



Borough of Middlesex

Middlesex, New Jersey

Mayor and Council Reorganizational Meeting

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Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

7:00 PM

1200 Mountain Avenue

- 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. **COUNCILWOMAN CLOCK AND COUNCILWOMAN QUINN TO BE SWORN IN**

- IV. **ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk				
Councilwoman Jennifer Clock				
Councilman Michael Conahan				
Councilman Joseph DeScenza				
Councilman Kevin Dotey				
Councilman Kenneth Griggs				
Councilwoman Shannon Quinn				
Interim Administrator Matthew Geist				
Borough Attorney Christopher Corsini				

Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk
Council President Michael Conahan
Councilman Jennifer Clock
Councilman Joseph DeScenza

Councilman Kenneth Griggs
Councilman Kevin Dotey
Councilman Shannon Quinn

Also Present:

Interim Administrator Matthew Geist
Interim Deputy Administrator Lenny Vidal
Borough Attorney Christopher Corsini

Others Absent:

V. APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

1. **Resolution 1-2026** Appointment of Christopher M. Corsini of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. as the Borough Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

VI. MAYOR'S NEW YEAR' ADDRESS

Good evening and welcome.

2025 has been a busy year in Middlesex.

I want to thank outgoing Councilmen Jeremiah Carnes and Bobby Dessino for their service. I'd like to welcome Jennifer Clock and Shannon Quinn. You will find it's a different world on the dais, but I'm confident that you will make a positive contribution to our Borough.

I'd like to thank my wife, Jan, my family and all the families that contribute to the success of Middlesex. They are the ones that make the most sacrifices, as anything we do for the town is at a direct cost in terms of time away from them. Their willingness to see the big picture leave us forever grateful for their love and support.

I am starting my 12th year as a part of the Middlesex leadership. I've seen a lot of things happen in that time and we are on a good path.

In 2025, we've made excellent progress in a number of areas.

We had a very conservative municipal budget with a very modest 2.5% increase. We continue to chip away at issues having added to the surplus and plan to continue on this path. This continues to be a cornerstone of our fiscal stability as well as helping us to secure the best financing rates to save cost. We continue to address and resolve outstanding issues, and in the balance, be as fiscally conservative as possible.

The use of the Councilmatic Committees has been successful in our efforts to be transparent, accountable, efficient and communicative.

We opened the Middlesex history room at the library.

Once again, we held a Town Hall Meeting to openly discuss where we are and where we want to go as a Borough. Our residents need to be heard, and this meeting highlighted several areas where we can improve. We will do this again in 2026.

The flood wall project continues to slowly progress and has removed approximately 90 houses from our taxable base with more to come. The flood wall we constructed at Heather Lane is doing the job to stave off erosion and preserve the neighborhood. We continue to push the related parties involved with the flood wall project. The sooner that it is completed the better, but we are still years away with some significant hurdles coming as part of the plan includes construction of a flood gate on Route 28, which will certainly create some logistical issues, that it is our intention to minimize.

We have upgraded our Zoning and Code Enforcement to a full-time

position. We are seeing progress and we will see the benefits as we have enhanced enforcement to keep our Borough looking at its best.

We completed the streetscape project in front of the High School and Mountainview Park, and are working on securing grants for another phase of streetscape improvements. These grants are at no cost to the Borough and are a pure benefit to us. Smart planning and purchasing enabled us to purchase some new holiday decorations this year.

Our Environmental Commission had a productive year receiving recognition from the State as the “Rookie of the Year”, as well as reaching Bronze level status for their environmental work. This is a huge honor to the Borough and represented countless hours by the Environmental Commission to earn this recognition. As you look around the Borough you can see evidence of their thumbprint on the Borough.

Victor the Rock Snake once again was back, and had quite a lengthy level of participation.

We used our Hydro Rake several times this year and the condition of the lake continues to improve. We've been able to verify this through testing.

We are in the middle of replacing the bathrooms and upgrading the Mountainview Park Grove area despite the delay caused by the playground equipment fire.

We have completed our plan for Victor Crowell Park, so that we can submit for grant funding to bring the concepts to reality. The plan presents a framework, and not a definitive final project but is a critical piece for us to secure this funding.

As brought up in our Town Hall, volunteerism continues to be a

challenge and a need. Residents need to get involved. Without volunteers, we will be put in a position to cut programs or hire professionals to provide essential services. Please consider helping out.

Two biggies for 2025 were the contract negotiations, and the health coverage change.

During 2025, we successfully completed fair negotiations with our 3 main Unions, the Police, DPW, and White Collar in addition to our Chief of Police and the DPW Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent. No easy task and in the end, fair for our employees as well as the Borough.

For the first time in a few years, we changed our health insurance. This saved our employees and the Borough a considerable amount of money. We are continuing to be proactive here, as the excessive recent state insurance increase of 36% has once again presented a challenge to us in terms of budgeting.

Our “Pillars of Middlesex” were:

Jason Bond

Beverly D Weber

James Benson

Lee Poandl

William Winkleman

Our “Citizen of the Year” was:

Clare Levourne

But now in 2026 and despite the successes we have some significant challenges and some outstanding challenges facing this Borough.

A mantra we had in place last year was a proper budget process and

adherence to the plan. It worked well, and we will continue down this path in 2026. With excessive increases in health insurance, 36% for 2026 and a NJ inflation rate around 3.5%, and a continued lack of adjustment in state aid it will be impossible to have another under the inflation rate increase of 2.5%. Our efforts are always to be as conservative as possible but with the cuts we made last year it is unrealistic to get there again this year without a reduction in services. We continue to look at all insurance rates, but we need to have a year under our belt for the health insurance to be able to shop for better rates.

Our investigation into the sewers will be a priority for 2026. We really need to know where we stand here. This may take a couple of years, but we will have a plan when we are done.

Two other public outstanding issues are flooding and Lake Creighton. We continue to work with and press the urgency and necessity of these projects and these will take years to complete, but we will continue to push the state agencies to make our needs a priority.

We continue to lose revenue from the flood wall project. A strategy of controlled redevelopment is going to be crucial for the success of Middlesex going forward. I would hope to have one project underway and another in the wings by the end of 2026. It's no easy task, but we are starting to garner interest as word gets out that we are open for business.

By using a grant writing service in 2 years through 2025, we have secured nearly one million dollars in grants for the Borough. We have been very aggressive in this area, and right now we have approximately six million dollars of applications in. We may not always be successful but as my grandmother would say - "You don't ask-you don't get".

The Borough Council, the Fire Department, OEM, Rescue Squad and many of the Committees and Commissions in Middlesex Borough are

made up of volunteers. These volunteers are the backbone of what makes our Borough tick. Unfortunately, volunteerism is at a low the past few years with some of our key areas being down a significant number of members, challenging their ability to be effective. Maybe it is a matter of people not having the knowledge that many of these services are provided by volunteers. Or perhaps a culture that is being brought up on Door Dash, Uber Eats and other similar services not realizing that these Borough services that are free now will no longer be able to be sustained without an influx of new members. This will happen quickly, especially as the older members age out. Middlesex residents need to take notice and get involved. We are reaching a critical point and low volunteerism will result in us paying for things we now take for granted that are free.

Mel Robbins has said "Optimism isn't believing nothing bad will happen. It's about believing in your ability to handle it when it does."

I'm optimistic about 2026. We have made many changes in 2025 to plan and prepare for the opportunities and challenges the future brings.

For our dedicated employees and selfless volunteers, and our residents, I'd like to wish everyone a happy healthy and prosperous new year.

Thank You

VII. COMMENTS BY COUNCILWOMAN CLOCK AND COUNCILWOMAN QUINN

Councilwoman Clock made the following comments:

I am deeply honored and grateful to stand before you today as your Councilwoman. I want to begin by sharing how I arrived at this moment, because it is not a path I walked alone.

I would not be who I am today without my family. I have been married to my husband, Rich, for almost 25 years, and together we have five children. To say that we have been through some trials would be a serious understatement. Our family has faced significant medical challenges — including times when we were not sure our youngest would survive. There were moments when we wondered where our next meal would come from.

I share this because I know many families in this town have faced their own trials. And sometimes those trials have also meant wondering where your next meal is coming from.

Hardship has a way of shaping us. Hardship has a way of humbling us. And if we let it, hardship has a way of connecting us.

That is one of the things I love most about this town — the sense of community, and the way people stand together. When things are hard, we don't turn away. We show up. We stand together.

Several years ago, I decided that if nothing ever changes, nothing ever changes. And with my husband's support, I went back to school and began putting myself on a path of service. Along the way, I realized something important: many of the blessings my family had received were the result of people choosing to give back — people who didn't have to help but did.

I will never forget a family I met while staying at a Ronald McDonald House. Even as their son was receiving care, they brought donations for other families. They told me they wanted to give back while they still remembered what it felt like to need help. And in that moment, I knew exactly who I never wanted to become — someone who forgot where they came from. I promised myself I would always remember my experiences, always remember those moments, and always use them to serve others.

Ironically, I also promised myself I would never go into politics.

While I was in school, I had a professor who tried relentlessly to explain the importance of public policy at every level. I dreaded that social policy class. I truly couldn't see the point. But looking back now, I realize that class taught me something essential — that policies don't live on paper. They live in people's lives. And that it is important for all of us to be involved, to speak up, to participate, and to help shape the community we live in.

Then came COVID.

Like so many families, ours was deeply impacted, and many of us are still feeling the financial effects today. Costs increased. Pressures increased. And through it all, one thing remained constant — my love for New Jersey, and more specifically, my love for the town of Middlesex. I did not want to be one of the many families forced to leave New Jersey because we could no longer afford to stay.

I realized that if I wasn't willing to get involved, I had no right to complain. It would have been easy — with five kids and a full-time job — to say I didn't have time. But I asked myself a hard question: who do I want my children to be? And what kind of life do I want for them?

So, I threw my hat into the ring.

Throughout this campaign, I ran on transparency — on being myself. I never claimed to know everything. I never pretended to have all the answers. But I did promise this: if I didn't know something, we would work through it together. Because leadership isn't about knowing everything — it's about listening, learning, and doing the work.

What I want is what so many of you want. A safe town. Strong schools. Affordability. Clean air.

And the ability to preserve everything we love about living in a small community.

Public service is a responsibility I take seriously. And I am deeply humbled by the trust placed in me.

I am grateful to everyone who participated in this election. Thank you to Shannon. I know I have said this before, and I will say it again — there is no one I would have rather run this election with. You were always accessible to me as I began to navigate this journey.

Thank you, Council President Michael Conahan. You stepped into big shoes — the shoes of Mike Hompesch and Steve Grecco — and you filled them with integrity, dedication, and an obvious love for Middlesex. Your intentions are always pure, and you have paved a way for those who follow behind you.

Thank you also to Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk, Hardik Shah, and all the members of council — Former Councilman Robert Dessino, Councilman Kevin Dotey, Councilman Ken Griggs, Councilman Joe DeScenza, and Former Councilman Carnes. Each of you supported both Shannon and me in your own way, and I thank you. And thank you to the families of each of you — because public service is never a sacrifice made alone.

Sometimes the hours on the campaign trail are long. And this campaign simply would not have been possible without the support of Tom Thornton. You both put in countless hours, and you kept us motivated when the days were long.

Thank you to everyone who helped canvas the town — including those who supported other candidates. Vincent, putting yourself out there takes courage. It takes time, energy, and commitment. And our community is stronger when people are willing to step up. Elections may end — but our shared commitment to this community does not.

Moving forward, my door will always be open. It will be open to those who supported me, to those who supported someone else, and to those who are still figuring out how they feel. My door is open because listening matters. Because different perspectives matter. And because open conversation is how progress happens.

As I take this oath today, I do so with a commitment to transparency, accessibility, and integrity. I will be honest about what I know. I will be honest about what I don't. And I will always be committed to working through challenges alongside this community.

Everything that brought me here reminds me how important it is to never forget where you came from. That perspective grounds me. It guides me. And it is what I will carry with me every single day I serve.

I ran on keeping Middlesex moving forward — by being accessible, by being transparent, and by working together. By protecting what we love about this town while building a future where families can stay, grow, and thrive.

Thank you for trusting me with this responsibility. I am honored to serve. I am ready to listen.

And I am ready to get to work — for all of Middlesex.

Councilwoman Quinn made the following comments:

Tonight, I am incredibly honored and deeply grateful to the residents of Middlesex for putting your trust in me. This win isn't about one person—it's about a community that believes in showing up, working together, and continuing to move our town forward.

George Washington once said, "The power under the Constitution will always be in the people." Tonight, that power was exercised right here in Middlesex, and I am deeply humbled by the trust you have placed in me.

I want to thank my family—my mom, dad, my husband Martin, my son Donovan, and especially my daughter, Evy—for their patience, love, and support through long nights, busy weekends, and countless conversations about why this work matters. I could not do this without you.

To my volunteers and supporters: thank you for walking with me, sharing Facebook posts, and coming out to our meet-and-greets. Your time, energy, and belief in this campaign made all the difference.

A special thank you to Mike Conahan, our Mayor, and the members of Council who supported me during my four years on the Board of Education and as Chairwoman of Parks Improvement. I truly appreciate your guidance and support, and I look forward to working together for the good of our community.

I also want to thank my fellow candidates and those who continue to serve our town. Democracy works best when people step up, participate, and care deeply about their community.

For those who voted for me, thank you for your trust. For those who didn't, please know

this: I will work just as hard for you. My door will always be open, and my responsibility is to represent everyone in our Borough.

I ran for Council to serve this community, and now the real work begins. I promise to lead with integrity, listen with purpose, and always put Middlesex first.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I am proud to serve—and I'm ready to get to work.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Council President

Councilman DeScenza nominated Councilman Conahan for Council President seconded by Councilman Dotey and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

2. Fire Department Officers

The Borough Clerk read in to the record the Fire Department Officers. Mayor Mikolajczyk will swear in the Fire Department Officers on a later date.

3. By Mayor Not Requiring Council Confirmation

The following appointments by Mayor Mikolajczyk not requiring Council Confirmation were read into the record.

4. By Mayor Requiring Council Confirmation

The following appointments by Mayor Mikolajczyk requiring Council Confirmation were read into the record.

IX. 2026 COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS/COMMITTEES

1. 2026 Council Liaison Appointments

The Borough Clerk read into the record the following Council Liaison Appointments.

2. Council Committees

Mayor Mikolajczyk read into the record the Council Committees.

X. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. **Resolution 2-2026** Appointment of Pennoni as the Environmental Engineer for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey

AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

2. **Resolution 3-2026** Appointment of Colliers Engineering & Design as the Borough Engineer for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

3. **Resolution 4-2026** Appointment of Morgan Engineering as the Alternate Engineer for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

4. **Resolution 5-2026** Appointment of Kyle Pirog of Pirog Law as the Public Defender for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

5. **Resolution 6-2026** Appointment of Robert D. Spengler, Esq. as Alternate Public Defender for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None

ABSTAINED: None

6. **Resolution 7-2026** Appointment of Michael Colacci, Esq. of Colacci Law Firm, LLC as the Borough Prosecutor for the Year 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan

SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey

AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

7. **Resolution 8-2026** Appointment of Colliers Engineering & Design as the C-4 License Operator for the Year 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan

SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey

AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

8. **Resolution 9-2026** Appointment of Ricciplanning as the Borough Planner for the Year 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan

SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey

AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

9. **Resolution 10-2026** Appointment of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. as the Redevelopment Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan

SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey

AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

10. **Resolution 11-2026** Appointment of Dilworth Paxson as Conflict Redevelopment Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

11. **Resolution 12-2026** Appointment of Suplee, Clooney & Company as the Borough Auditor for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

12. **Resolution 13-2026** Appointment of Bruno Associates as the Grant Writer for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

13. **Resolution 14-2026** Appointment of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy as the Borough Labor Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

14. **Resolution 15-2026** Appointment of King, Moench & Collins, LLP as the Conflict Municipal Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

15. **Resolution 16-2026** Appointment of King, Moench & Collins, LLP as the Environmental Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

16. **Resolution 17-2026** Appointment of Dilworth Paxson LLP, as the Bond Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

17. **Resolution 18-2026** Appointment of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. as the Tax Appeal Attorney for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

18. **Resolution 19-2026** Appointment of North American Insurance Management (Acrisure, LLC) as Risk Management Consultant for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
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MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

XI. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 20-2026** Adopting Roberts Rules of Order

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

2. **Resolution 21-2026** Approval of Official Newspapers for 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

3. **Resolution 22-2026** Appointing Kelsey Meixner to Serve as Fund Commissioner to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund for 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

4. **Resolution 23-2026** Authorizing the Filing and Settlement of Tax Appeals

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey

AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

5. **Resolution 24-2026** Appointing PACO Officer for 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

6. **Resolution 25-2026** Regular Meeting Dates

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

7. **Resolution 26-2026** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Charge a Fee of \$25.00 Per Tax Sale Notice to Conduct Tax Sales When Unpaid Taxes or any Municipal Lien on Real Property Remain in Arrears at the Close of the Fiscal Year

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

8. **Resolution 27-2026** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Collect Interest on Delinquent Taxes

Item removed from consent.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey,

	Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

9. **Resolution 28-2026** Cancelling Small Sewer Balances

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

10. **Resolution 29-2026** Approval of the Middlesex Borough Rescue Task Force Members and Medical Advisor for 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

11. **Resolution 30-2026** Appointing the Local Office of Emergency Management Membership Effective January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

12. **Resolution 31-2026** Appointing the Borough's Office of Emergency Management Auxiliary Members Effective January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

13. **Resolution 32-2026** Approval of Fire Department Drivers for 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

14. **Resolution 33-2026** Appointing Joseph DeScenza as the Mayor's Representative and John Madden as the Governing Body Representative to the Housing and Community Development Committee for 2026

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

15. **Resolution 34-2026** A Resolution to Provide for a Temporary Budget for Payment of Claims Until the Adoption of the 2026 Budget

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

16. **Resolution 35-2026** Endorsing the "Buy Local Policy" to Support the Business and Professional Community in Middlesex Borough

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER: Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES: Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

17. **Resolution 36-2026** Retaining Spero Kalambakas as Municipal Court Judge in the Borough of Middlesex

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

18. **Resolution 37-2026** Authorizing the Treasurer to Reinvest Funds for 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

19. **Resolution 38-2026** Approval for Reimbursement of the Clerk's Department, Police Department and Recreation Department's Petty Cash Funds

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

20. **Resolution 39-2026** Authorizing ADP, Inc to Provide Payroll Services for 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

21. **Resolution 40-2026** Establishing a Cash Management Plan for the

Borough of Middlesex for the Year 2026

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

22. **Resolution 41-2026** Authorization to Approve Payment of Certain Bills Between Regular Meetings

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

23. **Resolution 42-2026** Establishing A Custodian Of A Petty Cash Fund

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

24. **Resolution 43-2026** Authorizing the Reappointment and Granting of Tenure to Caroline Benson as Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Middlesex

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan
SECONDER:	Councilman Kevin Dotey
AYES:	Michael Conahan, Joseph DeScenza, Kenneth Griggs, Kevin Dotey, Jennifer Clock, Shannon Quinn
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

XII. PUBLIC PORTION

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

Councilman DeScenza made the following comments:

- Happy New Year to all, especially all the volunteers that serve and assist this Middlesex Community. Thank you to the Borough employees for all their efforts in helping us maintain our small town environment.
- Let's hope the coming year offers us continued fiscal responsibility and cost control.
- I want to wish the new council members success and offer my assistance if they encounter problems or opportunities where they are in need of guidance. But remember Shannon, here there is no free dinner!
- Let's all continue to work together to have a successful year!

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

1. The next Regular Meeting will be January 27th.

Respectfully yours,

Kelsey Meixner
Borough Clerk

Middlesex Fire Department 2026 Officers

Fire Chief

Shawn Young

Deputy Fire Chief

Eric Chomen

Assistant Fire Chief

Stephen Bird

Lincoln Hose Co #1

Captain – Brian Mattox

Lieutenant – Jason Frank

Engineer Engine 21 – Joe McCauley

Assistant Engineer Engine 21- Cody Tindle

Engineer Truck 25 – Connor Wise

Assistant Engineer Truck 25 – Jeff Decker

Beechwood Heights Co #2

Captain – Kenneth Pukas Jr.

Lieutenant – Randy Rudnick

Engineer Engine 22 - Jake Wright

Assistant Engineer Engine 22 - Chip Frish

H.C. Pierce Hose Co #3

Captain – William Winkleman

Lieutenant – Kenneth Bartok Jr.

Engineer Engine 23 – Chad Heulitt

Assistant Engineer Engine 23 – Robert Imbriaco

Parker Engine and Hose Co#4

Captain – John Pazar

Lieutenant – Jeff Meyer

Engineer Truck 24 - Robert Pollara

Assistant Engineer Truck 24 – Robert Soper

Fire Police

Captain – Mike Macker

Lieutenant – Gary D’Aliosio

Engineer – Randy Rudnick

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026 THAT REQUIRE NO CONFIRMATION

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cassius Kennick	3-year	12/31/2028
Chistine DiNizo	3-year	12/31/2028

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Clare Lebourne	3-year	12/31/2028
Greg Cosentino	3-year	12/31/2028
Dan	3-year	12/31/2028
Holly Muller, Alternate I	2-year	12/31/2027

LOWER RARITAN-MIDDLESEX COUNTY WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

John Madden	1-year	12/31/2026
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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026 THAT REQUIRE CONFIRMATION

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mike Jones	3-year	12/31/2028
Bill Coyle	3-year	12/31/2028
Hardik Shah	3-year	12/31/2028

LIBRARY BOARD

Susan Edwards	5-year	12/31/2030
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BOARD OF HEALTH

John Ellery	4-year	12/31/2029
Hamza Choundry, Alternate I	2-year	12/31/2027

JOINT LAND USE BOARD

Bob Sherr, Class II	1-year	12/31/2026
Bobby Dessino, Class IV	1-year	12/31/2026
Joe DeScenza, Class III	1-year	12/31/2026
Rich Gianchiglia, Alternate I	2-year	12/31/2027
Tony Sickle, Alternate II	2-year	12/31/2027

PARKS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mike O'Donnell	3-year	12/31/2028
Todd Nicolay	3-year	12/31/2028
Rich Thomasey	3-year	12/31/2028
Doug Rex, Alternate I	3-year	12/31/2028

FILM COMMISSION

Jonathan Beal	1-year	12/31/2026
Jeremiah Carnes, Alternate I	1-year	12/31/2026
Joseph Delmas	1-year	12/31/2026
Melissa Ziomek	1-year	12/31/2026
Mayor Mikolajczyk, Alternate II	1-year	12/31/2026

Chief Geist	1-year	12/31/2026
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CULTURE AND ARTS

Leonard Jackson	3-year	12/31/2028
James Johansen	3-year	12/31/2028

SWIM POOL COMMISSION

Mark Kranz	5-year	12/31/2030
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Mayor's 2026 Council Liaison Appointments

Board of Education	Shannon Quinn
Board of Health	Shannon Quinn
County SWAC/Transportation	Joe DeScenza
Housing & Community Development	Joe DeScenza
OEM	Kevin Dotey
Joint Land Use Board	Joe DeScenza
Recreation Committee	Joe DeScenza
Shade Tree Commission	Shannon Quinn
Swim Pool Commission	Ken Griggs
Fire	Kevin Dotey
Police/Court	Kevin Dotey
Zoning/Code Enforcement	Shannon Quinn
Recreation	Ken Griggs
Public Works/Recycle/Buildings & Grounds	Mike Conahan
Finance	Joe DeScenza
Administration	Jen Clock
Construction	Shannon Quinn
Rescue Squad	Kevin Dotey
Disabled & Senior Services	Jen Clock
Environmental Commission	Joe DeScenza
Cultural & Arts Committee/Beautification	Jen Clock
Film Committee	Jen Clock
Parks Improvement Committee	Michael Conahan Joe DeScenza

2026 Councilmanic Committees

- A. Administration, Legislation, and Department of Senior Services
Jen Clock, Kevin Dotey, Joe Descenza
- B. Fire, Office of Emergency Management, Police, Court and Rescue Squad
Kevin Dotey, Michael Conahan, Jen Clock
- C. Finance, Taxation, Real Estate, Insurance, Public Utilities and Library
Joe DeScenza, Kevin Dotey, Mike Conahan
- D. Board of Health, Zoning, Legal, Code Enforcement, Shade Tree and Construction
Shannon Quinn, Ken Griggs, Jen Clock
- E. Public Works, Recycling, Building and Grounds and Environmental Commission
Mike Conahan, Ken Griggs, Shannon Quinn
- F. Recreation, Recreation Fields, Swim Pool Commission and Community Celebrations
Ken Griggs, Joe DeScenza, Shannon Quinn

Underscore indicates the Council Liaison