



# Borough of Middlesex

Middlesex, New Jersey

## Mayor and Council Special Meeting

### Minutes

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Wednesday, December 3,  
2025

7:00 PM

1200 Mountain Avenue

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- I. **MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of an annual meeting notice to the Star Ledger, Courier News and Home News, and posted at Borough Hall.
- II. **SALUTE TO FLAG**
- III. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk  
Council President Michael Conahan  
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes  
Councilman Joseph DeScenza  
Councilman Robert Dessino  
Interim Administrator Matthew Geist

**Others Absent:**

Councilman Kenneth Griggs  
Councilman Kevin Dotey  
Borough Attorney Christopher Corsini

**IV. DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:**

1. 2024 SWOT Analysis Review

Mayor Mikolajczyk went over the key points that were discussed at last year's Special Meeting.

The list included:

### **1. Strengths:**

- Strong Police
- Small Town Feel
- Terrific Borough Employees/Departments
- Good Services
- Good School System

### **2. Weaknesses:**

- Volunteers – more needed
- Communication
- Shared Services
- County and State Support
- Property Maintenance
- Train Tracks
- Grants
- Economic Development

### **3. Opportunities:**

- Parks – open space
- Redevelopment
- Code Enforcement
- Youth engagement
- More green infrastructure
- Skate park – pump track
- Filming Industry

### **4. Threats:**

- Lack of volunteerism
- Traffic – speeding / unsafe driving
- Taxes
- Turnover
- Environmental
- Advocacy
- Loss of services

## **2. 2025 Update**

Mayor Mikolajczyk discussed the items on the S.W.O.T Analysis and made the following updates:

## 1. Strengths:

- Volunteer Recognition
- Public Safety
- Code Enforcement: The Borough has hired a full-time Zoning Officer this year
- Parks Improvement
- NIXLE
- Services

## 2. Weaknesses:

- Road Surfaces
- Volunteer Fair: Not many volunteers were recruited at the last Volunteer Fair
- Staff Recognition
- Child/Teen Rec. Opportunities
- State Support

## 3. Opportunities:

- Summer Concerts
- Private Organization Calendar
- Community Calendar
- Cultural Awareness Day
- Economic Development
- Flood NIXLE for District

## 4. Threats:

- Lack of Volunteerism
- Floods
- Sewer System
- Taxes

- a. Borough Needs
- b. Desired Borough Services and Programs
- c. Borough Department and Services Review

### a. Borough Needs:

- More Volunteers: The number of volunteers has dropped a large amount in the last few years. Volunteers are an integral part of the Borough, and are in high demand by the Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, etc.
- State Aid/ Grants
- New Roads

### b. Desired Borough Services and Programs:

- More Activities for the Youth
- Summer Concerts
- Private Organization Calendar
- Community Calendar
- Customized Notices from NIXLE with reminders

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

1. The next Regular Meeting will be December 16, 2025

Respectfully yours,

Mayensi Recinos  
Deputy Clerk