



Borough of Middlesex

Middlesex, New Jersey

Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Minutes

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Tuesday, January 27, 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. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk
Council President Michael Conahan
Councilman Joseph DeScenza
Councilman Kevin Dotey
Councilwoman Jennifer Clock
Councilwoman Shannon Quinn

Also Present:

Interim Administrator Matthew Geist
Borough Attorney Christopher Corsini

Others Absent:

Councilman Kenneth Griggs

IV. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Legacy Employees

Mayor Mikolajczyk presented the employees whom have worked for the Borough for 5/10/15/20/25/30 years as of 2025 a certificate of recognition.

V. APPOINTMENTS

1. Accepting the Resignation of Sean Johnson from the Shade Tree Commission

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

2. Appointing Nicole Araujo to the Recreation Committee

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

VI. PROCLAMATIONS

VII. ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

VIII. ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

IX. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the December 16, 2025 Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan

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

2. Approval of the January 6, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

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

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

- DPW did great with the last snow event.
- The Borough is working on the Affordable Housing issue.
- Welcome to our new Council members.
- The Environmental Commission did a great job in 2025.
- The Class III negotiations have been an ongoing discussion, over 18 months of work.

Attorney Corisini gave an update on the Class III Contract with the School Board and the lack of the School Board response to all communication.

Bruce Sanders, 10 Venice Ave made the following comments:

- When did the discussion about Class III Officers start?
- There was a safety issue at the schools last year.
- What is the delay?

Laura Thomasey, 109 Greene Avenue, made the following comments:

- How many officers will be provided?
- Who decided that number?
- News 12 made an article that the Borough would have 5 Officers.

- Why do the Attorney's not just get together to discuss?

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue, made the following comments:

- Any idea how the school is justifying the delay?

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Conahan made the following comments:

- I want to congratulate and welcome both Councilwoman Clock and Councilwoman Quinn. I look forward to working with you both and I am here to help.
- I want to thank all involved with the Class III MOU including Attorney Corsini and Chief Geist. Resolution 56-2026. It has been a long 2 years, but we are finally able to see this important safety initiative be instituted. The biggest catalyst was our Mayor. He was persistent and resilient, consistently being the driving force behind getting this done. Thank you Mayor!
- The Parks Improvement Committee was unable to meet earlier this month due to a lack of quorum. The Reorganization meeting will be on March 3rd at 7:30pm in the Community Room.
- I want to thank Sean Johnson for volunteering on the Shade Tree Commission.
- Excellent Annual Report for 2025 from our Environmental Commission. Thank you Clare.
- Public Works provided snow removal during 4 snow events: January 10, 17, 18, 25.
- 80 tons of salt and 10,000 gallons of brine were used.
- 20,000 gallons of brine were made.
- 2 pickup trucks are down due to age.
- Training being done for the majority of the Dept.
- ADA Ramps being repaired on Howard Ave, Fischer Ave.
- New stops signs were installed around schools. Guys going around straightening signs throughout town.
- Log splutter is down, due to piston cracking.
- Christmas decorations were taken down and stored in the annex building.
- If your property includes a sidewalk, you must clear the snow from the sidewalk.
- Hope to see everyone at Coffee with a Cop on Saturday, February 7th at 10am.

Councilwoman Clock made the following comments:

- The Film Commission met on January 22nd. The next meeting will be February 19th.
- The Administration meeting was rescheduled.
- The Culture and Arts Craft swap was a success.
- Senior Tax prep is starting.
- Congrats Legacy Employees.

Councilman DeScenza made the following comments:

- Caroline did an amazing job at the Swim Pool Commission meeting discussing the budget.
- Pool fees are slightly increasing.
- We are trying to put together a celebration for the 250th anniversary of the Country.
- Clare did a great job on the 2025 Annual Report for the Environmental Commission.

Councilman DeScenza asked for a consensus to amend the Solar Simplified Agreement. Consensus was received.

Councilman Dotey made the following comments:

- Highlights of the Fire Report.
- Highlights of the Police Report.
- Highlights of the Court Report.

Councilwoman Quinn made the following comments:

- Shade Tree met January 8th. They will meet again on February 12th.
- Board of Health met January 15th. They will meet again February 12th.
- Update on the Reorganization meeting of the School Board.

XII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Interim Administrator Geist and Interim Deputy Administrator Vidal made the following comments:

Borough Hall Hours of Operation

Borough Hall Hours of Operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 Am to 4:00 PM. All public windows will be open during these times. The hours were posted on the exterior of Borough Hall and the Recreation/Senior Center.

Budget Process

We have had several preliminary budget meetings with Department Heads to review the first drafts of their initial budgets. During the next few weeks, we will complete that process and provide initial budgets to the Governing Body for review.

Temporary Part Time Zoning and Construction Clerk

We will hire a temporary part-time Zoning and Construction Clerk to fill in for an employee on medical leave. The part-time position will be for twenty-five (25) hours per week. This job opportunity is posted on the Borough website, Borough message board, and released on social media.

New Council Member Orientation Meeting

On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Lenny and I attended The New Council Member Orientation Meeting that our Borough Clerk Kelsey Meixner put together for Councilwoman Clock and Councilwoman Quinn. Both new Council Members were provided important information, keys, laptops, phones, and email addresses. The meeting went well and provided a great opportunity to issue equipment, review protocols, and share information. Kelsey did a very thorough job. She is very detailed and professional; we are lucky to have her.

Snow Removal and Clean Up

Winter Storm January 10, 2026

Winter Storm January 17 & 18, 2026

Winter Storm January 25 & 26, 2026

January 25 & 26 Snowstorm

The Department of Public Works and the Police Department monitored the strong winter storm which impacted our area Sunday morning, January 25 to Monday, January 26th. Our area experienced significant snowfall amount 12-15", freezing rain, and sleet. During the storm we had one (1) resident injure his knee due to a fall that was transported to the hospital and only two (2) disabled vehicles due to the storm. Patrols issued 74 summonses for parking on snow covered streets. Residents are complying with the parking restrictions during snowstorms. If we compare the summonses issued from this storm to the 12/26/25 storm where 208 summonses were issued, we are more compliant with the ordinance, which was necessary for a large-scale weather event like this past weekend. As a result of the storm all municipal administrative offices were closed on Monday, January 26, 2026.

Parking On Snow Covered Streets

I would like to remind our residents that parking on snow covered streets is prohibited. Please remove all motor vehicles from the roadway before snow accumulates. This assists our DPW with clearing the roads for emergency vehicles and the public. Residents are also required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 12 hours of daylight after the snow accumulation.

Affordable Housing Certification

We are working with our Attorney Alex Fisher and Planner Paul Ricci to obtain Affordable Housing Compliance Certification by March 15, 2026. The State of New Jersey has a strict mandatory compliance date. The state did not give us a lot of time to get this completed. We have a very strict timeline, but we are coordinating our efforts through our attorney, and I am confident that we will have this accomplished by the March 15th deadline.

PAR Grant

The Green Acres PAR Grant is in being processed for upgrades to Victor Crowell Park. The grant will award the Borough with \$79,000.00 matching funds grant to start work in phases as outlined in the Victor Crowell Park Master Plan.

Middlesex Municipal Court Backlog

On Friday, January 16, 2026, Councilman Dotey, Lenny, and I met with the have met with our Court Clerk, Merari Gaud and Judge Spero Kalambakas to discuss the backlog of cases that was created during Covid-19. As a result, the Court scheduled additional court dates to the 2026 calendar for the next six (6) months to address the backlog and zoning cases. I reported earlier that all municipal administrative offices were closed on Monday, January 26, but the Middlesex Municipal Court still held virtual court.

Police Department – Police Officer Michelle Gladdis

I want to welcome PO Michelle Gladdis to the Middlesex Police Department. On January 9, 2026, she graduated from the Cape May County Police Academy. She reported for duty at the Police Department on January 12th and started her in-service training. She is assigned to the Patrol Division and has started the Field Training Program.

Middlesex Police Department Coffee with A Cop

The Middlesex Police Department will be hosting our annual Coffee with a Cop Community Policing event on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Middlesex Elks. This is always a well-attended event, and the Police Department welcomes all members of our community to come for

coffee, breakfast, and conversation. On behalf of the Police Department, I want to thank the Middlesex Elks for partnering with us to provide an excellent breakfast and a great facility to engage with our community. This event is free to the public.

Employee Milestones

On behalf of Lenny Vidal and I we want to congratulate all our employees who were recognized for their milestone years of employment with the Borough in 2025. We honor our personnel that reached milestone anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service. That is not just time on a calendar. That's experience, institutional knowledge, and a steady presence that keeps our municipality moving forward in service. Congratulations on reaching this milestone and thank you for everything that you have given and continue to give to this municipality.

XIII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Mark Kranz, 7 Park Place made the following comments:

- Thanks Caroline and Greg for the Swim Pool Financial Review.
- Pool fees are increasing this year.
- Cost of pools info will be going out to residents.
- Borough did a great job with storm cleanup.

John Madden, 39 Ramsey Rd made the following comments:

- Congrats to new Council.
- The January 12th Water Resource Management meeting went well. The stormwater control and management plan was discussed, accepted and adopted.

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Ave made the following comments:

- Asked for clarification on the timeline of the emails that Attorney Corsini sent.

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

XIV. NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution 44-2026** Acknowledging the Change in Status for Certain Properties Under the Senior Citizen/Disabled Person Tax Deductions

WHEREAS, certain Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons were the owners of property in the Borough of Middlesex on or before October 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, said Senior Citizens / Disabled Persons did file their application for the Senior Citizen/Disabled person deduction with the proper official of the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County prior to December 31, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved the application, and

THEREFORE, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to allow the Senior Citizen & Disabled Person deduction for the 2025 year totaling \$250.00

Name: Karazoupis, Panagiota
Block/Lot: 300/33
Amount: \$125.00
Year: 2025

Name: Karazoupis, Vasilios
Block/Lot: 300/33
Amount: \$125.00
Year: 2025

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

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2. **Resolution 45-2026** Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its

residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex Borough strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex Borough is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the 2026 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program funded by the PSEG Foundation in the requested funding amount \$20,000;

THEREFORE, the Middlesex Borough's Governing Body of Middlesex Borough has determined that Middlesex Borough should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Middlesex Borough's Governing Body of the Middlesex Borough, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

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

3. **Resolution 46-2026** Acceptance of Standing Reports

1. Acceptance of the December 2025 Fire Report.
2. Acceptance of the December 2025 Police Report.
3. Acceptance of the December 2025 Court Report.
4. Acceptance of the December 2025 Tax Totals.
5. Acceptance of David Lovato as an active member of the Middlesex Borough Fire Department with Parker Fire House.
6. Acceptance of Giancarlo Leiva as an active member of the Middlesex Borough Fire Department with Pierce Fire House.

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

4. **Resolution 47-2026** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel the 1st & 2nd Qtr. 2026 Taxes for Block/Lot: 239/35 & Issue a Refund for Proration of 4th Qtr. 2025 Taxes

WHEREAS, per N.J.S.A. 54:4-3-30 the homeowner of Block 239 Lot 35, 131 Lee Drive, has been declared a 100% Disabled Veteran by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner has completed and submitted the proper paperwork to apply for the Exemption; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved the application with a date of 12/22/2025; and,

WHEREAS Ordinance 2151-25 prorates the exemption from the date the tax exemption has been approved by the Tax Assessor until the remainder of the year in which application is made, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel off 1st Qtr. 2026 taxes in the amount \$2,581.67 and 2nd Qtr. 2026 taxes in the amount of \$2,581.67 and issue a refund in the amount of \$286.07 for proration of 4th Quarter 2025;

Eleftherios Margelis
131 Lee Drive
Middlesex, NJ 08846
Refund Amount: \$286.07

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

NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

5. **Resolution 48-2026** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel the 1st & 2nd Qtr. 2026 Taxes for Block/Lot:133/10

WHEREAS, per N.J.S.A. 54:4-3-30 the homeowner of Block 133 Lot 10, 314 Walnut Street, has been declared a 100% Disabled Veteran by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner has completed and submitted the proper paperwork to apply for the Exemption; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved the application with a date of 1/2/2026; and,

WHEREAS Ordinance 2151-25 prorates the exemption from the date the tax exemption has been approved by the Tax Assessor until the remainder of the year in which application is made, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel off 1st Qtr. 2026 taxes in the amount \$2,732.68 and 2nd Qtr. 2026 taxes in the amount of \$2,732.68.

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

6. **Resolution 49-2026** Authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to Submit the Recycling Enhancement Grant Application to the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management

Whereas, The County of Middlesex in continuing to recognize the importance of recycling and the role that the individual municipalities play in conjunction with the County towards achieving an exemplary recycling rate has proposed to provide grant monies to municipalities through the Recycling Enhancement Grant (REG) Program; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the REG Program to provide funds to qualifying

municipalities to be used for a paper shred event to enhance a municipality's recycling program; and

Whereas, It appears to be in the best interest of the Borough of Middlesex and its citizens to apply for this grant; and

Whereas, The Borough of Middlesex will hold a paper shred event on June 20, 2026; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Middlesex Borough that the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to submit an application for consideration of a grant to the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

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

7. **Resolution 50-2026** Approving the Reimbursement of \$375.00 to Farmers Market on 28 for a Board of Health License Paid in Error

The Governing Body hereby approves the reimbursement of \$375.00 for a Board of Health License to Farmers Market on 28, 700 Union Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846 as the owner inadvertently applied and paid for a 2025-2026 Board of Health License with the Borough of Middlesex in error.

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

8. **Resolution 51-2026** Authorizing Execution of a Settlement Agreement with New Jersey American Water

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex is currently engaged in litigation with New Jersey American Water Co., docket number MID-L-4172-23; and

WHEREAS, upon advice of the Borough Attorney, the Borough desires to resolve this matter by way of a Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release to avoid the expense and uncertainty of further litigation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release was reviewed and favorably recommended to the Borough Council by the Borough Attorney and Department of Public Works Director, and, accordingly, is satisfactory to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey that it hereby accepts the aforesaid Settlement Agreement with New Jersey American Water, attached hereto, and authorizes its Mayor and Clerk to execute said documents on behalf of the Borough.

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

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9. **Resolution 52-2026** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Middlesex County for Specialized Equipment

Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Middlesex County for Specialized Equipment for 2026.

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

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10. **Resolution 53-2026** Authorizing the Entering Into a Contract With Rehabco Inc. as the Borough's Administrative Agent for the Administration of Affordable Units Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act

WHEREAS, Middlesex Borough requires the services of an Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Rehabco Inc. has ably served municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey in such a role; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to award a contract to Rehabco Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to provide the Borough with the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that the funds are available in the Borough's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Account No. T-03-56-286-884-001 to award this contract; and

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

1. Rehabco Inc, is hereby appointed the Borough's Administrative Agent for the calendar year 2026 and is awarded a professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Administrative Agent services for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a contract for professional administrative agent services in accordance with this Resolution.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
5. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

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

The CFO/Treasurer hereby authorizes the transfer of funds for the 2025 Operating Budget:

Department	From	To
Sanitary Landfill	\$25,000.00	
Legal - Borough Attorney		\$2,500.00
Legal - Police Labor		\$2,500.00
Engineering - General		\$3,000.00
Group Insurance		\$6,000.00
Street Lighting		\$2,000.00
Natural Gas		\$9,000.00
	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

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

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12. **Resolution 55-2026** Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Submission to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' FY26 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$75,000 carry out a project to improve the Haverstick Playground.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. Recognizes and accepts that that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the

execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Middlesex and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Middlesex and the Department of Parks and Recreation recognize and accept that the Department of Community Affairs may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Middlesex Department of Parks and Recreation and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the person whose name, title and signature appears below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successor in said title is authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Signature

Matthew Geist
Print Name

Interim Administrator
Title

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

School Board for Class III Police Services Pursuant to N.J.S.A.
40A:65-1 ET SEQ. and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq., municipalities and local units may enter into Shared Services Agreement with other municipalities and other local units by adoption of resolution therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex and the Middlesex Borough Board of Education are local units as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-3; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 permits municipalities to retain Class III Specialized Law Enforcement Officers (Class III Officers) to provide security in public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex and the Middlesex Borough Board of Education now seek, in the interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the students of the Middlesex Borough Board of Education, to implement a Class III Officer program through the hiring by the Borough of three (3) Class III Officers under the terms and conditions stated in the Police Services Agreement attached to this resolution as Schedule A.

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

1. The Borough Council does hereby approve the Police Services Agreement attached to this Resolution as Schedule A.
2. The Mayor, Interim Administrator/Chief of Police, and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to take whatever action is necessary to effectuate the terms and conditions of this resolution and the Police Services Agreement.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

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

14. **Resolution 57-2026** Canceling Off Property Taxes for Block: 237 Lot: 14

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, acquired Block 237 Lot 14, 122 Second Street, deed dated 12/15/2025, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.3b such property shall become tax exempt on January 1 of the calendar year next following the date of acquisition, and

WHEREAS, 2026 PRELIMINARY billing has been billed as of July 2025, and,

WHEREAS, 1st & 2nd Qtr. 2026 need to be adjusted off, and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel off 1st and 2nd Qtr. 2026 property taxes on Block 237 Lot 14 in the amounts below:

1st Qtr. 2026 – \$1,785.08

2nd Qtr. 2026 - \$1,785.08

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

15. **Resolution 58-2026** Accepting and Adopting the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund’s 2026 Safety Incentive Program

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex is a member of the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JJIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JJIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and / or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members’ employees, volunteers and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF’s Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund’s Municipalities, along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the new Program will assist all the Central JJIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF has adopted the new 2026 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful and pleasant environment; and

NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Middlesex, Council of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM be adopted by the Borough of Middlesex.

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

16. **Resolution 59-2026** Amending Resolution 21-2026 Approval of Official Newspapers for 2026

WHEREAS, the following are designated as “Official Newspapers” for the year 2026:

The Courier News
The Home News Tribune
The Star Ledge

WHEREAS, P.L. 2025, c. 72 requires that starting March 1, 2026, municipalities publish their public notices on the municipal website;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, public notice will be available at <https://www.middlesexboro-nj.gov/legal-notices> starting March 1, 2026, in compliance with P.L. 2025, c. 72 .

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

XV. NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution 60-2026** Pay All Claims

THE DISBURSING OFFICERS BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PAY THE ATTACHED CLAIM LIST AS PRESENTED, IF FOUND CORRECT, AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. EXCLUDED VOUCHERS MAY BE PAID UPON BEING FOUND ACCEPTABLE.

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

XVI. AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

XVII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Resolution 61-2026** Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public including: Public Safety - VCP, Public Safety - Illegal Occupancies and Contract Negotiations - Engineering; and

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

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Council President Michael Conahan

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

1. Public Safety - VCP
 2. Public Safety - Illegal Occupancies
 3. Contract Negotiations - Engineering
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XIX. ADJOURNMENT

1. The next regular meeting will be February 10, 2026.
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Respectfully yours,

Kelsey Meixner
Municipal Clerk