



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Middlesex, NJ

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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

7:00 PM

Municipal Building

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

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

SALUTE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Council President Michael Conahan
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes
Councilman Joseph DeScenza
Councilman Robert Dessino
Councilman Kevin Dotey

Councilman Kenneth Griggs -- **Absent**

Also Present:

Jack Mikolajczyk Mayor
Michael La Place Administrator
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

PRESENTATIONS

1. Police Department Awards

Police Chief Geist gave the following presentation:

It is both an honor and a privilege to stand before you at this important occasion - a moment where we pause to recognize the outstanding courage, service, and dedication of the men and women of our police department.

I would like to thank Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk, Council President Michael Conahan, Our Police Liaison, Councilman Kevin Dotey, the entire governing body, and our Business Administrator La Place, for their continued support of the police department and our officers throughout the year. I would also like to thank our residents and business partners. We are truly grateful for your support.

This year, National Police Week is recognized in the United States from May 11th to May 17th. It first became observed in 1962, when President John F. Kennedy declared May 15th as National Peace Officers Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week.

Yesterday the police department held a ceremony in front of police headquarters placing a wreath in front of our monument to commemorate police week and to honor law enforcement officers from around the country who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community. The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum support ceremonies to honor, remember, respect, and pay tribute to those who gave their lives in the line of duty. Right now, in Washington, DC they are holding the 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the National Mall to honor the 345 fallen officers whose names will be added to the 24,067 already engraved to the memorial. This week, we honor those 345 officers who sacrificed their lives to keep us safe.

Every day, our officers put on their uniforms, step into the unknown, and uphold the oath they swore - to protect and serve our community with integrity, fairness, and courage. Today, we shine a light on those among us who have gone above and beyond that call of duty.

Tonight, we gather to recognize our officers for their actions between 2024 to 2025.

Each year to begin the awards ceremony I ask that we join together in a moment of silence to recognize the police officers, firefighters, emergency service members and military personnel who have dedicated their time or paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting our safety and our freedom. I would also like to recognize retired members of the Middlesex Police Department who have served our community and have since passed away.

Awards

Life Saving Award: Awarded for an act performed in the line of duty, which through disregard of personal safety OR prompt and alert reaction OR employing life saving measures/equipment resulting in resuscitation of a person to save a life.

On Thursday, February 6th, 2025, at 9:07 PM, Somerset County Communications received a call for an unresponsive male in the area of the Bound Brook Road Extension and Greenbrook Road. Sgt. George Pilesky, Officer Marc Arancio, Officer Anthony Painchaud, Officer April Menditto and Officer David Wilczynski responded to the scene.

Officers Arancio and Wilczynski arrived first and located the unresponsive male patient, seated in the passenger's seat of a vehicle.

Officer Wilczynski attempted to awaken the patient with a sternum rub but was unsuccessful. He determined that the patient had agonal breathing and no pulse.

Officers Arancio and Wilczynski removed the patient from the vehicle and placed him onto the ground to begin performing lifesaving CPR.

Sgt. Pilesky, Officer Painchaud and Officer Menditto arrived on scene to assist and utilized an automated external defibrillator - AED, and CPR continued by officers, roadside.

After several minutes elapsed, and several cycles of CPR were performed, the patient was reassessed, at which time a strong pulse was detected.

The patient was still unresponsive, and officers transitioned from CPR to Rescue Breathing. As officers continued Rescue Breathing for several minutes, the patient slowly began to regain consciousness and became slightly responsive, opening his eyes and talking.

The officers placed the patient in the recovery position and covered him with an emergency blanket to keep him comfortable.

Rutger's Basic Life Support and John F. Kennedy Medical Center Advanced Life Support Unit arrived on scene and took over patient care.

The patient was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Somerville, by BLS and ALS and his family was notified.

Recipients:

- Sergeant George Pilesky
- Officer Marc Arancio
- Officer Anthony Painchaud
- Officer April Menditto
- Officer David Wilczynski

Unit Citation Award: Awarded for a distinguished team effort by all participating staff members, showing initiative and accomplishment in the protection of life and property.

On Monday, October 14, 2024, at 2:54 PM, the Officers were dispatched to the area of the Cedar Avenue Railroad Crossing for a report of a male lying on the train tracks. A New Jersey Transit Employee observed the male and reported the incident.

Somerset County Communications Dispatchers contacted New Jersey Transit and Conrail, reported the incident, and requested approaching trains to stop. Sgt. Pilesky arrived first to the rear of 532 Lincoln Boulevard and obtained a visual of the male along the NJ Transit tracks, east of Cedar Avenue.

At that time, Sgt. Pilesky also observed an eastbound NJ Transit Train approaching. Sgt. Pilesky motioned with his arms for the train to stop, which appeared to already be slowing. He then observed the male lay down on the tracks. The male saw Sgt. Pilesky, stood up and began to walk away from him towards the east. Sgt. Pilesky continued to pursue the male on foot.

Sgt. Auricchio, Officer Christofides, Officer Marczak and Officer Dangler responded and coordinated their efforts, closing the distance from both sides to provide assistance to Sgt. Pilesky, who was still actively pursuing the male.

Sgt. Auricchio and Officer Marczak entered the railroad tracks by foot, while Officers Christofides and Dangler traveled along the right of way in their patrol vehicles. Officer Christofides and Officer Dangler were able to stop the male along the railroad right of way and escorted him to safety. The male was brought to the parking lot of Lincoln Park, where Bound Brook EMS responded, evaluated the male, and transported him to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for medical and psychological evaluation.

The swift action and the collective efforts of the officers and dispatchers involved preserved life and prevented further injury or incident to the patient and those on the approaching NJ Transit Train.

Recipients:

- Sergeant Joleen Auricchio
- Sergeant George Pilesky
- Officer Scott Christofides
- Officer Jamie Marczak
- Officer Robert Dangler

The Certificate of Commendation: Awarded for the intelligent performance of an act that materially contributes to the accomplishment of the Department's mission, under adverse or unusual circumstances, performed with special faithfulness and perseverance.

We honor Captain Craig Comiskey for reaching a truly remarkable milestone, 30 years of dedicated service to this department without taking a single sick day. Thirty years, over three decades, of unwavering presence, reliability, and commitment. Rain or shine, challenges or calm, Captain Comiskey has been a constant. That kind of dedication is rare, and it speaks volumes about his character, work ethic, and deep sense of duty.

Captain Comiskey has not only led by example, but has done so with a consistency that inspires everyone around him. This isn't just about perfect attendance - it's about resilience, responsibility, and a profound devotion to the mission and to the people we serve.

Thank you to our Mayor and Council for giving me the opportunity to hold our ceremony during this Council meeting.

Special thanks to our Awards Committee for reviewing and providing recommendations for this ceremony. Congratulations to all our officers who received awards tonight.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Accepting the Resignation of Mike Conahan from the Recreation Committee

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert Dessino, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey
ABSENT:	Griggs

2. Accepting the Resignation of Mark Kranz from the Culture & Arts Committee

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

PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Police Week

WHEREAS, proclaimed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15, 2025 as “**Peace Officers’ Memorial Day**” and the week in which it falls as “**National Police Week**”; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Middlesex Borough Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of our law enforcement agency of Middlesex Borough play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our citizens, merchants and visitors; and

WHEREAS, over its 85 years and counting, our police department has grown to be a modern and well-respected law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all citizens to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial’s 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2025;

WHEREAS, U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff on May 15th for Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jack Mikolajczyk, Mayor of the Borough of Middlesex, call upon our citizens and all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11-17, 2025 as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** recognizing all law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities.

I further call upon all citizens to observe May 15, 2025 as "**Peace Officers' Memorial Day**" to honor our law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have been disabled in the performance of their duties, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

2. Older Americans Month 2025

Whereas, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Middlesex Borough's older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

Whereas, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

Whereas, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

Whereas, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

Whereas, Middlesex Borough must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities - reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

Now, Therefore, I, Jack Mikolajczyk, Mayor of Middlesex Borough do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Flip the Script on Aging," emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community.

I call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

BUDGET HEARING

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 127-2025

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

\$24,047,461.07	for Municipal Purposes
\$817,624.00	Minimum Library Tax

Current Fund:

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Surplus	\$1,290,000
Anticipated	.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$6,461,455
	.93
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$500,000.0
	0
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
for Municipal Purposes	\$15,796,00
	5.14
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
Minimum Library Tax	\$817,624.0
	0
Total	\$24,865,08
Revenues	5.07

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriations within
"CAPS"

Operations Including Contingent	\$17,778,69
	1.00

Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	\$0.00
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General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"

Operations	\$3,889,709
	.05

Capital Improvements	\$150,000.0
	0

Municipal Debt Service	\$2,259,237
	.20

Deferred Charges - Municipal	\$12,447.82
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Judgements	\$0.00
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Reserve for Uncollected	\$775,000.0
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Taxes	0
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Total Appropriations	\$24,865,08
	5.07

Swim PoolUtility:

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Surplus	\$52,695.00
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Anticipated	
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Rents (Memberships)	\$312,000.0
	0

Miscellaneous	\$113,400.0
	0

Total Revenues	\$478,095.0
	0

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$383,246.0 0
Debt Service	\$78,528.00
Statutory Expenses	\$16,321.00
Total Appropriations	\$478,095.0 0

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 13th day of May 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

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

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2152-25 by title:

ORDINANCE 2152-25**AN ORDINANCE VACATING AUBREY PLACE AND A PORTION OF HALE PLACE**

WHEREAS, Aubrey Place and Hale Place are paper streets that were previously dedicated to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey Place has not been developed, and Hale Place has not been developed except for a certain portion of it that constitutes Mountain Avenue and Monroe Street/7th Street; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey Place and that portion of Hale Place that is not located within the Mountain Avenue and Monro Street/7th Street rights-of-way are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey Place and said portion of Hale Place to be vacated are 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 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 Aubrey Place and a portion of Hale Place as described herein.
2. The area of the public right-of-way to be vacated and abandoned is described in accordance with the survey of the same prepared by Charles Surmonte, P.E. & P.L.S., dated February 12, 2025. A copy of this survey is 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.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 5/27/2025 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President	
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman	
AYES:	Conahan, Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey	
ABSENT:	Griggs	

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2149-25 by title:

ORDINANCE 2149-25**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 332-41 AND 332-52 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SEWERS**

WHEREAS, the existing Chapters 332-41 and 332-52 require amendment to function more effectively; and

WHEREAS, in consideration thereof, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex desires to amend the aforesaid Chapters 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 332-41 and 332-52 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey titled are hereby amended pursuant to the provisions hereof:

Section I

Chapter 332-41 (User classes) is hereby amended as follows:

- A. "Tax exempt" includes institutions which pay no ad valorem taxes or receive substantial credits in paying such taxes, including public schools, except ~~public schools and~~ publicly owned facilities performing local government functions which discharge solely domestic wastes.

Section II

Chapter 332-52 (Exemptions) is hereby amended as follows:

Public buildings (except for buildings used for public education), which are defined as those used solely for local municipal purposes ~~and/or public education~~, are excluded from the user charges called for in this article. The usage of said public buildings shall be treated as extraneous flow, as defined in §332-47 hereinabove. **Buildings used for public education shall not be entitled to an exemption.**

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).

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Portion on the Ordinance for anyone wishing to comment.

Sharon Schueller, 19 Starlit Drive, questioned the reasoning behind removing the schools. She expressed concerns over the schools budget, stating that the expense was not expected.

Seeing that there were no further comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Portion on the Ordinance.

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2150-25 by title:

ORDINANCE 2150-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 80 (POLICE DEPARTMENT), SECTION 80-9 (QUALIFICATIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO AMEND THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Chapter 80 (Police Department), Section 80-9 (Qualifications) of the Borough's municipal code to lower age of eligibility from twenty-one (21) to eighteen (18); 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 80 (Police Department) of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

Section I

Section 80-9 ("Qualifications") is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

No person shall be appointed to the Police Department who is not qualified as provided in the New Jersey Statutes. (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-122.) In addition, no person shall be appointed unless:

- A. He or she is a citizen of the United States and the State of New Jersey.
- B. He or she is sound of body and of good health sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the New Jersey Police and Fireman's Retirement System.
- C. He or she is able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently.
- D. He or she is of good moral character.
- E. He or she is not less than ~~21~~ **18** years of age.

- F. He or she is physically and mentally sound and emotionally stable and possesses the necessary ability to understand and obey orders and to perform the duties required of the members of the Police Department.
- G. He or she has not been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude.
- H. He or she has a valid New Jersey driver's license.
- I. He or she has a minimum of a high school diploma and an approved combination of one or more of the following:
 - (1) A minimum of 60 college credits from an accredited college or university; or
 - (2) A minimum of four years of active duty in the United States Armed Forces; or
 - (3) Police certification through the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

Section II

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

Section III

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section IV

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

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Portion on the Ordinance for anyone wishing to comment.

Seeing that there were no further comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Portion on the Ordinance.

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2151-25 by title:

ORDINANCE 2151-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (TAXATION) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE VI ENTITLED "EXEMPTION POLICY FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 permits a veteran who is declared by the United States Veteran's Administration or its successor to be 100% permanently disabled to receive a real property tax exemption for their dwelling house and lot; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Chapter 375 (Taxation) of the municipal code of the Borough of Middlesex to a new Article VI entitled "Exemption Policy for Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouse" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; 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 375 (Taxation) of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

Section I:

A new Article VI shall be added to Chapter 375 (Taxation) of the Borough Code of Middlesex and Shall be entitled "Exemption Policy for Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses."

Section II:

Chapter 375-21 is hereby created, shall be entitled, "Eligibility," shall be placed in the aforementioned Article IV, and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

The Borough will allow for either a veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran to obtain municipal property tax relief upon proper claim pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq. An eligible veteran shall be defined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor, who has been or shall be declared by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to have a service-connected disability and to be determined to be 100% permanently disabled. An eligible surviving spouse shall be defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.

Section III:

Chapter 375-22 is hereby created, shall be entitled, "Exemption from Date of Filing," shall be placed in the aforementioned Article IV, and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

In determining a grant of a municipal tax exemption under this section, the Township will pro-rate the exemption from the date the tax exemption application has been approved by the Tax Assessor until the remainder of the year in which application is made and accepted by the Tax Assessor. There shall be no retroactive refund granted, regardless of the disability date determination of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Section IV

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

Section V

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section VI

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

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Portion on the Ordinance for anyone wishing to comment.

Seeing that there were no further comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Public Portion on the Ordinance.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the April 22, 2025 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

- The Volunteer Fair went well.
- Thank you Caroline for your work on the budget.
- Update on the railroad tracks.
- The Second Victor Crowell meeting went well.
- Maintenance is being done on the lake.
- 172 Baekeland Ave update: 29 violations have been issued at the site. They have an LSRP who is overseeing the environmental actions and remediations taking place at the site. They have been working with the facility since 2021. Most of the issues have been surrounding the gully in the back. The LSRP has been made aware of the excessive noise complaints. The facility is in compliance with air permits. Najarian will be reviewing the site to check on compliance. If there is an issue, call the correct authority, there is a history of complaints with no charges.
- The Borough will be moving forward with hiring a full-time Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Conahan

Council President Conahan made the following comments:

- Thank you to everyone involved in the Volunteer Fair, over 600 residents were in attendance.

- Thank you to the Volunteer Fair Committee for all your hard work.
- Thank you DPW for preparation and cleanup at the Volunteer Fair.
- 18 gifts cards were donated as door prizes at the Fair.
- Refreshments were donated by Superfoods, Ellery's and Dunkin Donuts West.
- Congratulations to all the Police award recipients.
- The Local History Room will be open on June 16th at 6pm.
- The next Pillar will be Beverly Weber on the May 27th meeting.
- Documents from the Victor Crowell Park meeting are now available on the website.
- TK1 Solutions quoted \$4,418 for the Borough to live stream the Council Meetings. This has been added to the Capital Budget.

Councilman Conahan asked for a consensus to contact the Rescue Squad Attorney about the new lease. Consensus was received.

Councilman Conahan discussed the Elks request for use of Mountain View Park and the allowance of alcohol for an event they are hosting. Council discussed various concerns over construction happening at the park at that time.

Attorney Corsini will further investigate allowing alcohol at the park.

Councilman Carnes

Councilman Carnes made the following comments:

- Thank you to everyone involved in the Volunteer Fair.
- The Film Commission received 6 applications.
- The Senior messenger is out.
- The Senior Department offers various programs for residents.
- Thank you Mark Kranz for your leadership and work.
- Hardik Shah will be taking over as Chair of the Culture and Arts Committee.

Councilman DeScenza

Councilman DeScenza made the following comments:

- Highlights of the Recreation Report.
- Registration for the Hometown Hero's Banner is closed.
- There will be a paper shredding in Piscataway on Friday.
- The Tonnage grant was received on time.
- The MCUA will award grants tomorrow.

Councilman Dessino

Councilman Dessino made the following comments:

- There have been issues with the contactor for the Mountain View Park project.
- The bathrooms need to be on site by the end of June to comply with the grant.
- Borough Hall milling and paving will be starting tomorrow.
- There will be a recycling meeting tomorrow.
- Grass cutting has been delayed due to weather.
- JLUB will meet May 28th.
- Rain barrels have been picked up for the Environmental Commission.
- Park cleanup was on May 10th.
- The Poster Contest deadline is May 21st.
- The next Environmental Commission meeting will be May 20th.

Councilman Dotey**Councilman Dotey made the following comments:**

- Highlights of the Fire Report.

Councilman Griggs

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. The hearing for the proposed 2025 budget was tonight and I would like to thank our C.F.O. Caroline Benson and the entire Management Team on a job well done. It is a challenging budget year and there will be more of them but we are moving in the right direction.
2. There was an impressive turnout at the second public participation event for the Victor Crowell Park master planning process on Tuesday, May 6th. Thank you to Recreation and to DPW for making the Annex building and Victor Crowell Park a workable and attractive site for the meeting.
3. The new Local History Room at the Middlesex Public Library will be opening on Monday, June 16th, 2025. The festivities will begin in the Library's Community Room at 6:00 p.m.
4. Keeping up with the considerable rain so far this month, Public Works has been cutting grass, mulching and doing all kinds of maintenance and beautification projects in our parks and around the Borough. The gazebo in Mountain View Park sports flags and bunting and is all ready for Memorial Day.
5. We expect that South Lincoln Avenue will be open to traffic soon, following the successful testing of the flood gates, relocation of utilities and the paving of the street. This project area and the paving of Borough Hall's parking lot are both scheduled for later this week.
6. As for Seniors and Disabled Services, Middlesex County is hosting the annual "90 +" Birthday Celebration and Luncheon this Thursday, May 15th, 11:00 a.m. at the Piscataway Senior Center.
7. Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Tyler Gronau resigned from the Borough, effective last Wednesday, May 7th. The process of selecting a replacement for the full-time position is under way.
8. Resolutions this evening include authorization for changing the status of certain properties under the Senior Citizen & Disabled Person tax deductions provision, authorization for the submission of an application to the NJ Department of Transportation's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) for continuing streetscape improvements along Route 28, for the Mayor to accept the proposal from Najarian Associates to create an Environmental Resources Inventory for the Borough, for the appointment of Mayensi Recinos alternative deputy registrar, effective immediately and to accept the resignation of Police Captain Craig Comiskey, effective June 1, 2025.
9. The Agenda Workshop this evening will involve a discussion of invasive species and amendments to the towing and massage ordinances.
10. In Executive Session this evening, there will be Personnel discussion involving the reorganization and staffing of Zoning and Code Enforcement.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Robert Gorr, 160 Farragut Ave, thanked the DPW Superintendent for correcting the issues at Haverstick Park. He also expressed concerns over falling branches from a shade tree that is a hazard and damaging vehicles at 150 Farragut Ave.

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

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 128-2025

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the April 2025 Fire Report.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 129-2025

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A REVERTER PROVISION IN A DEED TO THE MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOCATED AT 1190 MOUNTAIN AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Borough sold the property designated as Lot 1 in Block 219 in the tax map of the Borough of Middlesex, commonly known as 1190 Mountain Avenue in the Borough of Middlesex to the Middlesex Presbyterian Church on January 9, 1963; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of sale contained the following reverter clause located in Deed Book 2442, Page 374:

“The within conveyance is made subject, however, to the duty of the purchaser and such duty is hereby assumed by the purchaser as a condition of sale, that the purchaser shall within a reasonable time, not exceeding one year from the date of purchase, construct sidewalks, curbs and gutters on and along the streets bounding the premises in accordance with plans and specifications therefore as shall be approved by the Borough Engineer, and provided, however, that the purchase of such tract shall use all of such tract for church

proposes and shall agree to commence site work for the construction of a church within two years of date of closing of title and provided further that if such work shall not commence within such period of time then the property shall revert to the Borough of Middlesex.”; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Presbyterian Church complied with both duties and the church was built upon the premises;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to release the reverter provision now that compliance has been achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, be the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the release of reverter provision attached hereto.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 130-2025

**APPROVING A BLOCK PARTY TO THE RESIDENTS OF 300 GREENE AVENUE ON
JUNE 7, 2025**

WHEREAS, the residents of 300 Greene Avenue have requested to have a block party on Delaware Avenue between Greene Avenue and Melrose Avenue on June 7, 2025 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, all the designated officials have given approval for this block party.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby grants approval to the residents of 300 Greene Avenue to conduct a block party on Delaware Avenue between Greene Avenue and Melrose Avenue on June 7, 2025 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.; and
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 131-2025

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER
THE SENIOR CITIZEN/ DISABLED PERSON/VETERAN TAX DEDUCTIONS BLOCK 153
LOT 28**

WHEREAS, certain Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons/Veterans were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2024, and

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

WHEREAS, the property sold and has a recorded deed date of 2/7/2025, and;

THEREFORE, the Tax Collector has disallowed the following Senior Citizen/Disabled Person/Veteran deduction for the 2025 year totaling \$223.99.

Name: Lalman LLC
Block/Lot: 153 / 28
Amount: \$223.99
Reason: Sale of property: 2/7/2025

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 132-2025

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER
THE SENIOR CITIZEN/ DISABLED PERSON TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR BLOCK 187 LOT
44.01**

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: Spencer, Margie
Block/Lot: 187 / 44.01
Amount: \$250.00
Year: 2025

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 133-2025**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TYLER GRONAU OF HAMPTON, NJ AS PART TIME DIRECTOR OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ZONING EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby accept the resignation of Tyler Gronau of Hampton, NJ as Part Time Director of Code Enforcement and Zoning effective May 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to Rescind Resolution #124-2025, adopted at the April 22, 2025 Council Meeting which promoted Tyler Gronau as the Full Time Director of Zoning and Code Enforcement effective September 2, 2025.

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

1. The Mayor and Council hereby accept the resignation of Tyler Gronau of Hampton, NJ as Part Time Director of Code Enforcement and Zoning effective May 7, 2025.
2. The Mayor and Council hereby rescind Resolution #124-2025 promoting Tyler Gronau to the Full Time Director of Zoning and Code Enforcement.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 134-2025**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR THE ROUTE 28 STREETScape AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex supports policies and programs that enhance pedestrian and public safety, promote healthier community environments, and improve multimodal transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex seeks to further the public interest by making an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) to request funding for the Route 28 Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will consist of implementing streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements along the Route 28 corridor, specifically between Washington Avenue and Shepard Avenue, including but not limited to the installation of new street trees, bike racks, pedestrian-scale lighting, ADA-compliant sidewalks, curb extensions, bump-outs, and other traffic calming measures to enhance walkability and public safety; and

WHEREAS, although the TAP grant does not require a specific percentage match of the grant award, the Borough of Middlesex is prepared to fund costs associated with the project that are not covered by the award, including full-time construction inspection and any pre-construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the project will contribute to the overall enhancement of the community by improving pedestrian safety near schools, transit hubs, libraries, shopping areas, and civic facilities, and by supporting the Borough's revitalization goals and long-range planning efforts for Route 28; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the facilities, once constructed, will be assumed by the Borough of Middlesex through its Department of Public Works, where applicable, except for any (1) local ordinances that place maintenance responsibility with individual property owners and (2) any infrastructure on State or County roadways that remains under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex will assign Michael La Place, Borough Administrator to serve as the Responsible Charge for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, that it hereby authorizes and supports the submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for the Route 28 Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project, and authorizes the Mayor, Borough Administrator or Borough Engineer, Responsible Charge, and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 135-2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR THE CREATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

WHEREAS, The Governing Body authorizes the Mayor to accept the proposal from Najarian Associates for the professional services required to prepare and create an Environmental Resource Inventory for the Borough of Middlesex; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount of \$3,400.00 are available in the 2025 Operating Budget, Environmental Services, Account Number: 5-01-20-175-000-138.

Caroline Benson, CFO

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 136-2025

APPOINTING MAYENSI RECINOS ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$50,500 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, Mayensi Recinos has successfully completed the mandatory requirements for Certified Municipal Registrar; and

WHEREAS, the Local Registrar, Linda Chismar hereby appoints Mayensi Recinos as Alternate Deputy Registrar for the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Mayensi Recinos' annual salary will be increased to \$50,500 effective immediately.

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

1. Mayensi Recinos is hereby appointed Alternate Deputy Registrar in the Registrar/Clerk's Department at an annual salary of \$50,500.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 137-2025

REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR COMMODITY RESALE SYSTEM TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, NJAC 5:34-7.17 provides for receipt of funds from monies received for the Commodity Resale System for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Commodity Resale System are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Commodity Resale System (Gasoline/Diesel fuel pumps) under NJAC 5:34-7.17
2. The Clerk of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 138-2025

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLE BANNER BRACKETS, DECORATIVE BANNERS AND HOLIDAY DÉCOR FROM HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,969.19 - *Item Removed from Consent*

WHEREAS, as a member of the Buy Board National Co-op, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase pole banner brackets, decorative banners and holiday décor for the Route 28 Streetscape Project; and

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

WHEREAS, Rileighs Outdoor, LLC dba Holiday Outdoor Décor is under Buy Board National Co-op #643-21 for the purchase of pole banner brackets, decorative banners and holiday décor; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase from Rileighs Outdoor, LLC dba Holiday Outdoor Decor is \$55,969.19; 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 appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to purchase pole banner brackets, decorative banners and holiday décor from Holiday Outdoor Decor; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount of \$55,969.19 are available in the 2019 Capital Ordinance, Bound Brook Rd Streetscape, Account Number: C-04-19-962-000-050.

Caroline Benson, CFO

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey
ABSENT:	Griggs

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 139-2025

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN CRAIG COMISKEY FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

The Mayor and Council hereby accept Capt. Craig Comiskey's retirement effective June 1, 2025 and authorize the HR/Payroll Manager to pay the full allowance of \$83,131.10 in accordance with the PBA Union Contract in the regular Borough payroll of May 30, 2025 . The benefits include the following:

13 Days Vacation Time	\$ 8,125.65
440 Hours Compensatory Time	\$ 34,377.20
3 Months Terminal Leave	\$ 40,628.25

TOTAL	\$ 83,131.10
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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 140-2025

HIRING CARLOS GONZALEZ-MARTINEZ OF HILLSBOROUGH, NJ AND BENJAMIN PERONE OF MIDDLESEX, NJ AS PERMANENT PART TIME SANITATION EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 2025 - *Item Removed from Consent*

The governing body hereby hires Carlos Gonzalez-Martinez of Hillsborough, NJ and Benjamin Perone of Middlesex, NJ, as permanent part time employees for the DPW in the Sanitation Department effective May 14, 2025, at \$16.00 per hour, 28 hours per week.

Mr. Gonzalez-Martinez has completed the requirements for a satisfactory physical, background check and a driver's abstract report. Mr. Perone is pending satisfactory physical results and has completed requirements for satisfactory background check and driver's abstract report.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan, Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey
ABSENT:	Griggs

NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 141-2025

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.

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

AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

1. Invasive Species

Council discussed the recommendation made by the Environmental Commission to establish an invasive species ordinance and expressed concerns over how the ordinance would be enforced.

Members of the Environmental Commission discussed the environmental benefits this ordinance would have on the Borough for the future and emphasized the need to prevent future planting of invasive species of plants. They also stated the ordinance would help the Borough gain points towards Sustainable New Jersey.

Council discussed the JLUB requiring a condition of approval and amending the Land Use Ordinance to include prohibiting particular plant species on new projects/plans.

2. Towing Ordinance/Massage Ordinance Amendments

Attorney Corsini discussed the current Ordinance and recommended that the Council update it to reflect the State Standards and due process.

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.

Bruce Sanders, 10 Venice Avenue, expressed his concerns over an ordinance limiting species of plants, stating that it would be an overreach of government and that the Borough is not an HOA. He suggested that the Environmental Commission focus their attention on other projects.

Mike Schneider, 440 High Street, expressed his concerns over the environment and emphasized the need for the Borough to do their part by adopting an ordinance to prevent invasive species from being planted. He talked about the need for the public to be aware of problem plants.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 142-2025

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 Department Staff/Organization; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex will go into closed session for the following reason listed below as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and the minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the items no longer require confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

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

Personnel - Zoning Department Staff/Organization

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be May 27, 2025

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk