

January 6, 2004

The 2004 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the above place on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

The following members responded to roll call of the 2003 Mayor and Council:

Mayor	Ronald S. Dobies
Council President	Bruce Sadowski
Council Members	Louis Curcio
	Michael Hompesch
	Josephine Liana
	Garrett Mulcahy
	Laura Thomasey

Mayor Dobies invited Councilman Curcio and Council President Sadowski to speak before the newly elected officials were sworn in for 2004.

Comments by Councilman Louis Curcio.

Comments by Council President Sadowski.

As I address you today for the last time as Councilman. I am both proud and disappointed. Proud of the accomplishments I have been a part of the last three years and disappointed that I will not be here for the completion of many of the projects I helped initiate.

Most notable amongst the many accomplishment this year was the long overdue expansion of our library. The expansion that was first asked for by the Board of Trustees in 1985 was completed under budget and before the deadline with partial funding from \$324,000 state grant. And speaking of grants, the Borough received in excess of \$1 million in grants this year, including six programs we have never received money from in the past. This proves that having the vision to think ahead and preparing good applications has its rewards.

With the many projects already in the works, 2004 will be a great year in terms of progress in the Borough. Among the enhancements you will see are the streetscape improvements on Route 28 utilizing \$182,000 in state and county grants. The renovation of the Mountainview Park soccer fields with \$240,000 in county funds. Safer routes to our schools with sidewalk replacement and additions using a \$250,000 state grant. Enhancements to Victor Crowell Park with the completion of the dam repairs and a memorial plaza at the entrance of the park and a safe route for cyclist from the Fitzsimmons Park to Mountainview Park with the completion of our bikeway. I am proud of the fact that I have played a part in helping to acquire the necessary funding of many of these projects and the planning as well.

As with probably every municipality in New Jersey, the number one issue facing the Governing Body in 2004 is taxes. While it makes for good campaign literature during election time, the job of controlling taxes in Middlesex Borough is a difficult task. The combination of frozen state aid, mandated increases, existing contracts and a flat ratable base does not leave many opportunities for stabilizing taxes without cutting services or people.

The real answer to controlling taxes lies in creating new ratables through economic revitalization. While this won't happen overnight, I am proud to have been a part of this Council that is taking the necessary steps to do this. I am happy to say that I have received word from the New Jersey State Office of Smart Growth this afternoon that our application for a Smart Future Grant has been approved and a meeting will be set up shortly to award us the funding. This is a personal triumph for me since I have been working hard the last year to make this a reality. This grant will allow the Borough to hire a consultant to assist in the creation of a plan to redevelop our community. A large part of the process will be a series of visioning sessions to gather community input, which is so crucial to this endeavor.

While I will no longer be involved in this important issue of economic revitalization as a councilperson, I am glad to be a member of our Economic Development Committee and I hope

the new council will give this committee an active role in the process. Later this month, the committee will be meeting with representatives from Metuchen to see first hand the progress they have made and speak to them on how they were able to accomplish this. It should be noted that just because I feel Metuchen is a community that we can emulate, I have no desire to move there as was suggested during the campaign. It is time to stop thinking that we have all the answers and start reaching out to other communities to see what we can learn from them.

In closing, I would like to thank the residents of Middlesex who gave me the opportunity to serve them. While everyone may not agree with my views, I can honestly say that all my decisions have been made in the best interest of our community. I would like to thank those who after the election wished me well and encouraged me to not give up and continue in my efforts. I would like to thank my fellow council members who had the confidence in electing me their Council President the last two years. It was a pleasure working with you and I hope you will continue to work together and make the necessary decisions to move Middlesex forward. I would like to thank my parents who chose Middlesex as their home and gave me the opportunity to grow up here. And, I would like to thank my wife, Geri, who has supported me 100% in my efforts to serve the citizens of Middlesex.

On behalf of all our residents, Mayor Dobies thanked Councilman Curcio and Council President Sadowski for the tremendous amount of effort and work that they have done on the Council and presented both of them with gifts for their service.

Mayor Dobies was administered the Oath of Office by Borough Attorney George Hendricks.

Councilman Giancarlo Colitti was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Dobies.

Councilman Gerry D’Angelo was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Dobies.

The following responded to roll call of the 2004 Mayor and Council:

Mayor	Ronald S. Dobies
Council Members	Giancarlo Colitti
	Gerry D’Angelo
	Michael Hompesch
	Josephine Liana
	Garrett Mulcahy
	Laura Thomasey

Comments by Councilman Jerry D’Angelo.

Running a good campaign, presenting your issues and beliefs and convincing the electorate to support you is not an easy task. I was just sworn in as a councilman and proudly take my seat but it could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of many others.

First and foremost one needs an effective organization working behind the scenes and our local democratic committee is an outstanding one. The long hours and hard work them, and other volunteers put in resulted in the election outcome as much as any other factor.

Of course you cannot have an effective organization and campaign without leadership and were fortunate to have Ron DiMura as our committee chair, and Bob Kizis as our campaign chairman. They ran a first rate campaign keeping all of us focused and organized to such a great extent that all we had to do was campaign. It sounds simple, but not and I’m very grateful for what they did.

I was flattered when Mayor Dobies asked if I would run with him. To be asked by someone of his stature is a compliment indeed. I didn’t realize that he really meant run. I got tired just watching him going street by street house by house covering the town.

Giancarlo and Stephanie thank you both for making it enjoyable and fun along the way. Stephanie thanks for dragging me out on those nights when I really didn’t want to go.

I couldn’t do anything without the support and understanding of my family. My children Jamie and Jenn thanks for understanding why dad wasn’t home at night much during those board of education years when you needed help with homework or just wanted to talk. My wife Bobbie thanks you so much for everything. Your caring, understanding, love, and tolerance of me are more than I could describe or could ever have hoped for.

To the people of Middlesex, thank you for the privilege to serve you once again. To paraphrase Edmund Burke “I pledge to you my hard work, my experienced judgment and opinions and my enlightened conscience.”

Mayor Dobies and fellow council people you will find that I am a corny pragmatic idealist who believes among other things that the taxpayers know how to spend their money better than we do. That we should take as little of it as possible and return to them the most value for it. That we are a customer service organization and that all of the town’s employees including the council are not only public servants but point of contact representatives for our community. And that the community, Middlesex and its residents are more important than we are.

Comments by Councilman Giancarlo Colitti.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their hard work during the campaign and most importantly my wife who had supported my decision to run for council. I believe if we work together we could make significant improvements to Middlesex.

Mayor Dobies gave his 2004 New Year Address.

On behalf of the Governing Body, our municipal staff, professionals, and volunteers, I wish all our residents, their families and friends a happy, healthy and safe New Year. As the New Year begins I would like to thank our dedicated staff and volunteers, the members of our Governing Body and our professionals for their involvement, service, support and suggestions. Middlesex is and will remain an outstanding community because of their continued commitment and involvement and the advice, criticism and support of our residents in meeting their needs/services and in moving our town forward. Although our Borough, as with all levels of government, will be facing ever-increasing challenges and some difficult financial times together we will meet these challenges. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to our residents for giving me four more years of service to them and our Borough.

Through the continued support of dedicated employees, numerous outstanding volunteers, and our professional staff each year the Governing Body lists many accomplishments. The volunteers from our Off of Emergency Management, our Fire Department, and Rescue Squad combined with our Police Department, Department of Public Works, the Board of Health enables us to meet all the emergency situations we faced in 2003. The volunteers serving our boards, commissions, and committees remain the unsung hero’s as they diligently work in maintaining and improving our Borough and the quality of life of our citizens. I look forward to their continued involvement and commitments and in working with them for another four years. If we were to highlight some of our 2003 accomplishments we would include:

- The reception of more than \$1.5 million dollars in grants and aids. The aggressive pursuit of grants by our Administrator and his staff, our professionals and the Governing Body included: \$425,000 for road work on South and Shepherd Aves, over \$320,000 from Middlesex County for soccer fields at Mt. View Park and streetscape, \$250,000 from the Governor for Safe Streets for Schools, \$150,000 in supplemental aid, \$50,000 HCD funds, and \$26,660 for Clean Community and ADA Livable Community Grant. Although some of these grants were applied for the previous year we didn’t receive approval until this year.
- The much awaited dedication of our library addition.
- Forward movement on the landfill site bringing restoration closer to finalization.
- Completion of the traffic light improvement at Route 28 where Marlborough Avenue and Garden crossed simultaneously in a hazardous pattern that took several years to convince the state of the need. Movement on the traffic light primarily in Piscataway at the intersection of Williams Street with Sherman Avenue and North Randolphville Road.
- The establishment of several new citizens’ advisory committees dealing with traffic safety, economic development, and tax reductions.
- And a festive July Hometown celebration.

As the New Year begins I ask our Council, staff, professionals, volunteers, and residents to address the following goals along with the individual goals established by the Council:

- The development of a cost conscious budget with an increase no greater than 5 points. This includes the development of a defensible plan for petitioning \$750,000 in State supplemental aid and continuance of our aggressive grants program to offset our costs.
- Finalization of Victor Crowell Park development.
- Complete the planning for cleanup of the landfill and start preliminary planning for its usage.

- Finalize and develop the Veterans Park near the American Legion and develop preliminary plans with the Borough' civic groups for the development of the Community Park near Park Brook Gardens.
- Determine the feasibility of once a week sanitation pickup from November through March. Plan must include the work the staff will perform in the absence of pickup, such as tree trimming and tree survey.
- Renovate Fir Headquarters into a Borough Hall Annex including the development of a comprehensive usage plan exploring all possibility including staff movement.
- Develop the property between Borough Hall Governing Body Chambers and the Governing Body parking for the Municipal Court.
- Determine the feasibility of the purchase of the Plainfield Sewage Authority building in Mt. View Park for OEM or other operations.
- Complete the evaluation of tying into Middlesex County for cost saving on energy usage.
- Develop alternate means for communicating with our residents in light of the diminished coverage by the newspapers. Items such as videotaping of meetings, increase computer distribution of minutes and activities to citizens, more frequent newsletters, lighted bulletin board, etc.
- Expand our Economic Revitalization program to include a businessperson's advisory council.
- Revisit the potential for additional senior citizen housing with the Presbyterian Homes/other developers on the borough property adjacent to our existing senior housing.
- Evaluate the positive and negative impact of developing Middlesex as an urban enterprise zone; and
- The expansion/improvement of our July celebration.

I am looking forward with working with my colleagues in the service of our citizens. Although I am sure we will have some differences on our activities, goals and approaches, I will work as a member of the team to ensure our residents get the best service, solution or benefit no matter who develops the approach or activity. I expect all too strenuously support or defend their position, but I also hope we can keep the level high and leave as colleagues at the end of the session.

I thank all in attendance tonight for taking their time to come to our Reorganization Meeting and in closing I would like to thank our entire staff, our professionals, our many volunteers and the 2003 Governing Body for their accomplishments, efforts and support.

The following name was offered by Mayor Dobies as Corporate Counsel for 2004:

RESOLUTION #1-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GEORGE HENDRICKS, ESQ. AS BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint George F. Hendricks, Esq., whose office is located at 73 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 as the Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004;

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. George F. Hendricks, Esq., having his office located at 73 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, is hereby appointed as the Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a salary set forth in the Agreement. Said base salary shall not include services rendered by the Borough Attorney in connection with litigation involving the Borough of Middlesex, nor shall it include labor negotiations, foreclosure actions, which may have to be instituted with respect to in rem tax foreclosures, appearances before administrative agencies or the county tax board and/or the state tax court. The Borough Attorney must first obtain approval from the Governing Body before incurring any expenses in connection with litigation or other items, which are not included in the base salary. The Borough Attorney shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$145.00 per hour for any work done by the

Borough Attorney on items which are not covered under the base salary or Section 1 of the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

2. It is hereby agreed and understood that Peter J. Hendricks, Esq., a partner in the law firm of Hendricks & Hendricks, Esqs., and/or an associate of the firm of Hendricks & Hendricks, Esqs., may appear on behalf of the Borough Attorney and may work on legal matters for the Borough of Middlesex. Said services will be provided without additional compensation other than that provided in the Agreement.
3. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D'Angelo.

Borough Attorney George Hendricks was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Ronald S. Dobies.

The following name was offered as Bond Counsel by Mayor Dobies for the year 2004:

RESOLUTION #2-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING McMANIMON & SCOTLAND, LLC AS "BOND COUNSEL" FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wished to retain the services of Edward J. McManimon, III, Esquire of the firm, McManimon & Scotland, LLC, as Bond Counsel for the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2004; and

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. Edward J. McManimon, III Esquire of the firm McManimon & Scotland, LLC is hereby appointed as "Bond Counsel" for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a fee set forth in their Agreement a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D'Angelo.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #3-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEWIS GOLDSHORE, ESQ. OF THE FIRM SZAFERMAN, LAKIND, BLUMSTEIN, WATTER, BLADER, LEHMANN & GOLDSHORE, PC TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS WHICH MAY ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Lewis Goldshore, Esq. of the firm Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein, Watter, Blader, Lehmann & Goldshore, PC whose office is located at 101 Grovers Mill Road, Ste. 104, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 as the firm to represent the Borough in connection with certain law suits instituted against the Borough pertaining to environmental issues; and

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. The Borough of Middlesex hereby retains the services of Lewis Goldshore, Esq. of the firm Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein, Watter, Blader, Lehmann & Goldshore, PC as the firm to represent the Borough in connection with various environmental matters, which may arise during the course of the year as designated by the Governing Body and to continue representing the Borough in connection with litigation matters which are presently pending for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a fee set forth in their Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D'Angelo.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #4-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KUPPER ASSOCIATES AS BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Kupper Associates, whose office is located at 15 Stelton Road, Piscataway, New Jersey as the Engineers for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

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. Kupper Associates, whose office is located at 15 Stelton Road, Piscataway, New Jersey is hereby appointed as the Engineers for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a fee set forth in their Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D'Angelo.

Joseph Pryor of Kupper Associates was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Ronald S. Dobies.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #5-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FIRM OF HODULIK & MORRISON PA, CPA RMA AS BOROUGH AUDITORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, PA whose office is located at 1102 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904 as the Auditors for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

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. Hodulik & Morrison, PA whose office is located at 1102 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904, is hereby appointed as the Auditors for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a fee set forth in their Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D'Angelo.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #6-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RUDERMAN & GLICKMAN AS MUNICIPAL LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Ruderman & Glickman, 675 Morris Ave., Springfield, New Jersey 07081 as the Labor Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

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. Ruderman & Glickman, 675 Morris Ave., Springfield, New Jersey 07081 is hereby appointed as the Labor Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a fee set forth in their Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D'Angelo.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #7-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARTIN ALLEN OF THE FIRM DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY, YOSPIN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS & LEHRER AS MUNICIPAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint Martin Allen of the firm DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer as the Tax Appeal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

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. Martin Allen of the firm DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, 15 Mountain Blvd., Warren, NJ 07059-5686 is hereby appointed as the Tax Appeal Attorney for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1,

2004 through December 31, 2004 at a fee set forth in their Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk’s Office.

- 4. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D’Angelo.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #8-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM T. COOPER, III AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to appoint William T. Cooper, III whose office is located at 171 North Middaugh Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 as the Borough Prosecutor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

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. William T. Cooper, III whose office is located at 171 North Middaugh Street, Somerville, New Jersey is hereby appointed as the Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Middlesex for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a fee set forth in their Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Borough Clerk’s Office.
- 2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of the local public contracts law, because of the qualitative nature of the position.

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D’Angelo.

The Borough Clerk read the following names for police Matrons and Crossing Guards:

2004

POLICE MATRONS

Cynthia Chomen	Jayne Campbell
Margaret Eloee	Wendy Koch
Martha Ziegler	Kathleen Faust
Nancy Gulla	

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Kenneth Brewer	
Alfred Dixon	Alfreda Petti
Patricia Farhy	Carol Schenck
Philip Fotia	Laurina Tolomeo
Clyde Hood	Diana Hood
Elizabeth Maj	Marjorie Mayberry
Jayne Campbell	

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004 THAT REQUIRE NO CONFIRMATION

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

George Emre	4-year	12/31/07
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ALTERNATE

Dave Spencer	2-year	12/31/05
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PLANNING BOARD**Class IV**

Anthony Parente	4-year	12/31/07
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Alternates

Sean Kaplan (2 nd Alt.)	2-year	12/31/05
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Class II

Sheila Fuhrmann	1-year	12/31/04
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Class III

Michael Hompesch	1-year	12/31/04
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DECENT LITERATURE

George O'Connor	1-year	12/31/04
Joseph Vince	1-year	12/31/04
Frank Bolanowski	1-year	12/31/04
George Ronetz	1-year	12/31/04
Fran Zupko	1-year	12/31/04

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Jim Gordon	5-year	12/31/06
Jason Bond		12/31/07
Tom Wincoup		12/31/04
Fred Worowski, Mayor's Liaison		

CONSUMER AFFAIRS LOCAL ASSISTANT

Jean Ross	1-year	12/31/04
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RECREATION COMMISSION

Sherley Penrose	5-year	12/31/08
John Kayser	5-year	12/31/08
Michelle Tackach		12/31/07

WATER QUALITY

Kevin Sumner	1-year	12/31/04
Nancy Lanner	1-year	12/31/04

CLEAN AIR

Kevin Sumner	1-year	12/31/04
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ENERGY

Nancy Lanner	1-year	12/31/04
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FUSRAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mary Lou Viswat	1-year	12/31/04
Environmental/Citizen Group		

Nancy Lanner	1-year	12/31/04
Municipal Government Rep.		

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mike Schneider	3-year	12/31/06
Stephanie Quast		12/31/04
John Zwolinski – 1 st Alternate	2-year	12/31/05
John M. Tierney – 2 nd Alternate	1-year	12/31/04

COMPUTER COMMITTEE

Vic Capolunghi	1-year	12/31/04
Shawn Kelly	1-year	12/31/04
Jason Dudley	1-year	12/31/04
Howard Hahn	1-year	12/31/04
Keith Pierce	1-year	12/31/04
Ed Castagna	1-year	12/31/04
Rich Strano	1-year	12/31/04

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004 THAT REQUIRE CONFIRMATION

BOARD OF HEALTH

Zafir Shaheen, MD	1-year	12/31/04
Barbara Ferris	4-year	12/31/07

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Beverly Weber	5-year	1/1/09
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SWIM POOL COMMISSION

Michael Cronan	5-year	12/31/08
Barbara Lally	5-year	12/31/04
Janet Mulcahy	Term of Mayor	12/31/07
Pool Staff-Liaison		
Bud Crede	Term of Mayor	12/31/07
Bldgs. & Grounds		

RENT REVIEW BOARD

Homeowner-Members

Charlie Corcoran	3-year	1/1/07
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HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles Corcoran (Mayor's Rep. to County)	1-year	12/31/04
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Class I

Laura Thomasey (Council Liaison)	1-year	12/31/04
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Class II

Walter Drummond	3-year	12/31/06
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PURCHASING AGENT

Tonya Hubosky	1-year	12/31/04
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BOROUGH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Zafir Shaheen	1-year	12/31/04
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LEGAL NEWSPAPERS

Chronicle	1-year	12/31/04
Home News	1-year	12/31/04
Courier-News	1-year	12/31/04
Star Ledger	1-year	12/31/04

Mayor's Councilmanic Appointments.

2004 COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Administration, Legislation, License, Building and Grounds Committee:
Laura Thomasey, Giancarlo Colitti, Garrett Mulcahy

Finance, Taxation, Real Estate, Construction and Insurance Committee:
Jerry D’Angelo, Josephine Liana, Michael Hompesch

Fire, Office of Emergency Management, Board of Health and Welfare Committee:
Giancarlo Colitti, Garrett Mulcahy, Laura Thomasey

Police, Legal, Code Enforcement and Municipal Court Committee:
Garrett Mulcahy, Laura Thomasey, Giancarlo Colitti

Public Works, Parks, Sanitation and Garbage and Recycling:
Josephine Liana, Michael Hompesch, Jerry D’Angelo

Recreation, Recreation Fields, Water and Light:
Michael Hompesch, Jerry D’Angelo, Josephine Liana

MAYOR’S COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004

Board of Health	Giancarlo Colitti
Greenbrook Flood Control	Giancarlo Colitti
Rent Review Board	Laura Thomasey
Recreation Commission	Michael Hompesch
Office of Emergency Management	Giancarlo Colitti
Housing and Community Development	Laura Thomasey
Parliamentarian	Michael Hompesch
Insurance	Gerald D’Angelo
Board of Education	Gerald D’Angelo
Planning Board	Michael Hompesch
County Transportation	Garrett Mulcahy
Computer Committee	Gerald D’Angelo
Safety Board	Garrett Mulcahy
Shade Tree Commission	Josephine Liana
Swim Pool Commission	Gerald D’Angelo
Code Enforcement	Garrett Mulcahy
Rescue Squad	Laura Thomasey
Office on Aging	Laura Thomasey
Community Service	Michael Hompesch
Environmental Commission	Josephine Liana
Recycling	Josephine Liana

Councilwoman Liana offered the name of Michael Hompesch for Council President, seconded by Councilman Mulcahy and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti, D’Angelo

The Borough Clerk read the following resolutions:

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

CONSENT AGENDA 2004(a)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex is not desirous of removing any resolutions for individual action from the Agenda.

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 resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved and adopted.

Resolutions #9-04 - #30-04

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: D’Angelo, Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy, Thomasey. Nos: None. Abstain: Colitti

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #9-04

The Disbursing Officers be and they are hereby authorized to pay on a prorated basis monies due to the Library Board of Trustees as was set up in the 2003 Budget until the 2004 Budget is adopted.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #10-04

The Disbursing Officers be and they are hereby authorized to pay, on a monthly basis, premium for Borough employees' insurance coverage as it is due.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #11-04

The Disbursing Officers be and are hereby authorized to draw a check in the amount of \$100.00 for reimbursement of the Clerk's petty cash fund and \$100.00 for the Police Department, and \$100.00 for the Recreation Department.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #12-04

The By-Laws as have been previously adopted are to remain in full force to govern the 2004 Governing Body or until further action is taken.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #13-04

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Law" P.L. 1975 C231, the following schedule is set for the meetings of Mayor and Council for the year 2004:

January 6, 13, 27	July 6, 13, 27
February 3, 10, 24	August 3, 10, 24
March 2, 9, 23	September 7, 14, 28
April 6, 13, 27	October 5, 12, 26
May 4, 11, 25	November 9, 23
June 1, 22	December 7, 14, 28

Agenda meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. on the first, second, and fourth Tuesday of the month in concurrence with the above dates.

Public meetings commence at 8:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in concurrence with the above dates.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #14-04

Be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following are designated as legal depositories:

State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund

Fleet Bank

United National

Commerce Bank

Wachovia

Depository Trust

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #15-04

The treasurer be and is hereby authorized to draw checks, as needed, to New Jersey Sales Tax for taxes collected through the snack bar at Roy K. Harkness Community Pool.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #16-04

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANDREA CORCORAN AS TREASURER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to reappoint the services of Andrea Corcoran as Treasurer for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2004 for a one year term; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body will determine the salary of Andrea Corcoran’s services in the 2004 White Collar Employee Salary Ordinance.

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

1. Andrea Corcoran is hereby reappointed as Treasurer for the Borough of Middlesex for a one-year term effective January 1, 2004.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #17-04

WHEREAS, the Treasurer is required to invest and reinvest borough funds.

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

1. The Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest and re-invest borough funds.

2. This resolution shall take effect for the year 2004.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #18-04

The Disbursing Officers be and they are hereby authorized to issue a check in favor of the Library Board of Trustees to be applied to their 2004 Operating Budget in the amount of \$13,632.00 representing State Library Aid.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #19-04

Tonya Hubosky be and is hereby appointed Official Tax Search Officer for the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2004.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #20-04

Kathleen Anello be and is hereby appointed Official Assessment Search Officer for the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2004.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #21-04

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TONYA HUBOSKY AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to reappoint the services of Tonya Hubosky as Tax Collector for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined the salary of Tonya Hubosky for 2004 in Resolution No. 328-03 adopted December 9, 2003.

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

1. Tonya Hubosky is hereby reappointed as Tax Collector for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2004.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #22-04

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of the Treasury requires that every municipality designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) each year.

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

1. Andrea Corcoran hereby is appointed PACO Officer for the Borough of Middlesex for the year 2004.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #23 -04

WHEREAS, there are numerous business within Middlesex Borough that provide materials and services that are needed and contracted for by various boards, commissions, committees, and departments of the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Middlesex Borough believes that they should fully support the business and professional community, located in Middlesex Borough, that supply quality materials and services to the residents of Middlesex Borough; and

WHEREAS, these businesses and professionals, located in Middlesex Borough, pay taxes, create jobs, and significantly contribute to and enhance the quality of life for the Middlesex Borough residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of Middlesex that it restate and endorse the established “Buy Local Policy”, and

That all departments, boards, commissions and committees be directed, whenever economically feasible and consistent with existing laws and our Borough financial policies, to purchase materials and services from business and professionals located in Middlesex Bough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Middlesex Borough directs the Borough Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to all individuals responsible for making or approving Borough purchases or retaining services, including department heads and chairpersons of the various boards, commissions and committees.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #24-04

WHEREAS, the Governing Body adopted a Personnel Policy on February 27, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to adopt this Personnel Policy on a yearly basis.

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

1. The Personnel Policy of the Borough of Middlesex is effective from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #25-04

“A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF THE 2004 BUDGET”

A Temporary Budget in the amount of \$2,290,437 to provide for the payment of claims and salaries between the first day of January, 2004 and the adoption of the 2004 budget be set up as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

Administrative & Executive	
Salary & Wage	27,650

Other Expense	7,500
Mayor & Council	
Salary & Wage	3,012
Other Expense	00
Municipal Clerk	
Salary & Wage	23,000
Other Expense	2,900
Rescue Squad Rental	00
Printing & Advertising	3,000
Postage – All Departments	5,000
Election	00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salary & Wage	9,400
Other Expense	1,500
Maintenance of Tax Map	00
Collection of Taxes	
Salary & Wage	12,250
Other Expense	5,000
Financial Administration	
Salary & Wage	20,500
Other Expense	5,000
Legal Services & Costs	
Salary & Wage	9,800
Other Expense	8,000
Engineering Services & Costs	17,000
Public Bldgs & Grounds	
Salary & Wage	6,500
Other Expense	7,500
Planning Board	
Other Expense	00
Board of Adjustment	
Other Expense	100
Shade Tree Commission	
Salary & Wage	500
Other Expense	7,000
Rent Control Board	
Salary & Wage	175
Other Expense	50
Maintenance of Communications	00
Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee	
Salary & Wage	00
Other Expense	00
Environmental Advisory	
Salary & Wage	00
Other Expenses	00
Accident & Safety	
Other Expenses	00

Insurance	
Group Insurance Plan	384,000
Workman’s Compensation	14,000
Surety Bonds	1,500
Temporary Disability	4,000
Long Term Disability	3,000
Other Insurance Premiums	00
PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Fire Department	
Other Expenses	21,000
Hazardous Waste	
Other Expenses	00
Police Department	
Salary & Wage	650,000
Other Expense	20,000
Juvenile Conference Committee	
Salary & Wage	450
Other Expense	0
Uniform Fire Safety	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0
Emergency Management	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	2,300
Road Repair & Maintenance	
Salary & Wage	173,000
Other Expense	17,650
Sewer System	
Salary & Wage	28,000
Other Expense	9,000
Solid Waste Management	
Salary & Wage	35,500
Other Expense	500
Recycling Program	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0
Garbage & Trash Removal	
Salary & Wage	103,000
Other Expense	5,000
Sanitary Landfill	80,000
Prosecutor’s Office	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	6,000
Board of Health	
Salary & Wage	1,300
Other Expense	27,000
RECREATION & EDUCATION	
Parks & Playgrounds	
Salary & Wage	64,000
Other Expense	4,000

Animal Control	
Other Expenses	5,000
Board of Recreation Commissioners	
Salary & Wage	22,500
Other Expense	15,000
Field Development	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0
Senior Citizen Bus Transportation	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0
Senior Coordinator	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	2,000
Senior Assisted Transportation	
Salary & Wage	5,000
Other Expense	0
Uniform Construction Code	
Salary & Wage	46,000
Other Expense	2,500
Utilities – All Departments	
Gasoline	13,000
Fuel Oil	7,500
Electricity	15,000
Telephone	7,700
Natural Gas	0
Street Lighting	27,000
Fire Hydrants	45,000
Water	0
Public Celebration	
Other Expenses	0
Curbside Recycling	
Other Expenses	17,500
Contingent	0
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES CONTRIBUTION TO:	
PERS	0
Social Security	60,000
PFRS	0
Pension – Firemen’s Widow (N.J.S.A. 43:12-28.1)	0
New Jersey Unemployment Insurance	0
Municipal Court	
Salary & Wage	42,500
Other Expense	22,000
Maintenance of Free Public Library	94,000
Middlesex County Utility Authority	0
Piscataway Sewage Authority	0
Middlesex County Drug Alliance	4,700
Clean Grant	0
TOTAL	2,290,437.

26.25% the 2003 General Appropriation in the 2003 Budget = \$3,259,691.

Cost Registered Bonds

Capital Improvement	
Bond Anticipation Note	0
Bond Anticipation Interest	0
Municipal Debt Service	
Bond Principal	904,500
Bond Interest	105,000

DEDICATED SWIMMING POOL UTILITY BUDGET

Swim Pool Utility	
Salary & Wage	50,000
Other Expense	30,000
TOTAL	80,000

26.25% of the 2003 Swimming Pool Utility appropriation = \$85,313

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #26-04

WHEREAS, Robert C. Ellis has successfully completed the psychological and medical examination required for the position of a Probationary Patrolman in the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Chief Benson is recommending that Robert C. Ellis be appointed to the position of Probationary Patrolman effective January 7, 2004 at an annual salary of \$28,500.

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

1. Robert C. Ellis is hereby appointed a probationary patrolman for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 7, 2004 at an annual salary of \$28,500.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #27-04

WHEREAS, Mark Melchiorre, Jr. has successfully completed the psychological and medical examination required for the position of a Probationary Patrolman in the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Chief Benson is recommending that Mark Melchiorre, Jr. be appointed to the position of Probationary Patrolman effective January 7, 2004 at an annual salary of \$28,500.

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

1. Mark Melchiorre, Jr. is hereby appointed a probationary patrolman for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 7, 2004 at an annual salary of \$28,500.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #28-04

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Carroll has successfully completed the psychological and medical examination required for the position of a Probationary Patrolman in the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Chief Benson is recommending that Thomas J. Carroll be appointed to the position of Probationary Patrolman effective January 7, 2004 at an annual salary of \$28,500.

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

1. Thomas J. Carroll is hereby appointed a probationary patrolman for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 7, 2004 at an annual salary of \$28,500.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately

The Clerk read the following resolution:

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

RESOLUTION #29-04

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH MANNING AS BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to reappoint the services of Joseph Manning as Borough Administrator for the Borough of Middlesex effective January 1, 2004 for a one year term; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body will determine the salary of Mr. Manning's services in the 2004 Salary Ordinance.

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

1. Joseph Manning is hereby reappointed as Borough Administrator for the Borough of Middlesex for a one-year term effective January 1, 2004.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION #30-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES

"Delinquency means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years"

In the event the quarterly payment of taxes or assessments are not paid on the date on which they become delinquent, but are paid within ten days on the date on which they become delinquent, the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect interest on all such delinquent payments; and

In the event that quarterly payment of taxes or assessments are not paid within ten days of the date on which they become delinquent, and the total amount of said delinquency is less than \$1,500.00, the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect 8% interest per annum from the date said payments first become delinquent up to \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% interest on all such delinquent payments over \$1,500.00.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, which is the New Jersey statute defining a tax delinquency, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex does hereby fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year 2003 and the penalty so fixed shall be six (6%) of the amount of the yearly delinquency.

The meeting was adjourned by Councilman Mulcahy, seconded by Council President Hompesch and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Respectfully yours,

Kathleen Anello
Registered Municipal Clerk