



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Middlesex, NJ

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Tuesday, June 17, 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

Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk
Council President Michael Conahan
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes
Councilman Joseph DeScenza
Councilman Robert Dessino
Councilman Kevin Dotey
Councilman Kenneth Griggs

Also Present:

Michael La Place Administrator
Christopher Corsini Borough Attorney

Others Absent:

Mayor Mikolajczyk eliminated the Executive Session Meeting this evening as there were no updates to report.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Environmental Commission Presentation

Clare Levourne, Environmental Commission Chairperson, gave a presentation on the work the Environmental Commission has accomplished since their reestablishment. Claire spoke upon the following topics:

- Member involvement, education, experiences and training
- 2024 Goals
- 2024 Highlights
- Stormwater management plan
- Community Outreach programs they have participated in
- Green Team

- Environmental Resource Inventory
- Grants received
- 2025 Highlights
- Future programs and plans of the Commission
- Electric Audit

APPOINTMENTS

PROCLAMATIONS

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read Ordinance 2153-25 by title:

ORDINANCE 2153-25

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 80 ARTICLE II RULES AND REGULATIONS
SECTION 75 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR USE OF POLICE OFFICERS AND/OR
VEHICLES ON EXTRA-DUTY JOBS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex desires to amend Chapter 80 to update language referring to the Administrative Fees for Use of Police Officers and or Vehicles on extra-duty jobs

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 80 of the Borough Code, entitled "Police Department" is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 80, Section 75 shall be amended as follows:

§ 80-75 Administrative Fees for Use of Police Officers and/or Vehicles on Extra-Duty Jobs

- A. The Middlesex Borough Police Department shall charge a fee as provided herein when providing off-duty police officers and/or police vehicles for police extra-duty jobs to assist contractors or other persons or companies in need of such services. The charge for use of off-duty police officers to provide this type of service is \$100 per hour for road jobs, plus the charge for use of a police vehicle as provided in paragraph C below. Third party vendor costs shall be passed through to the entity requesting off-duty police traffic control services. There shall be a four-hour minimum charge for all extra-duty road jobs hereunder. Cancellations must be received by the Middlesex Borough Police Department not less than two hours prior to the scheduled start of any extra-duty job. Failure to cancel at least two hours prior to the scheduled start of any extra-duty job shall result in a four-hour minimum charge hereunder.

- B. All other extra-duty jobs and jobs sought by nonprofit religious and/or charitable organizations or the Middlesex Fire Department, Rescue Squad or the Middlesex Board of Education shall be charged at the police officer's regular time and one-half (1.5) rate.
- C. Rate of compensation for usage of a Department vehicle shall be \$15 per hour, except that if the Borough is paying for any road improvement job, such fee shall be waived.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2153-25. Seeing that there were no public comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2153-25.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes & June 3, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

- NJ Cops magazine - Middlesex was represented on the Polar Bear Plunge page.
- A letter was received complimenting Lenny, written by a resident.
- Pop-up food vendors are not allowed to operate. The police will enforce. They have no permits and no health inspections are made.
- We have baseball state champs.
- Health coverage moving along.
- Thanks Barbara Benson for your work at the pool.
- Library History room has opened.
- Graduation is next week, drive safe and be careful.
- Commented on the meeting and communication with the School Board.
- The Rock Snake has started. It will be at the same location as last year.
- No executive session will be held tonight.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Conahan

Council President Conahan made the following comments:

- Thanks to Claire, Mike and the Environmental Commission for tonight's presentation.
- Congrats to the Environmental Commission for being awarded a \$2,000 sustainable Jersey Grant funded by PSE&G.
- Like many of our residents, I was very happy that South Lincoln Avenue finally reopened. Thanks go to Lenny, Bobby and our Green Brook Flood Control Commissioners for applying maximum pressure this spring to fast track reopening.
- Like South Lincoln Avenue, many of our residents were thrilled to see our Community Pool open this past weekend. Thanks to the pool staff, Lenny & DPW, as well as the Pool Commission working feverishly to get it opened. Two pool commissioners in particular, spent many full days volunteering their time to ensure the pool opened successfully : Barbara Benson and Lee Poandl.
- Congratulations to our Library, which officially opened the Middlesex Local History Collection Room last night. The Library Director, Chrissy George and the Library Board President did an excellent job of hosting the event. The Mayor also spoke. The room looks absolutely fantastic! Chrissy George and her team at the Library, which includes some volunteers as well, did a wonderful job creating the room but also scanning into a website, six decades of local newspapers, photos, letters and more. In addition to online access, the Library has a physical collection of over 10,000 artifacts, photos, news clippings, letters, licenses, contracts, flyers, posters and more. I encourage everyone to check it out!
- Our next Pillar award is our July 15th meeting and will be Jim Benson.
- Congratulations to our High School Boy's Varsity Baseball team as they are NJ Group 1 State Champions, once again. They got rained out Saturday in the bottom of the first inning and got postponed to yesterday afternoon at a different field from Saturday, up in Wood Ridge, in Bergen County. They beat Midland Park 3-2 earning the programs 7th State Championship, which puts Middlesex tied for 3rd most Group 1 Championships in NJ history. Most of the players are returning next year, including our top 2 pitchers. Excellent season and congrats to head coach Blaze Ianetti, in his first full year as head coach.
- Thanks to our Volunteer Firefighters who escorted the team bus as they entered Middlesex yesterday.
- Lastly, I would like to get consensus to authorize Attorney Corsini to create and propose an Ordinance regulating the sale of fireworks, which we currently do not have.
Consensus was received.

Councilman Carnes

Councilman Carnes made the following comments:

- The Senior Messenger is now out.
- The Recreation/Senior center will be observing summer hours.
- Safe Drivers workshop is still open for registration.
- A meeting will be set up with the Board of Education to continue talks.
- The Environmental Commission is doing amazing things for the Borough.
- The Film Committee Ordinance will be sent to the attorney for review.
- Member numbers are increasing on the Film Committee.
- The Culture and Arts Committee are planning events.

Councilman DeScenza

Councilman DeScenza made the following comments:

- Updates on the Recreation Programs.
- The Swim Pool has been approved for final inspections. Thank you Barbara and Lee.
- The Parks Committee is waiting on Suburban for a final proposal.
- The June SWAC meeting is cancelled.

Councilman Dessino**Councilman Dessino made the following comments:**

- Thanks Claire and the Environmental Commission.
 - The Recycling Bins will be delivered early July, service will start in August.
 - Updates on paving.
 - DOT applications are in the works.
 - 214 basins have been cleaned.
 - Progress has been made on the damaged signs.
 - Update on the Mountain View Park Project.
 - Hometown Hero Banners will be delivered this month.
 - Councilman Dessino asked for a consensus to hang the Hometown Hero Banners at Borough Hall before their install. Consensus was received.
 - Paul Ricci will be working reducing apartment sizes.
 - A special meeting will be June 18th.
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Councilman Dotey

Councilman Dotey made the following comments:

- Highlights of the Police Report.
 - Highlights of the Court Report.
 - Highlights of the Fire Report.
 - Update on 172 Baekeland Ave report of odor and walkthrough. Oil was found leaking into the water and spills were noted on the ground. Attempts were made to clean it up.
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Councilman Griggs

Councilman Griggs made the following comments:

- Congratulations to the High School Baseball Team.
 - Residents are glad South Ave is now open.
 - The Environmental Commission gave a great presentation.
 - The new Zoning Officer is working well.
 - Thank you to all involved in the opening of the History Room.
 - Victor Crowell Park looks great.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. South Lincoln Avenue is now open and I would like to thank Public Works Superintendent Lenny Vidal for his coordination with the Army Corps. and Middlesex County on the paving and restriping of the project area. Further testing of the flood gate will occur this summer with half-day road closures.
2. Last night at the Middlesex Public Library was the official opening of the new Local History Room. Public Works was very helpful in painting the room, installing graphics, assembling furniture and mounting displays.
3. The Borough's new part-time Zoning & Code Enforcement officer, Matthew Dillingham is off to a busy start. And the recruitment process for a full-time Zoning & Code Enforcement Director is in progress, with three interviews scheduled for next week.
4. The consultant for the Victor Crowell Park Master Plan is working to incorporate comments received at the two public sessions into the evolving concept plan for the park. Staff will be meeting with the consultant over the summer to work on the plan and to prepare for public presentations and discussions after Labor Day.

5. Work is under way on improvements to Mountain View Park, including a new restroom facility and new and updated playground equipment. Public Works has also been very busy with annual summer clean-up and maintenance projects throughout all the parks in the Borough.
6. Resolutions this evening include authorization to approve the renewal of liquor licenses, the hiring of summer playground staff, authorization of approved waivers of 2024 sewer bills and 2025 sewer waived appeals, various hirings and promotions for Police, Construction, Public Works and the Clerk's Office, permission for the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Middlesex Elks Car Show in Mountain View Park, June 19th between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and authorization for the Mayor to execute the service contract between Middlesex Youth Baseball and the Borough, effective June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.
7. There is no Agenda Workshop discussion this evening.
8. In Executive Session, Mayor & Council will be discussing litigation involving New Jersey American Water. The advertised discussion of the Zoning & Code Enforcement Director position will be postponed to the next Council meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Monica Townsend, 120 Barbara Place, questioned if the Borough permits the sale of fireworks. She also inquired about the affordable housing development and whether there is a required number of units and if it is only for existing units. She asked if there is a timeline on hiring a fulltime Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. She questioned the paving schedule.

Kevin Redzinski, 441 Fairview Avenue, commented on the Mayor's statements at a previous meeting in regards to 172 Baekeland. He discussed the process to file a complaint, and the three complaints that have been filed. He talked about the site meeting and lack of initiative he has seen by the Borough. Mr. Redzinski commented on his health and expressed concerns over the environment on his health.

Rich Thomasey, 109 Greene Avenue, inquired if there was an approximate cost to the paving of Seneca and Borough Hall.

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

Mayor Mikolajczyk asked for a consensus to post the paving plan to the website. Consensus was not received.

Councilman Dotey expressed concerns over lack of communication that has been made with Council in regards to the hiring of personnel and the hiring process overall.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

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

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 168-2025

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

1. Acceptance of the April 2025 Tax Totals.
2. Acceptance of the May 2025 Tax Totals.
3. Acceptance of the May 2025 Fire Report.
4. Acceptance of the May 2025 Court Report.
5. Acceptance of the May 2025 Police Report.
6. Acceptance of Joseph McCauley, Andrew J. Pollara & Codey S. Tindle as Exempt Members of the Fire Department

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 169-2025

HIRING OF LAUREN FRISOLI OF MIDDLESEX, NJ AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$50,000.00, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, PENDING A SATISFACTORY PHYSICAL AND BACKGROUND CHECK - *Item Removed from Consent*

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby approves the hiring of Lauren Frisoli of Middlesex, NJ, as the Administrative Assistant for the Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Frisoli will be paid an annual salary of \$50,000.00, effective September 2, 2025, pending a satisfactory physical and background check; and

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

1. The Governing Body hereby approves the hiring of Lauren Frisoli of Middlesex, NJ effective September 2, 2025, at an annual salary of \$50,000.00
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately

RESULT:	DEFEATED BY CONSENT VOTE [1 TO 5]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan
NAYS:	Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 170-2025

RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2025-2026

The application for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2025-2026 which have been approved by the Police Department be accepted; and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses in consideration of the fees which have been paid to the Borough of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey:

John W. Lupu Memorial Post 306 The American Legion 707 Legion Place	1211-31-013-001
Vilaverdense t/a Vincenzo's Restaurant 665 Bound Brook Road	1211-33-012-005
Shri Radha Krishna Inc. t/a Endzone Lounge 425 Bound Brook Road	1211-33-001-005
Faron Realty Management, LLC t/a Ferraro's Pizza & Pub 275 Lincoln Boulevard	1211-33-002-010
Ellery's Grill, Inc. 701 - 707 Lincoln Boulevard	1211-32-004-003
Carpaccio Ristorante Inc. 651 Bound Brook Road	1211-33-010-004
Hinos Bros LLC t/a Terrace Ceviche 559-561 Bound Brook Road	1211-33-003-005
Pearldhyan, Inc. 655 Lincoln Boulevard	1211-44-006-004
DPKA Inc. t/a Cub Liquors 242 Lincoln Boulevard	1211-32-011-005
Rikjo Liquors, Inc. t/a Middlesex Liquor Store 1323 Bound Brook Road	1211-44-005-003

Middlesex Lodge 2301 BPO Elks
545 Bound Brook Road

1211-31-014-001

Timothy Kerwin's Inc.
353 Bound Brook Road

1211-33-009-003

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 171-2025

**APPROVAL OF THE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$300.00 TO 7-ELEVEN STORE #32210D,
FOR DUPLICATE BOARD OF HEALTH LICENSE PAYMENT**

The Governing Body hereby approves the reimbursement of \$300.00 for the 2025-2026 Board of Health License to 7-Eleven Store #32210D, 1278-1280 Bound Brook Rd, Middlesex, NJ 08846 as a duplicate payment was received for said 2025-2026 Board of Health License.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 172-2025

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN STATUS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER
THE VETERAN TAX DEDUCTIONS BLOCK 86.02 LOT 9**

WHEREAS, per (N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.10 et seq. as amended by P.L. 2019 c.413; N.J.A.C. 18:27-1.1 et seq.), certain Veterans were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex on or before October 1, 2024, and

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

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has allowed the following Veteran deduction for the 2025 tax year totaling \$250.00

Name: Chadwell, John K
Block/Lot: 86.02 / 9
Amount: \$250.00

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 173-2025

APPROVING THE HIRING OF SUMMER PLAYGROUND STAFF FOR 2025

The Governing Body hereby approves the hiring of the 2025 Summer Playground Staff listed below and agrees to pay this employee the hourly rate indicated.

FIRST	LAST	ADDRESS		
CHRISTOPHER	KOZAK	110 WAGNER ST, MIDDLESEX	Counselor	\$15.49

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 174-2025

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO WAIVE 2024 SEWER BILLS FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, As per Ordinance 2067-22, all users which discharge more than 100,000 gallons of domestic sanitary wastewater per annum, shall be charged a service charge for flow, and;

WHEREAS, any dispute as to the billing or charges or to the amount of the bill or calculation thereof, may be appealed, and;

WHEREAS, said appeal shall be in writing and shall include in sufficient detail, the relief sought, the evidence, information or documents to support the relief sought, and;

WHEREAS, account holders submitted prior successful appeals and 2024 usage is comparable to the prior approved appeals, and

WHEREAS, as per Ordinance 2067-22, was amended to specify “each dwelling unit within a two- family, multi-family , apartment house, condominium complex, townhouse complex, commercial building, or other residential building shall be One Service Unit”, and

THEREFORE, the Tax Collector is authorized to waive the following charges on the below properties

Block/Lot: 114 / 9
 Original Amount: \$1,412.94
 New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 145/11
 Original Amount: \$744.81
 New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 201 /5
Original Amount: \$76.68
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 116 / 15
Original Amount: \$295.73
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86.02 /22
Original Amount: \$733.86
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 110 /12
Original Amount: \$690.04
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 80/9.01
Original Amount: \$328.59
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 165/29
Original Amount: \$43.82
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot:108/14
Original Amount: \$470.98
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 72/3.04
Original Amount: \$43.82
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 81/13
Original Amount: \$843.38
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 114/11
Original Amount: \$120.48
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 70.04/11
Original Amount: \$624.32
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 82/12
Original Amount: \$339.55
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 99/16
Original Amount: \$569.55
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 179/1
Original Amount: \$1,215.78
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 167.01/14
Original Amount: \$175.25
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 167.01/8
Original Amount: \$711.95
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 27/14
Original Amount: \$142.40
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 22.04/3.37
Original Amount: \$854.34
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 22.03/3.25
Original Amount: \$832.42
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 70.08/11.09
Original Amount: \$230.01

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 44/17

Original Amount: \$76.68

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 92/1

Original Amount: \$197.16

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 7.04/6

Original Amount: \$558.60

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 70.10/3

Original Amount: \$1,084.35

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 161/13

Original Amount: \$372.41

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 166/37

Original Amount: \$481.94

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 71.01/17.01

Original Amount: \$438.12

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 4.01/8

Original Amount: \$153.34

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 61/30

Original Amount: \$219.07

New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86.06/6

Original Amount: \$284.78
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 109/8
Original Amount: \$843.38
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86.05/4
Original Amount: \$175.25
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 293/3.02
Original Amount: \$1,818.20
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 242/2
Original Amount: \$131.44
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 123/10
Original Amount: \$460.03
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 111/9
Original Amount: \$197.16
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 113/9
Original Amount: \$120.48
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 110/5
Original Amount: \$109.53
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 79/5.01
Original Amount: \$755.75
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86/22
Original Amount: \$295.73
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 150/12
Original Amount: \$394.31
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 40/48
Original Amount: \$711.95
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 113/6.01
Original Amount: \$4,863.15
New Amount: \$0.00

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 175-2025

2025 SEWER BILLING WAIVED APPEALS

WHEREAS, As per Ordinance 2067-22, all users which discharge more than 100,000 gallons of domestic sanitary wastewater per annum, shall be charged a service charge for flow, and;

WHEREAS, any dispute as to the billing or charges or to the amount of the bill or calculation thereof, may be appealed, and;

WHEREAS, said appeal shall be in writing and shall include in sufficient detail, the relief sought, the evidence, information or documents to support the relief sought, and;

WHEREAS, as per the appeal process the proper supporting documentation was submitted and reviewed, and;

THEREFORE, the following charges on the below properties have been waived or adjusted and/or a refund is due:

Block/Lot: 63/13
Original Amount: \$109.53
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 329/28
Original Amount: \$76.68
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 86.02/5
Original Amount: \$306.69
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 182/13.01
Original Amount: \$306.69
New Amount: \$0.00

Block/Lot: 70.10/2
Original Amount: \$481.94
New Amount: \$0.00

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 176-2025

**SALARIES & COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has the sole discretion to fix and determine the salaries and compensation of the officers and employees of the Borough of Middlesex,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following salaries and rates of compensation for the year 2025 be hereby fixed respectively as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>2025 Salary</u>
Borough Administrator	\$159,650.00
Borough Clerk	\$94,554.00
Deputy Clerk	\$61,583.00
CFO/Treasurer	\$108,212.00
HR/Payroll Manager	\$65,138.00
Tax Collector	\$77,745.00
Finance/Tax Clerk	\$52,425.00
Tax Assessor	\$37,506.00
Senior/Recreation Director	\$81,980.00
Municipal Court Administrator	\$72,142.00
Municipal Magistrate	\$39,502.00
Construction Official	\$34,551.00
Plumbing SubCode Official	\$20,474.00
Juvenile Committee Secretary	\$2,300.00

Recreation Committee	\$1,250.00
Secretary	
Shade Tree Commission	\$2,745.00
Secretary	
Parks Committee Secretary	\$1,000.00
Resale Certificate Inspector	\$18.05
Code Enforcement Inspector	\$15.49
Public Works Laborer 1	\$17.25
Custodian	\$18.10
Recreation Program	\$26.00
Coordinator	
Meals on Wheels Driver	\$21.00
Senior Transportation Driver	\$21.00
Playground Coordinator	\$22.00
Playground Site Supervisor	\$17.00
Playground Counselor	\$15.49

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 177-2025

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICARE PREMIUMS FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE PENSIONERS UNDER CHAPTER III, PUBLIC LAW 1973, NJ HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS

WHEREAS, Chapter III of Public Laws 1973, which provided for reimbursement of Medicare premiums of certain eligible pensioners was adopted by the Mayor and Council by resolution on April 9, 1974; and

WHEREAS, certain retired employees of the Borough have applied for reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that the disbursing officers be and they are hereby authorized to draw checks, charged against Group Insurance for Employees from the period January 2025 through June 2025, as follows:

John Anello	\$1,110.00	Kathleen Anello	\$1,110.00
108 Howard Ave		108 Howard Ave	
Middlesex, NJ 08846		Middlesex, NJ 08846	
James L Benson	\$1,074.00	Patricia A Benson	\$1,110.00
445 Harris Ave		445 Harris Ave	
Middlesex, NJ 08846		Middlesex, NJ 08846	

Cynthia Chomen 10 Oswego Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,110.00	Michael Colacci 25 Starlit Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,110.00
Anthony Cole 900 Rolling Hills Ln Neshanic Station, NJ 08853	\$1,110.00	Susan Cole 900 Rolling Hills Ln Neshanic Station, NJ 08853	\$1,110.00
Francis DeNick 59 Marlborough Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,110.00	Debra DeVuyst 148 Turner Rd Sugar Run, PA 18846	\$989.40
Kenneth DeVuyst 148 Turner Rd Sugar Run, PA 18846	\$1,110.00	Dennis Donatelli 7 June Way Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,110.00
Kathy Donatelli 7 June Way Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,110.00	Michele Lella Echols 195 Shafer Ave Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-2414	\$1,048.20
John Fuhrmann 38 Whitney Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$813.00	Sheila Fuhrmann 38 Whitney Dr Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$813.00
John Giuliano 339 Second St Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$578.40	John A Haverstick 771 County Rt 16 Mexico, NY 13114-3193	\$1,020.60
Robert Heisch 150 Harris Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,110.00	Anna Jesionka 517 Beechwood Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$370.00
Michael Jesionka 517 Beechwood Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,110.00	Marcia Karrow 61 Elwood Ave Flemington, NJ 08822	\$1,048.20
Charlie Nash 13 Homestead Terrace Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	\$989.40	Kevin Reilly 436 Giles Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846	\$1,074.00
Erica Schaefer	\$629.40	Jerry Schaefer	\$629.40

58 Joe-Ent Rd
Flemington, NJ 08822

Maureen Schaefer \$813.00
58 Joe-Ent Rd
Flemington, NJ 08822

Charles Sebastian \$768.00
512 Clinton Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

James Tolomeo \$629.40
45 Myrtle Ct
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

Roger Wahler \$629.40
16 Fitzsimmons Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

58 Joe-Ent Rd
Flemington, NJ 08822

Robert Schwarz \$1,110.00
265 Fountain St
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

James Smith \$1,109.50
7 Center Pl
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Rita Wahler \$599.40
16 Fitzsimmons Ave
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 178-2025

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - CLEAN COMMUNITIES
GRANT PROGRAM**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$36,778.56, which item is now available as a revenue from the Clean Communities Grant Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$36,778.56 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "Clean Communities Grant Program"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State Grant of \$36,778.56 from the FY25 Clean Communities Grant Program.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 179-2025

SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$2,000.00, which item is now available as a revenue from the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Grant Fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$2,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "Sustainable New Jersey Program"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State Grant of \$2,000.00 from the Sustainable New Jersey Grant Program.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 180-2025

**HIRING OF SEAN DEGRAW OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ AS A PERMANENT PART TIME SANITATION EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2025**

The governing body hereby hires Sean DeGraw of South Plainfield, NJ, as permanent part time employee for the DPW in the Sanitation Department effective June 18, 2025, at \$16.00 per hour, 28 hours per week. Mr. DeGraw has completed the requirements for a satisfactory physical and background check.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 181-2025

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER APRIL MENDITTO TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "G" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$76,810 EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2025

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

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2025 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer April Menditto be advanced in grade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Police Officer April Menditto be and is hereby advanced in grade to Police Officer Class "G" effective July 13, 2025 at an annual salary of \$76,810.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 182-2025

HIRING OF KARL W. MCALEER, BELVIDERE, NJ AS THE PART-TIME FIRE SUBCODE INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX - *Item Removed from Consent*

At the recommendation of the Construction Official, the Governing Body approves hiring Karl W. McAleer, Belvidere, NJ as the Part-Time Fire Subcode Inspector at an annual salary of \$14,500.00 effective June 18, 2025, pending satisfactory physical results.

RESULT:	DEFEATED BY CONSENT VOTE [1 TO 5]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan
NAYS:	Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 183-2025

APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER CHRISTIAN DULIN TO POLICE OFFICER CLASS "G" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$76,810 EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2025

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

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2025 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer Christian Dulin be advanced in grade.

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

Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Police Officer Christian Dulin be and is hereby advanced in grade to Police Officer Class "G" effective July 13, 2025 at an annual salary of \$76,810.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 184-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF ESCROW POSTED TO GEORGE
ATHANASOPOULOS, 212 VESPER AVE FOR JLUB APPLICATION 2024-001**

The Governing Body hereby authorizes the refund of the balance of the escrow posted for JLUB Application 2024-001 to George Athanasopoulos, 212 Vesper Avenue, Middlesex, NJ.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 185-2025

**PERMITTING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THE
MIDDLESEX ELK'S CAR SHOW EVENT TO BE HELD AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 4:00 PM**

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Elks have applied for a permit (Permit No. 2613) to hold their Car Show Event at Mountain View Park on June 29, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 301-14(i) of the Borough's municipal code, alcoholic beverages may be served by legitimate organizations or groups for picnics or social events upon the issuance of a special permit by the Middlesex Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to waive the sixty-day pre-event application period of this application in consideration of the parallel permit requirements of the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

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

1. Pursuant to the authority conferred to the governing body through Section 301-14(i) of the Borough's municipal code, a special permit for the Car Show Event to be held by the Middlesex Elks at Mountain View Park on June 29, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm is hereby issued (Permit No. 2613).
2. As a condition of this special permit, the Middlesex Elks shall comply with all federal, state, county, and local rules and regulations and comply with all terms of the event permit issues by the Borough of Middlesex.

3. The Middlesex Elks shall also apply for, be granted, and provide to the Borough Clerk a valid Social Affairs Permit as issued by the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Commission.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 186-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN
MIDDLESEX YOUTH BASEBALL (MYB) AND THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026**

Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Service Contract between Middlesex Youth Baseball (MYB) and the Borough of Middlesex effective June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 187-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE REINSTATEMENT OF ROBERT VANDENBERG, PISCATAWAY,
NJ, AS THE SUBSTITUTE ELECTRICAL SUBCODE INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH
OF MIDDLESEX - *Item Removed from Consent***

At the request of the Director of Code Enforcement, the Governing Body approves reinstating Robert Vandenberg, Piscataway, NJ as the substitute Electrical Subcode Inspector to cover in the event of emergencies, conflicts, or vacations at \$55.00 per hour two (2) days per week at four (4) hours each effective immediately.

RESULT:	DEFEATED BY CONSENT VOTE [1 TO 5]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan
NAYS:	Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, Griggs

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 188-2025

HIRING JEFFREY BURKE OF BOUND BROOK, NJ, AS THE SUBSTITUTE PLUMBING INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX - *Item Removed from Consent*

At the request of the Director of Code Enforcement, the Governing Body approves hiring Jeffrey Burke, Bound Brook, NJ, as the substitute Plumbing Inspector to cover in the event of emergencies, conflicts, or vacations at \$55.00 per hour, two (2) days per week at four (4) hours each, pending satisfactory background check.

RESULT:	DEFEATED BY CONSENT VOTE [1 TO 5]
MOVER:	Michael Conahan, Council President
SECONDER:	Kevin Dotey, Councilman
AYES:	Conahan
NAYS:	Carnes, DeScenza, Dessino, Dotey, 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 189-2025**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, Griggs

AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough Clerk Linda Chismar read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 190-2025**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 Litigation - American Water and Director of Zoning & Code Enforcement; 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:	WITHDRAWN
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Litigation - American Water

Personnel - Director of Zoning & Code Enforcement

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be July 15, 2025

Respectfully yours,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Borough Clerk