



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

1200 Mountain Ave  
Middlesex, NJ

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**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Municipal Building**

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**MAYOR'S STATEMENT**

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

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**SALUTE TO FLAG**

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**ROLL CALL**

Council President Michael Conahan  
Councilman Joseph DeScenza  
Councilman Robert Dessino  
Councilman Kevin Dotey  
Councilman Kenneth Griggs

Councilman Jeremiah Carnes -- **Absent**

**Also Present:**

Jack Mikolajczyk Mayor  
Michael La Place Administrator  
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

**Others Absent:**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Accepting the Resignation of Jane Connors from the Culture & Arts Committee

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

2. Appointing Lauren Frisoli as a Regular Member of the Culture & Arts Committee

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

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## PROCLAMATIONS

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## ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2147-25 by title:

### ORDINANCE 2147-25

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 195 (FEES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE A NEW ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "WAIVER OF FEES" TO INCLUDE FEE WAIVERS FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONDER ORGANIZATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Chapter 195 (Fees) of the municipal code of the Borough of Middlesex to include a new Article IV entitled "Waiver of Fees" to provide for a mechanism to waive certain Borough-mandated fees for volunteer first responder organizations, including fire, rescue, fire police, and volunteers with the Borough's Office of Emergency Management; 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 195 (Fees) of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

#### Section I:

A new Article IV shall be added to Chapter 195 (Fees) of the Borough Code of Middlesex and Shall be entitled "Waiver of Fees."

#### Section II:

Chapter 195-5 is hereby created, shall be entitled, "Purpose," shall be placed in the aforementioned Article IV, and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

The purpose of this article is to waive certain Borough-mandated fees for active members of the Borough's volunteer organizations as defined herein.

#### Section III:

Chapter 195-6 is hereby created, shall be entitled, "Definitions," shall be placed in the aforementioned Article IV, and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

#### ACTIVE MEMBERS

Individuals residing in the Borough of Middlesex who are active members of a volunteer organizations as defined herein.

#### FEES

Those charges for recreation programs, Joint Land Use Board application fees for the volunteer's personal residence, plumbing and fire permits and building subcode, fire subcode, electrical subcode and plumbing subcode inspections made by or through the Borough's Construction Department in connection with the construction of a member's personal residence. Specifically excluded from the waiver of fees are any fees collected by the Borough on behalf of another entity (except for third-party independent vendors retained by the Borough to perform building, fire, electrical and/or plumbing subcode inspections pursuant to the Uniform Construction Code), including but not limited to the state, the county and/or such fees not directly related to the member's or family member's primary residence.

#### RECREATION PROGRAMS

Any programs sponsored by the Borough of Middlesex or any subsidiary board thereof over which the Borough has direct control over fees to be assessed for programming.

#### VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Volunteer organizations shall include any Middlesex Borough fire department or rescue squad member, any fire police individual, or any volunteer with the Borough's Office of Emergency Management.

### Section IV:

Chapter 195-7 is hereby created, shall be entitled, "Applicable Fees," shall be placed in the aforementioned Article IV, and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

The Borough shall waive fees to active members and family members of volunteer organizations for the following:

1. Borough recreation programs.
2. Fees associated with municipal plumbing and fire permits for their personal residence.
3. Joint Land Use Board application fees for their personal residence.
4. Fees for building subcode, fire subcode, electrical subcode and/or plumbing subcode inspections through the Borough Construction Department in connection with the construction of their personal residence, whether such inspections are made by Borough subcode officials, themselves, or by independent third-party vendors contractually retained for that purpose by the Borough.

### Section V

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

### Section VI

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 VII

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]</b>          | <b>Next: 4/8/2025 7:00 PM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |                               |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |                               |

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2142-25 by title:

### 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.

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2142-25. Seeing that there were no public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2142-25.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2146-25 by title:

**ORDINANCE 2146-25**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$171,930.66 in excess of the increase in final

appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Middlesex shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40 A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$601,757.31 and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Middlesex be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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

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

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

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2146-25. Seeing that there were no public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2146-25.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Adoption of the March 11, 2025 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

### MAYOR'S REPORT

**Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:**

- We are working on the Budget, health coverage is a large contributing factor.

- Little League Opening Day is April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Limelight Pharmacy's Grand Opening is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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### Council President Conahan

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

- I want to thank Adam Wick for his years of service to the DPW.
- The Parks Committee will host the first Victor Crowell Park public input meeting on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Library Community Room from 6:30-8:30.
- The next Friends of the Library program will be next Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Library Community Room. The program is titled "Reclaiming our voice about women securing the right to vote".
- Please attend our upcoming Volunteer Fair on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Library Community Room from 10am-3pm. This is for Borough organizations that provide services and efforts to assist Middlesex Borough.
- Thank you, Kevin, for tonight's presentation.
- Update on the Green Brook Flood Commission Flood Control Project.
- Email from the Green Brook Flood Control Commission: "Good news recently released last week on the Green Brook Project. Besides the \$496,00,000 FY 22 funds that were previously secured, and additional \$223,700,00 was allocated for the FY 25. This brings the total for Green Brook to \$719,700,000 and essentially fully funds at mostly 100% federal expense the construction remaining for the entire lower basin and stony brook. This allocation allows us to further accelerate construction of this highly important project for reducing flood risk."

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### Councilman Carnes

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### Councilman DeScenza

**Councilman DeScenza made the following comments:**

- DPW are working on a temporary fix for the snack bar roof that was damaged during a storm.

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### Councilman Dessino

**Councilman Dessino made the following comments:**

- The Environmental Commission are proclaiming Dark Sky Week the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ERI mapping will be done by Najarian.
- The Commission are expressing concerns over what is passing through Middlesex by train.
- On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Environmental Commission will be filling containers at the Tree Nursery.

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### Councilman Dotey

**Councilman Dotey made the following comments:**

- Highlights of the Police Report.
- Councilman Dotey read the Fire Department Press Release concerning the Carnival.

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### Councilman Griggs

**Councilman Griggs made the following comments:**

- The Shade Tree Commission are looking into changing the Ordinance in regard to sidewalks.

- The Shade Tree Commission meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Court Room.
- The Board of Health meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Community Room.

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### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Work is continuing on the development of the 2025 budget as staff and Council members review the latest draft of the budget and consider areas for possible further reductions. The proposed budget will be introduced on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. The first public event in the upcoming public participation phase of the Victor Crowell Park master planning process is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Community Room of the Public Library, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. A second work session with the public is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Victor Crowell Park. A special information page devoted to the project is now on the municipal website.
3. Middlesex County is working closely with the Borough to coordinate our participation in the upcoming State Plan process. I attended a meeting last night in New Brunswick as the process of County-coordinated planning begins. Cross-Acceptance, as the process is known, requires the participation of state, local and county governments and agencies in order to better understand and address local and regional land use, environmental and economic issues.
4. Public Works has been busy with regular duties as well as with clean up in the parks and temporary repair work at the pool, including placing tarps on the damaged roof area while repair planning is underway.
5. The Middlesex Police Department is investigating the damage to the long-time illuminated Police and Borough Hall pole-mounted sign at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Route 28. It appears to have been damaged by a truck or by construction equipment.
6. The Middlesex Bunny Hop is this Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Recreation Center and Legion Place. The star of the event will be the Easter Bunny and there will be games, crafts and a petting zoo. Parking will be available at Borough Hall. And a reminder, the deadline to sign up kids for the Summer Playground program is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
7. A timely service under way for Seniors is the free income tax preparation program, sponsored by AARP. This service is offered at the Senior and Rec Center every Tuesday and Thursday until April 15<sup>th</sup>. The program is by appointment only so please call the Center to schedule an appointment. (732) 356-0414.
8. Resolutions this evening include approval of a developer's agreement for sanitary sewer service at 700 South Avenue, authorization for the Mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding between the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Borough of Middlesex for a Hazard management grant and acceptance of the resignation of Andrew Wick from the Department of Public Works, effective March 28, 2023.
9. Tonight's Agenda Workshop will include a discussion of the Film Committee and changes regarding the Curbside Recycling Program.
10. Executive Session topics this evening will include the zoning and code enforcement officer position and contract negotiations for employee health benefits and for 1190 Mountain Avenue.
11. Finally, I wanted to note that my second-year anniversary with the Borough was last Thursday. I would like to thank the Mayor, Council and the community for the opportunity to work for such a wonderful municipality.

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### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**



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

Mark Kranz, 7 Park place, discussed the circumstances and decision that was made by the Swim Pool Commission to disband the Synchronized Swimming Team. He stated numerous issues with the members and parents involved.

Michelle Lynch, 259 Market Street, shared her views on the disbandment of the Synchronized Swimming Team and the lack of support they have received from the Commission and staff. She expressed her concerns for the diversity of the Commission members and their inability to properly represent the residents. She urged the Council to advocate for the team.

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street, praised the Zoning Officer for his hard work.

Ann Marie Kleiber, 116 Chestnut Street, expressed concerns over the shade tree in her yard, stating it was a tripping hazard and collecting water. She urged the Council to intervene. She also commented on the disbandment of the Synchronized Swimming Team.

Toni Moss, 4 Lauri Lane, expressed her concerns with how the Synchronized Swimming Team was treated and how the pool staff and commission members handled the disbandment of the team.

Bruce Sanders, 10 Venice Avenue, asked for an update on the land that Somerset County recently acquired from the Borough. He recommended that the Borough contact PSE&G for budget saving ideas. He inquired when the YouTube videos will be updated and expressed his displeasure over the lack of communication by the School Board.

Kevin Redzinski, 441 Fairview Avenue, stated that the Schools need to have a re-registration. He also expressed his displeasure over the use of Facebook and lack of communication by the Schools.

Claire Levourne, 809 Grandview Street, gave an update on the energy audit and stated that the Board of Education Google link does not work.

William Galtieri, 508 Grandview Street, asked for an update on his request to install cameras in the parks. He expressed his displeasure over the way the Police and the Council have proceeded in the disappearance and passing of a resident. He questioned why if the DPW can make a full check of the trash within all the Parks in an hour, why the police did not check all the parks for the missing individual. He suggested the use of smart trash cans, and urged the Council to take action for the safety of the residents.

Rich Thomasey, 109 Greene Avenue, expressed his displeasure of the Board of Education's communication with residents, and stated that there is egregious spending happening.

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

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#### **NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 94-2025**

**ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS**

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

- . Acceptance of Jackie Giardino as a reserve member of the OEM.
- . Acceptance of the updated February 2025 Police Report.
- . Acceptance of the Fire Department Carnival Press Release.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 95-2025**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG  
AHA HOLDING GROUP, LLC, THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND THE TOWNSHIP  
OF PISCATAWAY AFFECTING BLOCK 264, LOTS 4,5, AND 6 ON THE BOROUGH OF  
MIDDLESEX TAX MAP**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-45.2(L) authorizes a municipality to enter into a Developer's Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, AHA Holding Group, LLC (the "Developer") is the owner of parcels of real estate known as 700 South Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey, designated as Lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 267 in the Middlesex Borough Tax Map (the "Subject Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Land Use Board of the Borough of Middlesex has granted land development approvals to the Developer to develop the Subject Property as a contractor office building and storage yard in Application No. 2023-010 (the "Approvals"), which Approvals were memorialized by written Resolution adopted on February 14, 2024 (the "Planning Board resolution"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is advantageous for the Developer to connect to the Township of Piscataway sanitary sewer system to provide sanitary sewer service to the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has requested that the Township of Piscataway permit the Developer to connect to the Township of Piscataway's sanitary sewer system (the "Sewer System"); and

**WHEREAS**, Developer acknowledges and agrees that it will be billed directly by the Township of Piscataway for all sanitary sewer connection and use charges and further that the Township of Piscataway shall have the power and authority to place a lien on the Subject Property in the event of Developer's failure to pay all sanitary sewer use charges including the right to sell a Tax Sale Certificate for unpaid fees and charges. In order to permit the Township of Piscataway to place a lien and sell a Tax Sale Certificate, it is

necessary for the Borough of Middlesex to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Township of Piscataway to bill Developer directly for all sanitary sewer connections and use charges; the ability to place a lien on the Subject Property; and the ability to sell a Tax Sale Certificate for unpaid fees and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, having considered the information provided, the Borough of Middlesex is satisfied that it is in the best interest of all parties to enter into the Developer's Agreement for the purposes aforesaid; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Developer's Agreement in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 96-2025**

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER THE SENIOR CITIZEN/ DISABLED PERSON TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR BLOCK 201 LOT 1**

**WHEREAS**, certain Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex on or before October 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, said Senior Citizens / Disabled Persons did file their application for the Senior Citizen/Disabled person deduction with the proper official of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County prior to December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor has approved the application; and

**THEREFORE**, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to allow the Senior Citizen/Disabled Person deduction for the 2025 year totaling \$250.00.

Name: Foti, Patricia  
Block/Lot: 201 / 1  
Amount: \$250.00  
Year: 2025

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 97-2025**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT**

The governing body hereby approves the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Borough of Middlesex for the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 98-2025**

**REIMBURSEMENT OF DOG LICENSE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.00 TO EMILY  
CLAUSS DUE TO INSUFFICIENT RABIES VACCINATION**

The Governing Body hereby approves the reimbursement fee for Dog License in the amount of \$10.00 to Emily Clauss, 220 Lincoln Blvd, Middlesex, NJ due to insufficient rabies vaccination date.

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 99-2025**

**PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 APPROVAL OF AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COVERING CERTAIN COMMITMENTS NOT  
PROVIDED IN THE TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing temporary appropriations sufficient to cover commitments made during the period of January 1, 2025 to the date of adoption of the annual budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2025 temporary appropriations to cover such commitments, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose of covering such commitments; and

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20) including this resolution total \$14,360,722.20 for the Current Fund Budget and \$150,000.00 for the Swimming Pool Utility Budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** (not less than two-thirds of all of the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20: an emergency temporary appropriation shall be made for the following purposes:

**Salaries &  
Wages**

**Other  
Expenses**

**Appropriations**

**Current Fund****General Government**

|                           |             |              |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Administrator             | \$40,000.00 | \$8,000.00   |
| Mayor & Council           | \$3,000.00  | \$1,500.00   |
| Municipal Clerk           | \$45,000.00 | \$3,000.00   |
| Printing & Advertising    | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Postage                   | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Purchasing Agent          | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Finance Administration    | \$40,000.00 | \$10,000.00  |
| Audit Services            | \$0.00      | \$43,000.00  |
| Computer Services         | \$0.00      | \$75,000.00  |
| Collection of Taxes       | \$25,000.00 | \$2,000.00   |
| Assessment of Taxes       | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00       |
| Legal Services            | \$0.00      | \$50,000.00  |
| Engineering Services      | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Environmental Services    | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Joint Land Use Board      | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Code Enforcement          | \$15,000.00 | \$0.00       |
| CRS Floodplain            | \$0.00      | \$2,500.00   |
| Liability Insurance       | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Worker's Comp             | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Insurance                 |             |              |
| Group Insurance           | \$0.00      | \$500,000.00 |
| Temp Disability           | \$0.00      | \$3,000.00   |
| Insurance                 |             |              |
| Longterm Disability Insur | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Health Benefit Waiver     | \$0.00      | \$20,000.00  |

**Public Safety**

|                      |              |             |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Police               | \$950,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Juvenile             | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| Emergency Management | \$0.00       | \$3,000.00  |
| Fire Department      | \$0.00       | \$65,000.00 |
| Fire Hydrants        | \$0.00       | \$40,000.00 |
| Prosecutor           | \$0.00       | \$8,000.00  |

**Public Works**

|                          |              |             |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Streets & Roads          | \$190,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Shade Tree               | \$500.00     | \$15,000.00 |
| Solid Waste              | \$30,000.00  | \$0.00      |
| Garbage                  | \$60,000.00  | \$5,000.00  |
| Building & Grounds       | \$10,000.00  | \$20,000.00 |
| Rescue Squad Rental      | \$0.00       | \$2,000.00  |
| Multi Family Solid Waste | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |

|                                                |             |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sewers                                         | \$45,000.00 | \$3,000.00   |
| Stormwater Management                          | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| <b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>             |             |              |
| Board of Health                                | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Animal Control                                 | \$0.00      | \$8,000.00   |
| <b>Parks &amp; Recreations</b>                 |             |              |
| Recreation                                     | \$16,000.00 | \$6,000.00   |
| Celebration of Public Events                   | \$0.00      | \$7,000.00   |
| Parks & Playgrounds                            | \$70,000.00 | \$20,000.00  |
| Sr Citizen Bus Transportation                  | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Sr Nutrition                                   | \$2,500.00  | \$0.00       |
| Title III                                      | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Medical Transportation                         | \$7,500.00  | \$0.00       |
| Sr Citizen Coordinator                         | \$10,000.00 | \$7,500.00   |
| Older Americans Grant Beautification Committee | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Environmental Committee                        | \$0.00      | \$3,000.00   |
| Housing & Comm Develop                         | \$0.00      | \$100.00     |
| <b>Utility Expenses</b>                        |             |              |
| Electricity                                    | \$0.00      | \$50,000.00  |
| Street Lighting                                | \$0.00      | \$30,000.00  |
| Telephone                                      | \$0.00      | \$10,000.00  |
| Water                                          | \$0.00      | \$5,000.00   |
| Natural Gas                                    | \$0.00      | \$5,000.00   |
| Fuel Oil (Diesel)                              | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Gasoline                                       | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| <b>Other Operating</b>                         |             |              |
| Landfill                                       | \$0.00      | \$100,000.00 |
| Construction                                   | \$50,000.00 | \$0.00       |
| Municipal Court                                | \$60,000.00 | \$5,000.00   |
| Public Defender                                | \$0.00      | \$2,500.00   |
| Library                                        | \$0.00      | \$150,000.00 |

|                               |                       |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Utility Authority             | \$0.00                | \$500,000.00          |
| Piscataway Sewer              | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| Curbside Recycling            | \$0.00                | \$70,000.00           |
| <b>Statutory Expenses</b>     |                       |                       |
| Social Security               | \$0.00                | \$100,000.00          |
| DCRP CoMatch                  | \$0.00                | \$2,500.00            |
| Contingent                    | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| PERS                          | \$0.00                | \$601,767.00          |
| PFRS                          | \$0.00                | \$1,293,979.00        |
| <b>Municipal Debt Service</b> |                       |                       |
| Bond Principal                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| Bond Interest                 | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| BAN Principal                 | \$0.00                | \$85,325.36           |
| BAN Interest                  | \$0.00                | \$391,609.17          |
| Infrastructure Loan           | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</b>     | <b>\$1,679,500.00</b> | <b>\$4,383,280.53</b> |
| <b>Swim Pool Utility</b>      |                       |                       |
| Operating Appropriations      | \$20,000.00           | \$30,000.00           |
| <b>TOTAL SWIM POOL</b>        | <b>\$20,000.00</b>    | <b>\$30,000.00</b>    |

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 100-2025**

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ADAM WICK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE MARCH 28, 2025**

The Mayor and Council hereby accept the resignation of Adam Wick effective March 28, 2025 and authorize the Treasurer to pay the full allowance of \$985.53 in accordance with the Personnel Policy in the regular Borough payroll of April 4, 2025. The allowance includes the following:

|                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pro-rated clothing allowance                           | \$212.49        |
| Pro-rated unused vacation time<br>(24 hours x \$32.21) | \$773.04        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                           | <b>\$985.53</b> |

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### NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

#### RESOLUTION 101-2025

##### 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.

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|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

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### AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

#### 1. Film Committee

Kevin Redzinski gave a strategy plan presentation that would enhance the Film Committee, allowing for big industry companies to come to Middlesex to film.

He spoke about the following topics:

- There are possible tax Incentives for the Borough.
- There is a large amount of filming in the area.
- The Borough should create an overview of the town that shows available land for use.
- 24-hour access would set us apart from other municipalities.
- Residents would need to be educated on the inconveniences.
- Great reward for little work.
- Residents could be involved, opening up job opportunities.
- The Borough should host a community event that showcases the town.
- Great revenue source.

#### 2. Curbside Recycling



Garbage Collection:

Curbside recycling collection will be changing to a one arm bandit truck. New 92-gallon cans will be distributed to residents section by section. Elderly residents will be eligible to receive smaller cans. The areas that are too small for the new trucks will utilize a modified truck. This will help reduce debris throughout the Borough.

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS**

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

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street, expressed his support of switching over to the new trucks.

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

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

**RESOLUTION 102-2025**

**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 Officer, Contract Negotiations - Health Benefits and Contract Negotiation - 1190 Mountain Avenue; 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 above as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and the minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the items no longer require confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

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|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Conahan, Council President        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kevin Dotey, Councilman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Conahan, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Carnes                                    |

Personnel - Zoning Officer

Contract Negotiations - Health Benefits

Contract Negotiation - 1190 Mountain Avenue

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting will be April 8, 2025

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC  
Borough Clerk