordinance, within the time provided by N.J.S. 40:49-6.
 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.
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I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

INTRODUCED: February 25, 2025

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
OF INTRODUCTION February 28, 2025

ORDINANCE #2143-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 62, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Middlesex Borough Municipal Alliance are found in Chapter 62 of the Borough's municipal code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex seeks, in consultation with the Municipal Alliance, to make amendments to this chapter to clarify certain provisions;

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 62 (Bylaws of the Municipal Alliance) of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey shall be amended as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 62 is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

62-1 Name.

The name of this organization shall be the "Middlesex Borough Municipal Alliance ~~Committee~~."

62-2 Authorization.

As authorized by the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex through a resolution, this group shall serve as the Alliance of the above said municipality in accord with P.L. 1989, c. 51.

62-3 Purpose ~~and function~~.

~~In accord with P.L. 1989, c. 51 (N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-8), the Middlesex Borough Municipal Alliance Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse's purpose is:~~ **In accord with the above authorization, the purpose of the Alliance is:**

- A. ~~To organize and coordinate efforts involving school, law enforcement, business and community groups for the purpose of reducing alcoholism, drug abuse~~ **substance use** and crime.
- B. ~~To develop comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse~~ **substance use** education, outreach and support efforts for parents.
- C. ~~To develop a comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse~~ **substance use** community awareness program.
- D. ~~To develop a community watch program.~~
- E. ~~To develop and submit a plan for the expenditure of funds derived from the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15.~~

62-4 Membership.

Membership on the Municipal Alliance Committee shall be appointed by the ~~Municipal Alliance Chairperson~~ **Mayor and Council** and shall include but not necessarily be limited to representatives of the following groups:

~~A. Membership:~~

- ~~(1) Council member.~~
- ~~(2) Police officer.~~
- ~~(3) Municipal employee.~~
- ~~(4) Representative of local religious groups.~~
- ~~(5) Youth representative.~~
- ~~(6) At least two residents of the Borough of Middlesex.~~

~~B. Requirements.~~

- ~~(1) Members shall be legal residents within Middlesex Borough.~~
- ~~(2) A quorum of 8 is necessary to conduct an Alliance meeting. The majority of the quorum is required for a decision making vote.~~
- ~~(3) Any member employed by or on the governing board of an agency which has an interest or may potentially profit from a particular municipal plan shall advise the Alliance Committee of such interest and may refrain from voting on that individual municipal plan.~~

A. Mayor and/or Governing Body

B. Chief of police (or designee) and other law enforcement agencies

C. School district administrative staff and/or school board member

D. Youth representatives

E. Student Assistance Coordinator or other student support services staff member

F. Representative of Parent-Teacher Association or Home School Association

G. Parents and/or guardians

H. Representatives of local faith based organizations

I. Individuals who have been affected by substance use disorder, including have been affected by their own or family members use or addictions

J. Private citizens with interest in issues concerning alcohol, substance use, addiction, and juvenile delinquency

K. Representatives of local civic or volunteer groups

L. Representative from Youth Services Organizations

M. Representative of the Chamber of Commerce or local business

N. Older Adult Representatives

O. Health and Human Services agencies/professionals; especially health care professionals including pharmacists, physicians, or therapists

P. Representatives of public and private organizations involved in the prevention and treatment of substance use and/or the regional coalition

Q. Representatives of the local communications media or public relations

62-5 Functions.

The functions of the Municipal Alliance Committee shall be:

A. To create a network of community leaders, private citizens, and representatives from public and private human service agencies who are dedicated to promoting and supporting alcohol and other drug and crime prevention and education programs.

B. To conduct an assessment of community-wide needs pertaining to alcohol and other drug abuse issues.

- C. To identify existing efforts and services acting to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse.
- D. To assist in the development of programs at the municipal level that accomplish the purposes of the Alliance efforts.
- E. To assist the municipality in acquiring funds for Alliance programs.
- F. To cooperate with the Governor's Council on ~~Alcoholism and Drug Abuse~~ **Substance Use Disorder**, as well as the County **Municipal** Alliance Committee, to provide data, reports, or other information that may be needed to assist in the Alliance effort.

62-6 Meetings.

Meetings shall be held as the schedule is adopted at the last meeting of the calendar year, each year, which will include the time and place of the meeting. ~~A quorum shall consist of 1/3 (eight members) of its current membership. All meetings shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.[1] All official actions shall be in the form of motions, duly seconded, and carried by a majority of the membership present, provided a quorum is present. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed, unless herein modified, regarding all meetings.~~

62-7 Funding.

The Alliance shall develop a comprehensive plan to provide matching funds at least equivalent to the amount of monies received from ~~DEDR~~ **GCSUD Grant** funds. These matching funds shall be a minimum of 25% cash and **75%** in-kind services. All decisions of the **MAGADA Municipal Alliance Program** involving the use and expenditure of funds require a vote of a simple majority of members of the Alliance.

62-8 Voting procedures and adoption.

All decisions require a quorum to be present, a quorum being defined herein as at least ~~1/3~~, **one third (1/3)**; eight members, of the appointment membership. Each appointed member of the Alliance shall have one vote.

62-9 Conflicts of interest.

~~A. A conflict of interest may exist if a MAC member can reasonably expect that his or her conduct will directly result in a financial benefit to himself or herself, his or her family members, his or her business associates, his or her employers, or to businesses that the member represents. In a situation where a conflict of interest may exist, the MAC member must recuse himself or herself. All Municipal Alliance Committees must have their members sign conflict of interest statements annually, to be made available for review by the county and/or GCADA.~~
GCSUD (see the County Alliance Coordinator for a sample conflict of interest statement).

~~B. "Recusal" means that the individual is not participating in deliberations or debates, making recommendations, giving advice, considering findings, voting or in any other way assuming responsibility for or participating in any aspect of the decision making regarding the matter where there are potential conflicts of interest.~~

~~C. Consultants or providers who are directly or indirectly involved in providing prevention services to the Municipal Alliance are subject to the recusal requirements.~~

62-10 Amendments; ~~mission statement.~~

~~A. All proposed amendments or proposed changes to the mission statement~~ **Bylaws** shall be

presented to the Alliance one month prior to the formal voting meeting. All decisions on amendments or changes to the ~~mission statement~~ Bylaws require a majority vote of the attending voting membership.

B. The ~~mission statement~~ Bylaws were duly adopted with a majority vote and with the issuance of a Borough ~~resolution~~ Ordinance, dated March 13, 1990; ~~revised~~ and by Borough Resolution No. 50-13, dated January 22, 2013.

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.

I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

INTRODUCED: February 25, 2025

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
OF INTRODUCTION February 28, 2025

ORDINANCE #2144-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 420-7 AND 420-59 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARDS

WHEREAS, the existing Chapters 420-7 and 420-59 require amendment to function more effectively; and

WHEREAS, in consideration thereof, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex desires to amend Chapter 420-7 and 420-59 of the Municipal Code; and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Chapters 420-7 and 420-59 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey titled "Registration, Landlord" is hereby amended pursuant to the provisions hereof:

Section I

Chapter 420-7 (Definitions) is amended to add the following definition:

CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARD

A secure, designated area used by contractors for the storage of tools, equipment, and materials required for construction or trade-related work. The yards should be organized in a way that all consumable materials are stored out of public view to maintain security and aesthetics. The site is not intended for the storage of heavy machinery or waste collected from job sites. The storage yard serves as a controlled environment for organizing and staging supplies before they are transported to job sites.

Section II

Chapter 420-59 (Conditional Uses) is amended to add the following:

- M. Contractor storage yards. Contractor storage yards shall be permitted in the IND and HI zones provided that:
 - (1) Only one contractor shall be permitted to occupy a yard at once.
 - (2) If a site abuts a residentially zoned property, the sites must be screened sufficiently as to block all contents of the yard from the residential use.
 - (3) The site and its operations must comply with all performance standards outlined within Chapter 420-60.
 - (4) No construction waste is permitted to be stored on the property unless it is in a dumpster that has been approved by the Joint Land Use Board.

- (5) Light vehicle maintenance is permitted only within the confines of a building designed for such use.
- (6) The yard may be used to store construction materials that are not hazardous or toxic, such as lumber, cement, pipes, or other non-perishable building materials. All stored materials must be neatly organized and shielded from public view.
- (7) Contractors may conduct light maintenance or minor repairs on tools or equipment that do not involve heavy machinery. This activity should be conducted in a manner that does not create any safety hazards or disturbance to the surrounding area such as inside an approved building design for such use.

Section III

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

Section IV

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 V

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Borough Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on 02-25-2025.

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ORDINANCE #2145-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (CULTURE AND ARTS COMMITTEE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Chapter 19 (Culture and Arts Committee) of the municipal code of the Borough of Middlesex to include the responsibilities currently apportioned to the Beautification Committee; 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 19 of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

Section I:

Section 19-4 ("Organization") is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

- . The duties of the Committee shall consist of engaging and encouraging cultural historic and artistic engagement, events and all related activities. These duties may include, but shall not be limited to, the advancement of the following:
 - (1) Visual arts, including, but not limited to, sculpture, painting, drawing, architectural design, photography, motion pictures, and television.
 - (2) Literary arts, including, but not limited to, the writing of prose, poetry, drama and choreography.
 - (3) Performing arts, including, but not limited to, music, dance, poetry-reading, and theater.
 - (4) The collection and display of art objects.
 - (5) Other activities which the Committee defines as advancing the creativity or culture in the Borough of Middlesex.
 - (6) Other activities that enhance the beautification and overall visual appearance of our community through programing to encourage property upkeep and community involvement, through activities included but not limited to "Home of the Month" program, "Holiday Homes" program, "Summer Flower" program, the "Hometown Heroes Banner Program," and the coordination with the Borough Administrator for activities allowing the decoration of Borough property for holidays and other appropriate purposes.
- B. The Committee shall advise the Mayor and the Borough Council on ways and means for the encouragement of creative talent within the Borough of Middlesex, and for the

recognition of persons who have made outstanding contributions to the development, expansion, or preservation of culture and history in Middlesex, whether such person is or is not an artist.

- C. The Committee is encouraged to establish cooperative efforts to seek voluntary assistance from other sources of expertise consistent with its purpose, including an anticipated collaboration with the Middlesex Borough Department of Recreation.
- D. The Committee shall be authorized and encouraged to apply for and to accept grants and contributions under the auspices of and through the Borough of Middlesex from public and private sources to finance its initiatives. The Committee shall make no expenditure or commitment of Borough funds without the specific authorization of the Council, except that the Mayor, to the extent of staff availability, may authorize administrative staff support for grant applications and publicity. This includes but is not limited to matching funds for grants, donations, and the like.
- E. The Borough shall set up a dedication by rider account for the Committee to:
 - (1) Deposit monies obtained from donations, grants or from budget appropriations set annually by the Borough through the budgeting process, specifically for the Cultural and Arts Committee.
 - (2) Pay bills associated with events run by the Cultural and Arts Committee.
- F. All events and estimated expenditures must be approved by resolution of the governing body prior to the scheduling of any event.
- G. A financial report detailing year-to-date deposits and expenditures will be provided to the Committee Chairman prior to the first meeting of each month.
- H. The Committee shall comply with all requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and shall be required to record minutes of each meeting thereof, with said minutes to be transmitted to the Borough Council and the Department of Recreation within seven days of approval.

Section II:

The prior Borough Committee that was designated as the “Beautification Committee” is hereby incorporated into the Culture and Arts Committee under the terms hereof.

Section III

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

Section IV

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 V

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

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ORDINANCE #2141-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV (STRUCTURES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY FIRE) OF CHAPTER 317 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.32 (UNSAFE STRUCTURES)

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Article IV (Structures Damaged or Destroyed by Fire) of Chapter 317 (Property Maintenance) of the municipal code of the Borough of Middlesex to adopt the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.32 concerning the remediation of unsafe structures; 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 Article IV of Chapter 317 of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

Section I:

The Title of Article IV of Chapter 317 is hereby renamed and redesignated as “Unsafe Structures”):

Section II:

Chapter 317-21 is hereby repealed in its entirety, renamed and redesignated as “Remediation of Unsafe Structures”, and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

All buildings or structures that shall become unsafe, or unsanitary, or that contain deficient or blocked exitway facilities, or which constitute a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare (including but not limited to those that have been damaged by fire), or that by reason of illegal or improper use or occupancy shall be deemed unsafe buildings or structures, shall be taken down and removed or made safe and secure. A vacant building that is unguarded or open at door or window shall be deemed a fire hazard and unsafe within the meaning of this chapter.

- . Examination and record of damaged structure. The appropriate subcode official shall examine every building or structure reported as dangerous, unsafe structurally, unsanitary or constituting a fire hazard and shall prepare a report to be filed in a docket of unsafe structures and premises, stating the use of the structure, the nature of the hazard, the nature and estimated amount of damages, if any, caused by collapse or failure.
- B. Notice of unsafe structure. If an unsafe or unsanitary condition is found in a building or structure, the construction official (or their designee) shall serve a written notice describing the building or structure deemed unsafe and specifying the required repairs or improvements to be made to render the building or structure safe and secure, or requiring the unsafe building or structure or portion thereof to be vacated or demolished within a stipulated time. Such notice shall require the person thus notified to immediately declare to the construction official (or their designee) his or her acceptance or rejection

of the terms of the order. Such person may seek review before the Construction Board of Appeals within 15 days of receipt of the notice.

- C. Restoration of unsafe structure. A building or structure condemned by the construction official (or their designee) may be restored to a safe condition in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-6, Rehabilitation Subcode. A certificate of approval or certificate of occupancy, as appropriate, shall be obtained prior to reoccupancy of the building or structure.
- D. Posting notice of unsafe structure. If the person addressed with a notice of unsafe structure cannot be found within the municipality after diligent search, then such notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail to the last known address of such person, as on file with the office of the tax collector, and a copy of the notice of unsafe structure shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises; and such procedures shall be deemed the equivalent of personal notice.
- E. Upon refusal or neglect of the person served with a notice of unsafe structure to comply with the requirements of the order to abate the unsafe condition, the construction official (or their designee) shall, in addition to any other remedies herein provided, forward the matter to the legal counsel of the jurisdiction for an action to compel compliance.

Section III:

Chapter 317-21.1 is hereby created and shall be named and designated as ("Emergency Measures") and shall contained the following text (all text novel):

- . When, in the opinion of the construction official (or their designee) and appropriate subcode officials, there is actual and immediate danger of failure or collapse of a building or structure or any part thereof which would endanger life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of the building or structure, including but not limited to those that have been damaged by fire, the construction official (or their designee) is hereby authorized and empowered to order and require the occupants to vacate the same forthwith. The construction official (or their designee) shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such building a notice reading as follows: This structure is unsafe and its use or occupancy has been prohibited by the construction official (or their designee), and it shall be unlawful for any person to enter such building or structure except for the purpose of making the required repairs or demolishing the same. The order of the construction official (or their designee) shall be effective immediately.
- B. Temporary safeguards. When, in the opinion of the construction official (or their designee), there is actual and immediate danger of collapse or failure of a building or structure or any part thereof which would endanger life, the construction official (or their designee) shall cause the necessary work to be done to render such building or structure or part thereof temporarily safe, whether or not the legal procedure herein has been instituted. Such work may include such demolition as may be necessary in order to eliminate any actual and immediate danger to human life; provided, however, that any demolition work shall not commence until at least 24 hours following service of notice of the pending demolition upon the owner, unless such service is not possible because the identity or the address of the owner cannot be determined from public records. Upon

expiration of the 24-hour period, demolition may proceed unless stayed by order of the Superior Court.

- C. Closing streets. When necessary for the public safety, the construction official (or their designee) may temporarily close sidewalks, streets, buildings and structures and places adjacent to such unsafe structure, and prohibit the same from being used.
- D. Emergency repairs or demolition. For the purpose of this section, the construction official (or their designee) shall employ the necessary labor and materials to perform the required work as expeditiously as possible.
- E. Costs of emergency repairs. Costs incurred in the performance of emergency work shall be paid from the treasury of the jurisdiction on certificate of the construction official (or their designee); and the legal authority of the jurisdiction shall institute appropriate action against the owner of the premises for the recovery of such costs.
- F. Appeals. An emergency order issued by a municipal construction official (or their designee) pursuant to this subsection shall be appealable only to a court of competent jurisdiction.
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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.

I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on 02/11/2025.

INTRODUCED: 02/11/2025

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
OF INTRODUCTION February 14, 2025

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #71-2025

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the January 2025 Police Report
2. Approval of January 1 - January 31, 2025 Cash Receipts

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #72-2025

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CARMEN MODICA EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2025

The Mayor and Council hereby accept Carmen Modica's resignation effective February 28, 2025 and authorize the HR/Payroll Manager to pay the full allowance of \$568.82, in accordance with the personnel policy, in the regular Borough payroll of March 7, 2025. The benefits include the following:

2.5 Days Vacation Time	\$ 568.82
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TOTAL	\$ 568.82
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I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #73-2025

**APPOINTING KELSEY MEIXNER DEPUTY REGISTRAR/DEPUTY BOARD OF
HEALTH SECRETARY EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025**

WHEREAS, Carmen Modica has resigned the position of Deputy Registrar/Deputy Board of Health Secretary for the Borough of Middlesex effective February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to appoint Kelsey Meixner as the Deputy Registrar/Deputy Board of Health Secretary effective March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the increase in salary for that position is \$2,750.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Kelsey Meixner is hereby appointed the Deputy Registrar/Deputy Board of Health Secretary with a \$2,750 increase in salary effective March 1, 2025.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #74-2025

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1, DECREASING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 NJDOT STATE AID DOUGLASS LANE, RUTGERS LANE, AND PRINCETON DRIVE BY \$63,262.63

WHEREAS, P & A Construction Inc., was awarded the contract for 2023 NJDOT State Aid Douglass Lane, Rutgers Lane, and Princeton Drive on March 26, 2024 in the amount of \$423,895.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1- Final, which reflects a \$63,262.63 decrease in the total amount of the contract for the 2023 NJDOT State Aid Douglass Lane, Rutgers Lane, and Princeton Drive. This will bring the total contract amount for this project to \$360,632.37; 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:	\$423,895.00
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Change Order #1 - Final	(\$ 63,262.63)
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NEW CONTRACT SUM:	\$360,632.37
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I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #75-2025

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL
GOVERNMENT WEBSITES**

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and,

WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and,

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government's official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Middlesex does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Jon M. Bramnick, Assemblymembers Michele Matsikoudis and Nancy F. Munoz and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #76-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION
FOR BLOCK 86.02 LOT 8**

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 February 25, 2025, 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):

<u>Date of Sale:</u>	11/7/2024
<u>Block/Lot:</u>	86.02 / 8
<u>Amount:</u>	\$1,556.81
<u>Premium:</u>	\$100.00
<u>Certificate:</u>	23-00002
<u>Payable To:</u>	Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank P.O. Box 774 Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #77-2025

APPROVING THE TEMPORARY DISCHARGE APPROVAL APPLICATION AT THE FACTORY LANE SITE TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE MCUA AT THE REQUEST OF NEW FIELDS, ON BEHALF OF BAYER CROP SCIENCE, INC.

WHEREAS, New Fields, on behalf of Bayer Crop Science, Inc. is providing a copy of the Temporary Discharge Approval Application for Groundwater Remediation Control at the Factory Lane Site in Middlesex to be submitted to the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA); and

WHEREAS, New Fields, on behalf of Bayer Crop Science, Inc. is seeking MCUA's approval to discharge the treated water generated by these activities to the MCUA treatment plant via a metered connection to the Middlesex Borough's Sanitary Sewer System in Factory Lane; and

WHEREAS, New Fields, on behalf of Bayer Crop Science, Inc. is required to have the Borough's approval on a yearly basis for temporary use of the culverts that run under Factory Lane and the Conrail Port Reading Railroad, as the Factory Lane Site has resulted in arsenic impacts to soil and groundwater; and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Borough's Sewer Operator and the Governing Body it is recommended that the Conditions on this Temporary Discharge Approval be amended to read as follows:

1. Condition 1D shall be modified as follows:

MCUA reserves the right to modify the monitoring frequencies and discharge limitations set forth herein when necessary; to protect its collection system and/or treatment system, the public health and welfare and/or the environment; to satisfy any federal or state law, rule or regulation or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto or for other reasons as set forth in Section 5.17 of the MCUA's Rules and Regulations. No discharge shall occur during storm events, if specifically requested by the MCUA or the Borough of Middlesex prior to, or during such an event.

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. Middlesex Borough hereby approves the execution of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority Temporary Discharge Approval Application for the Groundwater Remediation Control and approves New Fields, on behalf of Bayer Crop Science, Inc., temporary use of the culverts that run under Factory Lane and the Conrail Port Reading Railroad, as amended above under "Conditions" Item 1D.
2. This Resolution has been included as Exhibit E of the Temporary Discharge Approval Application to reflect the modifications requested by the Governing Body.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #78-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES FOR
BLOCK 357 LOT 1 & 2**

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset purchased Block 357 Lot 1 & Block 357 Lot 1, South Main Street, deed dated 7/23/2024; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County is exempt from property taxes; and

WHEREAS, 2025 PRELIMINARY billing has been billed as of 2024; and

WHEREAS, 1st & 2nd Qtr. 2025 need to be adjusted off; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel off 1st and 2nd Qtr. 2025 property taxes on Block 357, Lots 1 & 2 in the amounts below:

1st Qtr. 2025 – \$8,619.65

2nd Qtr. 2025 - \$8,619.65

1st Qtr 2025 – \$57.85

2nd Qtr 2025 – \$57.85

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #79-2025

RESCINDING RESOLUTION #60-2025 HIRING THE PART TIME ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body adopted Resolution #60-2025 Hiring Timothy Kiniery as the Part Time Electrical Sub-Code Official at a salary of \$17,500 for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body would like to rescind this resolution at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Resolution #60-2025 is hereby rescinded.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #80-2025

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ALEX AUGUSZTIN FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE 02/21/2025**

The Mayor and Council hereby accept the resignation of Alex Augusztin effective 02/21/2025 and authorize the Treasurer to pay the full allowance of \$544.28 in accordance with the Personnel Policy in the regular Borough payroll of March 7, 2025. The allowance includes the following:

Pro-rated clothing allowance	\$141.66
Unused Comp Time 12.5 hours	\$402.62
TOTAL	\$544.28

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #81-2025

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.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

Range of Checking Accts: 01 CURRENT FUND to WIRES Range of Check Dates: 02/12/25 to 02/20/25
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract	
01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING		
56856	02/12/25	ALLIE005 Allied Oil, LLC		1335
	25-00052	Blanket Order for Gasoline	6,631.95	
	25-00218	Blanket Order for Gasoline	<u>1,618.86</u>	
			8,250.81	
56857	02/12/25	ANJEC005 ANJEC		1335
	25-00168	2025 Membership	550.00	
56858	02/12/25	APRUZ005 Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro		1335
	25-00212	December Labor Attorney	2,466.50	
56859	02/12/25	ATT00010 AT&T		1335
	25-00258	Acct #171-804-1031 001	54.88	
56860	02/12/25	BISDI005 BIS Digital, Inc		1335
	25-00079	Remote Support Renewal	595.00	
56861	02/12/25	BRUN0010 Bruno Associates, Inc		1335
	24-02526	November 2024 Grant Writer	1,000.00	
56862	02/12/25	CABLE005 Cablevision Raritan Valley		1335
	25-00257	Monthly Billing - Feb 2025	431.76	
56863	02/12/25	CHRIS020 Chris Andersen Roofing		1335
	24-01725	Repairs to Boro Hall Roof	1,382.66	
56864	02/12/25	COLAC040 Colacci Law Firm, LLC		1335
	25-00176	January 2025 Prosecutor	3,000.00	
56865	02/12/25	COMPU005 Computer Management Corp		1335
	25-00150	HP CF410X Black Toner	312.00	
56866	02/12/25	DANGL005 Dangler, Robert		1335
	25-00203	Reimbursement	95.00	
56867	02/12/25	DBAUT005 D & B Auto Supply		1335
	25-00101	Blanket PO for Truck Repair	800.00	
	25-00105	NAPA Supply Fire Department	50.01	
	25-00106	NAPA Supply Fire Department	75.96	
	25-00136	Blanket PO for Truck Repair	800.00	
	25-00232	NAPA Supply for Fire Depart	232.20	
	25-00234	Blanket PO for Truck Repair	<u>367.05</u>	
			2,325.22	
56868	02/12/25	DYNAM010 Dynamic Protection Systems		1335
	25-00081	Cellular Fire Monitoring	612.00	
56869	02/12/25	ELANF005 Elan Financial Services		1335
	25-00058	Asbestos Test Kits	77.90	

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PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract	
01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56870	02/12/25	ELITE005 Elite Electrical Installations		1335
25-00075	Temp Cord for Floor Sander	485.00		
56871	02/12/25	FBINA020 FBI Nat'l Academy Assn, Inc		1335
25-00125	Annual Renewal	120.00		
56872	02/12/25	FLAHE005 Flaherty, Sean		1335
25-00178	Refund Board of Health License	50.00		
56873	02/12/25	FPPIN005 FP Finance Program		1335
25-00179	Standard Payment	176.00		
56874	02/12/25	FRANK005 Frank, Ronald M, MD		1335
25-00096	POSHA Physical Devon Rick	50.00		
56875	02/12/25	FSTPR005 FST Printing, Inc		1335
24-02569	"Protect the Night" Brochure	182.50		
56876	02/12/25	GANNE005 Gannett NY/NJ LocaliQ		1335
25-00264	Jan25 Advertising/Acct#1121910	210.83		
56877	02/12/25	GBJAN005 G & B Janitorial Supply, Inc		1335
25-00098	Blanket PO Building Supplies	294.02		
56878	02/12/25	GENER005 General Code		1335
24-01462	Codification 2024	4,083.00		
56879	02/12/25	GREAT005 GreatAmerica Financial Svcs		1335
25-00044	Folder/Inserter Jan-Jun 2025	174.00		
56880	02/12/25	HOMED005 Home Depot Credit Services		1335
25-00103	Blanket PO Building Supplies	800.00		
25-00104	Blanket PO Building Supplies	800.00		
25-00135	Blanket PO Building Supplies	370.50		
		<u>1,970.50</u>		
56881	02/12/25	JAEGE005 Jaeger Lumber		1335
25-00099	Blanket PO Building Repairs	500.00		
25-00100	Blanket PO Building Supplies	205.57		
		<u>705.57</u>		
56882	02/12/25	JEMSE005 JEM Service Center		1335
24-02398	Car 907	1,492.36		
56883	02/12/25	LEAF0005 LEAF		1335
25-00215	Contract # 100-7476341-001	74.00		
25-00216	Contract # 100-7476341-003	90.78		
25-00223	Contract # 100-7476341-002	144.00		
		<u>308.78</u>		
56884	02/12/25	LEDAC005 Leda C Gonzalez, Interpreter		1335
25-00230	2024 Interpreting	1,662.50		

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01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56885	02/12/25 MAVEN005 Maven Interpreters, LLC		1335	
25-00078	Professional Interpreting	425.00		
56886	02/12/25 MCALE005 McAleer, Karl		1335	
25-00205	Substitute Fire Inspector	220.00		
56887	02/12/25 MEDEM005 Medemerge PA		1335	
25-00115	New Hire Exam	169.00		
25-00128	New Hire Exam	121.00		
		<u>290.00</u>		
56888	02/12/25 MGLPR005 MGL Printing Solutions		1335	
25-00077	1099's	158.25		
56889	02/12/25 MIDDLE050 Middlesex Cty Utilities Auth		1335	
25-00210	2024 Deficiency Billing	10,856.25		
25-00211	Q1 2025 Estimated Sewer Charge	394,780.55		
		<u>405,636.80</u>		
56890	02/12/25 MIDDLE195 Middlesex Cty Utilities Auth		1335	
25-00231	January 2025 Dumping	21,628.34		
56891	02/12/25 NATI0095 National Fuel Oil, Inc		1335	
25-00094	Blanket for Diesel Fuel	3,436.81		
56892	02/12/25 NEOP0005 Quadient, Inc		1335	
25-00268	Termination Payment	1,069.40		
56893	02/12/25 NJAME005 NJ American Water		1335	
25-00261	Public Hydrants	19,800.99		
25-00262	Various Borough Accounts	1,697.25		
		<u>21,498.24</u>		
56894	02/12/25 NJSTA005 NJ State League of		1335	
25-00154	Jobline Contract - Clerk Admin	115.00		
25-00204	Budget, Ethics webinar	75.00		
		<u>190.00</u>		
56895	02/12/25 POSIT010 Positive Solutions, LLC		1335	
25-00019	1st Qtr PR & Marketing Svcs	2,914.25		
56896	02/12/25 PREDA005 Predator Tree Service, LLC		1335	
24-02590	Tree Maintenance - 3 trees	900.00		
24-02591	Tree Maintenance	150.00		
25-00133	Tree Maintenance	750.00		
		<u>1,800.00</u>		
56897	02/12/25 PRIME005 Primepoint, LLC		1335	
25-00267	TLM Monthly Per User Fee	440.00		
56898	02/12/25 PUBLI020 Public Service Electric & Gas		1335	
25-00263	Police Acct #66 516 043 09	6,318.02		

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PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract	
01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56899	02/12/25	READY005 Ready ReFresh		1335
25-00162	Acct #0431519800	683.35		
56900	02/12/25	ROUTE005 B&C Car Wash & Detailing		1335
25-00107	Car Wash	104.00		
56901	02/12/25	RUTGE025 Rutgers, The State University		1335
24-01473	Recycling Coordinator Training	90.00		
56902	02/12/25	SALSD005 Sal's Deli & Grill		1335
25-00085	Veteran's Breakfast - January	300.00		
56903	02/12/25	SAVOS005 Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner,		1335
25-00213	December Legal Services	10,153.50		
56904	02/12/25	SHIIN005 SHI International Corp		1335
25-00122	Dell Laptop for Clean Comm	989.67		
56905	02/12/25	SHORE005 Shore Business Solutions		1335
25-00151	Contract Usage Charge	30.07		
56906	02/12/25	SPENG005 Spengler, Robert		1335
25-00256	Alternate Public Defender	1,000.00		
56907	02/12/25	STAPL010 Staples		1335
25-00120	Office supplies	46.64		
25-00123	Bulletin Board	89.99		
		<u>136.63</u>		
56908	02/12/25	STITT005 Stitt, Mark		1335
25-00202	Total Pro Expo Reimbursement	40.00		
56909	02/12/25	UNIVE010 University Behavioral Health		1335
25-00207	2nd Qtr Employee Assistance	756.58		
25-00208	3rd Qtr Employee Assistance	756.58		
		<u>1,513.16</u>		
56910	02/12/25	VERIZ020 Verizon Wireless		1335
25-00265	Acct #782647887-00001	2,508.62		
56911	02/12/25	VERIZ050 Verizon		1335
25-00259	Acct #152-579-484-0001-45	139.00		
25-00260	Acct #655-838-265-0001-41	124.99		
		<u>263.99</u>		
56912	02/12/25	WBMAS005 WB Mason Co, Inc		1335
25-00121	Office Supplies	91.22		
25-00137	Cleaning Supplies	213.05		
		<u>304.27</u>		
56913	02/12/25	WEIGH005 Weights & Measures Fund		1335
24-02558	Annual Inspection	220.00		

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PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract	
01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56914	02/12/25	WIREL005 Wireless Electronics, Inc		1335
24-02510	Minitor 7 VHF Pager	559.24		
56915	02/13/25	TRYST005 Trystone Capital Assets, LLC		1339
25-00275	Redemption of TTL # 23-00001	4,286.74		
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
	Checks:	60	0	522,327.14
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00
	Total:	60	0	522,327.14
03	OTHER TRUST	OTHER TRUST CHECKING		
923	02/12/25	ALLIE005 Allied Oil, LLC		1336
25-00217	Blanket Order for Gasoline	4,250.12		
924	02/12/25	BMRSP005 BMR Sports, LLC		1336
25-00088	Reversible Basketball Jerseys	1,792.50		
925	02/12/25	BRODE005 Brodetsky, Ilona		1336
25-00206	IdentoGo Fingerprint Reimb	45.73		
926	02/12/25	ELANF005 Elan Financial Services		1336
25-00155	Coffee with a Cop Supplies	185.08		
927	02/12/25	HOROW005 Horowitz, Robert		1336
25-00251	2025 Basketball Referee	1,260.00		
928	02/12/25	JOYYO005 Joy Yoga, LLC		1336
25-00250	Holiday Yoga Mini Session 2024	252.00		
929	02/12/25	KAYSE015 Kayser, John		1336
25-00252	2025 Basketball Referee	1,085.00		
930	02/12/25	MALDO005 Maldonado, Michael		1336
25-00200	IndentoGo Fingerprints Reimb	45.73		
931	02/12/25	MELCH020 Melchiorre III, Mark		1336
25-00255	Basketball Score/Clock Keeper	117.00		
932	02/12/25	ROBIN015 Robinson, Camren		1336
25-00253	Basketball Score/Clock Keeper	234.00		
933	02/12/25	TIEDE005 Tiedemann, Sarah		1336
25-00254	Basketball Score/Clock Keeper	78.00		
934	02/13/25	TRYST005 Trystone Capital Assets, LLC		1340
25-00275	Redemption of TTL # 23-00001	7,200.00		

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Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract	

03 OTHER TRUST OTHER TRUST CHECKING Continued				
Checking Account Totals	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
Checks:	12	0	16,545.16	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	12	0	16,545.16	0.00
04 CAPITAL FUND CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT				
1473 02/12/25	ATLAN015 Atlantic Tactical of NJ, Inc			1337
24-02384	Rifles	3,839.19		
1474 02/12/25	CHRIS020 Chris Andersen Roofing			1337
24-02433	Repairs to Library Roof	10,740.00		
1475 02/12/25	DEJAN005 Dejana Truck & Utility Equip			1337
24-01724	Replacement Body Dump Truck# 8	14,730.00		
1476 02/12/25	SUBUR015 Suburban Consulting Engineers			1337
24-02015	Landscape Design & Engineering	528.75		
1477 02/12/25	WBMAS005 WB Mason Co, Inc			1337
24-02131	HON Mod Desk at Public Works	1,097.97		
Checking Account Totals	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
Checks:	5	0	30,935.91	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	5	0	30,935.91	0.00
05 SWIM POOL SWIMMING POOL CHECKING				
13232 02/12/25	BIRDS005 Bird, Steve			1338
25-00273	Reimbursement - Certified Pool	350.00		
13233 02/12/25	CABLE005 Cablevision Raritan Valley			1338
25-00153	Swim Pool	205.32		
13234 02/12/25	NJAME005 NJ American Water			1338
25-00221	Swim Pool	182.02		
13235 02/12/25	PUBLI020 Public Service Electric & Gas			1338
25-00222	Swim Pool Acct #13 017 001 18	883.72		
13236 02/12/25	VOLIV005 Voliva, Brian			1338
25-00272	Reimbursement - Certified Pool	359.92		
Checking Account Totals	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
Checks:	5	0	1,980.98	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	5	0	1,980.98	0.00
12 DOG TRUST DOG TRUST CHECKING				
80 02/20/25	NJDEP010 NJ Dept of Health			1342
25-00321	Nov 24, Dec 24 & January 2025	330.00		

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Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Reconciled/Void		Ref Num
PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract		
12	DOG TRUST	DOG TRUST CHECKING	Continued		
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	1	0	330.00	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	1	0	330.00	0.00
WIRES					
	WIRE TRANSFER				
1494	02/18/25	BOROU030 Borough of Middlesex			1341
25-00171	January Court Credit Card Fees		509.78		
1495	02/18/25	UNUML005 Unum Life Insurance			1341
25-00172	February 2025		4,484.21		
1496	02/18/25	STATE005 State of NJ Health Benefits			1341
25-00173	February 2025		157,730.30		
1497	02/18/25	STATE010 State of NJ H\B Fund-Retirees			1341
25-00174	February 2025		133,022.23		
1498	02/18/25	LIBRA005 Library Board of Trustees			1341
25-00175	February 2025		68,135.33		
1499	02/18/25	BOARD010 Board of Education			1341
25-00225	February 2025		2,409,229.00		
1500	02/18/25	DEPOS005 Depository Trust Company			1341
25-00226	Series 2019 Bond Prin & Int		768,750.00		
1501	02/18/25	MIDDL045 Middlesex County Treasurer			1341
25-00227	Q1 2025 County Taxes		1,925,813.61		
1502	02/18/25	MIDDL045 Middlesex County Treasurer			1341
25-00228	Q1 2025 Open Space Taxes		174,919.76		
1503	02/18/25	MIDDL045 Middlesex County Treasurer			1341
25-00229	2024 Added & Omitted Taxes		7,569.39		
1504	02/18/25	DELTA005 Delta Dental Plan of NJ			1341
25-00315	March 2025		8,674.86		
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	11	0	5,658,838.47	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	11	0	5,658,838.47	0.00
Report Totals					
	Checks:	94	0	6,230,957.66	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	94	0	6,230,957.66	0.00

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Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	4-01	38,456.69	0.00	0.00	38,456.69
CURRENT FUND	5-01	6,141,629.25	0.00	0.00	6,141,629.25
	5-05	1,980.98	0.00	0.00	1,980.98
Year Total:		6,143,610.23	0.00	0.00	6,143,610.23
	C-04	30,935.91	0.00	0.00	30,935.91
GRANT FUND	G-02	1,079.67	0.00	0.00	1,079.67
TRUST RESERVE	T-03	16,545.16	0.00	0.00	16,545.16
	T-12	330.00	0.00	0.00	330.00
Year Total:		16,875.16	0.00	0.00	16,875.16
Total of All Funds:		6,230,957.66	0.00	0.00	6,230,957.66

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INVASIVE PLANTS.

1.Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to control the planting, growing, maintaining and/or cultivating of invasive plant species, in the Middlesex Borough and to prevent the spread of invasive plants into other areas of the Borough.

2.Definitions.

As used in this section, the following term shall have the meaning indicated:

INVASIVE PLANTS

All non-native vine and vegetation that grow out of place and are competitive, persistent and pernicious. These plants may damage trees, vegetation or structures. Examples include, but are not limited to, bamboo (spreading or running type), burning bush, Japanese barberry, kudzu vine, multiflora rose Oriental Bittersweet, English/Boston Ivy, Japanese knotweed and Japanese honeysuckle. More recent emerging examples are Yellow iris, Siebold's viburnum, porcelain berry, wisteria and butterfly bush. Residents can find useful information at the Jersey-Friendly Yards website www.jerseyyards.org and use that as a resource for choosing the right plants for their yards.

3.Regulation of planting, growing or cultivating of invasive plants.

All persons must control the growth of invasive plants. No person, resident, citizen, property owner and/or tenant of the Middlesex Borough shall plant, cultivate, or cause to grow, any new invasive plants on any lot and/or parcel of ground anywhere within the geographic boundaries of the Middlesex Borough, except for where the root system of such bamboo plants is entirely contained within an above-ground-level planter, barrel, or other vessel of such design, material and locations or the invasive plant is confined using a rhizome barrier.

4.Exception.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any landowner or possessor of said land who, prior to the effective date of this section, had any invasive plant species on any property within the Middlesex Borough limits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all existing plants should be contained by appropriate physical barriers to prevent the growth or spread of existing invasive species beyond the boundaries of the landowner's property.

5.Complaint notice, order for removal and compliance.

Whenever a complaint is received by the Middlesex Borough regarding the encroachment of any invasive plant or root, or whenever the Borough, on its own observations and inspections, determines that there is an encroachment of an invasive plant or root on the property of another landowner, or tenant in possession of the property, or both, a violation shall be given to the owner of the property from which the invasive species has spread, in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to remove or abate the same within 30 days. The cost of all remedies, including the removal of plantings of invasive plants, shall be borne by the property owner.

6. Violations and penalties.

a.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine consistent with the general penalty in § 1-5 and as determined by the Municipal Court. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of such violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

b.

Notwithstanding any other penalty or fine which may be imposed under this section, if an owner fails to comply with the removal or abatement of an invasive plant, the Borough may thereafter remove or otherwise abate the planting and thereafter recover the costs of such removal or abatement from the property owner by placing a lien against the property.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #82-2025

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 - Zoning & Code Enforcement, Personnel - Electrical Sub-Code Official & Contract Negotiations - Rescue Squad; 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.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.