

Municipal Building
1200 Mountain Avenue

May 13, 2003

A public meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the above place on the above date commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor	Ronald S. Dobies (absent)
Council President	Bruce Sadowski
	Louis Curcio
	Colin Fowler (absent)
	Michael Hompesch
	Josephine Liana
	Garrett Mulcahy

Attorney:	George Hendricks
Administrator:	Joseph Manning

Council President Sadowski opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Public Meeting Notice of January 7, 2003.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #143-03

TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the local capital budget has not been adopted for the year 2003; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to file a temporary capital budget for the year 2003 prior to adoption of the capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, that the temporary capital budget be amended for various capital projects for the estimated total cost of \$1,085,000, with the amount of \$1,030,750 debt authorized.

Councilman Curcio moved for adoption seconded by Councilwoman Liana and carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Members Curcio, Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy and Sadowski. Nos.: None. Abstain: None.

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance No. 1581-03 by title only saying it had been posted on the bulletin board and made available for any person who wanted a copy.

ORDINANCE NO. 1581-03

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,265,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,201,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Councilman Curcio moved to table Ordinance No. 1581-03 indefinitely seconded by Council President Sadowski and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Members Curcio, Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy and Sadowski. Nos.: None. Abstain: None.

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance No. 1582-03 for introduction.

ORDINANCE NO. 1582-03

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

**APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,085,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,030,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

Councilman Hompesch moved for introduction seconded by Councilman Mulcahy and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Members Curcio, Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy and Sadowski. Nos.: None. Abstain: None.

Council President Sadowski stated that this bond ordinance amended Ordinance No. 1581-03, reducing the various road improvements and eliminating the money that was appropriated for the match for grants. Also, the funds designated to be given to Pierce Fire House were increased in order to finish the Haz-mat washing facility, which will be used by the entire Fire Department.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Consent Agenda 2003(J)

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.

Resolution #126-03 - Resolution #142 -03

Councilman Hompesch moved for adoption seconded by Councilman Mulcahy and carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Members Curcio, Hompesch, Liana, Mulcahy and Sadowski. Nos.: None. Abstain: None.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #126-03

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2003 property taxes in the amount of \$1,937.04 on Block 180, Lot 3, 203 Harris Avenue. The property owner has been certified as being 100% permanently and totally disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #127-03

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund 2002 property taxes in the amount of \$733.92, refund 2003 1st quarter property taxes in the amount of \$340.56 and cancel 2003 2nd quarter property taxes in the amount of \$340.56 on Block 155, Lot 29, Greene Avenue. This property was combined with Block 155, Lot 1, 324 Union Avenue and is based on a 2002 Assessor correction. The refund check is to be made payable to:

Anne Rustic
324 Union Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #128-03

WHEREAS, D & D Renovations, Plumbing Contractor, was issued a street opening permit on 9/25/02; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Parenti deposited \$550.00 with the Borough of Middlesex to ensure proper repair and maintenance of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, said roadway at 531 Chestnut Street was inspected by the Dept. of Public Works and found to have been maintained in a satisfactory manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that the disbursing officers be and they are hereby authorized to draw a check in the amount of \$550.00 in favor of Anthony J. Parenti, 531 Chestnut Street, Middlesex, NJ 08846, for refund of Street Opening Permit No. 2002-05

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #129-03

WHEREAS, the residents of Edward Avenue and Stella Place wish to conduct a block party on June 21, 2003; and

WHEREAS, all designated officials have given approval for this block party.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby grants the residents of Edward Avenue and Stella Place permission to conduct a block party on June 21, 2003.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #130-03

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE TO AMEND THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF THE 2003 BUDGET:

Roads	
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Garbage	
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
Parks	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Sewers	
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Other Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
PFRS	
Other Expenses	\$ 124.95
Housing & Community Development	
Salary & Wage	\$ 30.00
Adverting	
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Body Armor	
Other Expense	\$ 3,020.87
Insurance – Other	
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Natural Gas	
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Rent Review Board	
Other Expenses	\$ 50.00
Green Acres Loan	
Other Expenses	\$12,078.62

Hazardous Loan	
Other Expenses	\$149,761.92

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #131-03

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex must execute an Agreement with the County of Middlesex for the Targeting Assurance Plan for the Assisted Transportation Project in the amount of \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall be effective from January 1, 2003 until December 31, 2003; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the County of Middlesex for the Targeting Assurance Plan for the Assisted Transportation Project in the amount of \$8,000.00

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #132-03

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection requires a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for Subdivision #PB2002-02 Block 293, Lot 3 Fox & Fox Development; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJAC 7:14A-22, a Treatment Works Approval is required to construct the sewer extension for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has received and reviewed plans for the subdivision and specifications for the sewer extension.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Borough consent to the submission of this application and authorizes the engineer to sign for the Governing Body where required on the Treatment Works application and consent forms.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #133-03

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has submitted the Performance Appraisal System to the Governing Body for their approval; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Appraisal System consist of (a) Borough Administrator Performance Evaluation Form, (b) Department Head Performance Evaluation Form, and (c) Performance Evaluation Form; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the referenced Performance Appraisal System used in evaluating both Department Heads and other employees is hereby adopted.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #134-03

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund a 1989 Performance Bond in the amount of \$6,306.00. The Performance Bond was posted by Lombardi Brothers of 338 Longwood Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ for the purpose of a sub division of Block 23 Lots 12 & 19 known as 332 North Lincoln Avenue. The check should be made payable to the following:

Lombardi Brothers
338 Longwood Avenue

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #135-03

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to amend the Borough Finance Manual; and

WHEREAS, Articles IV – Articles VIII from the previous Purchasing Manual have been amended to reflect changes listed below:

- IV. If value is up to \$3,000, Purchasing Agent mails two copies of the purchase order to the vendor one for vendors' record and one to be returned to the Borough for payment.
- V. If value is over \$3,000, the Purchasing Agent obtains signed approval of the Council Chairperson and two members of the Finance Committee and completes procedure of Paragraph IV.
- VI. If value is over \$1,500, two prices must be solicited and the purchase made from the lowest responsible bidder. This applies even if the purchase is exempt from formal bidding if over \$17,500.
- VII. If value is over \$17,500, formal specifications must be prepared and approved by the Council for advertisement for sealed bids.
- VIII. If value is over \$17,500 and being purchased under a State Contract or Cooperative Purchasing Council, it must be approved by a resolution of the Mayor and Council.

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 Mayor and Council are hereby authorized to execute the amendment to the Borough Finance Manual.
- 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #136-03

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTIMATED MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 2003**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County, New Jersey has applied to the State of New Jersey for extraordinary aid in conjunction with its calendar year 2003 budget; and

WHEREAS, due to various circumstances, the State of New Jersey has not set forth the final determination as to the allocation of extraordinary aid for the local units that have applied; and

WHEREAS, the delay in the aid determination has delayed the final adoption of the Borough's 2003 municipal budget, necessitating the issuance of estimated tax bills; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of estimated tax bills requires a resolution of the governing body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex that estimated tax bills are hereby authorized at 105% of last year's levy reflecting a Municipal Estimated Tax Levy of \$7,175,154.54, a County Estimated Tax Levy of \$3,361,086.86 and a County Open Space Estimated Tax Levy of \$269,689.36 for the calendar year 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #137-03

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 EXTENSION OF DUCT WORK AND HVAC UNITS

WHEREAS, Centicola Air Conditioning and Heating has been awarded the contract for 10 HVAC Units; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 consist of adding 2 additional units including duct work to the Committee Meeting Room and Clerk’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the original cost of the project was \$52,000 and the additional work would cost \$3,950 for a total project cost of \$55,950.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the above change order in the amount of \$3,950 for a total project cost of \$55,950.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available in Ordinance No. 1544-01.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #138-03

Authorizing the Engineer to go out to bid for the Reconstruction of Hazelwood Ave.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #139-03

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex has surplus items which will be auctioned by the Mayor and Borough Clerk;

WHEREAS, these items below have been approved for surplus by the Borough Department Heads.

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 items are hereby declared surplus and will be auctioned at a future date.

1979 Ford L800 5 Yard Dump Truck	20 Assorted Adapters
1981 Ford F 350 2 Yard Dump Truck	1 Ladder Hook
1982 Ford 555 Backhoe	1 Lighter
1995 Goshen Bus	1 Copy Machine (broken)
1987 Ferguson Roller	1 1981 Ford E-350
1987 Power Box Paver	
Office Trailer	Smith Corona XD 4900 Word Processor
Olathe Gas Airo Seeder	HP DeskJet 82Cse Printer
Olathe 3 Point Hitch Slit Seeder	
York Rake	2 Validators for receipting Tax/Finance
5 HP Front Mount Sweepster	2 tables
Three 10Ft. Snow Plows	
84 Turnout Coats	2 Compaq Deskpro Computers
55 Turnout Pants	
41 Boots	Epson ES-600C Scanner
17 Scott Racks (2A)	HP Pavilion PC with monitor and speakers

3 Scott Bottles (2A)	HP Thinkjet Printer
21 Scott Masks (2A)	Compaq Deskpro PC with monitors and speakers
11 Scott Bottles (2.2)	Compaq Deskpro PC with monitors
18 Scott Masks (2.2)	IBM PS Valuepoint CPU with Keyboard
Gateway 2000 PC with monitor	2 floppy diskholders
2 Uniden Walkie-talkies	
6 Gloves	5 Elbows
12 Helmets	1 24' Extension Ladder
1 Ladder Holder Set	1 Truck Tire
1 Life Belt	17 Pass Alarms
200" Booster Line	1 Light Box
1150' 1 ½ Poly Hose	2 Small Lights
1000' 1 ¾ Poly Hose	6 Flood Lights
50' 3" Poly Hose	2 Hose Reels
900' 4" Poly Hose	2 Blinking Lights
1250' 5" Poly Hose	5 Truck Radios (old)
1650' 1 ½" Cotton Hose	1 Ladder Pipe
350 1 ¾ Cotton Hose	1 Cable Reel
100' 2" Cotton Hose	2 Brush Brooms
1650' 3" Cotton Hose	10 Scott Brackets
8' 3" Cotton Hose Pony	4 Foam Nozzles
1 Jack (8 Ton)	2 Door Jacks
2 Drafting Hose Brackets	2 Water Vests
5 1 1/2 " Nozzles	2 Dry Chemical Extinguishers
1 Ladder Cover	2 Fitting Holders
1 5-Gallon Gas Can (Leaking)	1 Water Extinguisher
2 21/2 Gallon Deodorizer	1 Hydrant Assist Valve
1 Green Strobe Light	2 Hose Clamps
2 Tarps	2 Gated Valves
1 Junction Box	3 Gated Wyes
5" Couplings	2 3" Nozzles

ITEM	MAKE	MODEL
PERIPHERAL	MEMOREX	1324
PERIPHERAL	GATEWAY	EV500
COMPUTER	GATEWAY	MODEL 1000
PERIPHERAL	GATEWAY	EV500
COMPUTER	GATEWAY	MODEL 1000
COMPUTER	GATEWAY	MODEL 1000
PERIPHERAL	GATEWAY	EV500
PERIPHERAL	GATEWAY	EV500
COMPUTER	PACKARD-BELL	AXCEL 451CD
PERIPHERAL	GATEWAY	EV700
COMPUTER	MEMOREX	1471
OFFICE FURNITURE	FILING CABINET	
OFFICE FURNITURE	PRINTER STAND	
OFFICE FURNITURE	TABLE	
OFFICE FURNITURE	BULLETIN BOARD	
PHOTO EQUIPMENT	CANON	SPEEDLITE 577G
COMPUTER	IBM	APTIVA
PERIPHERAL	AT&T	3610
COMPUTER	MEMOREX	1174
COMPUTER	TOSHIBA	T2135CS
OFFICE FURNITURE	COMPUTER STAND	
COMPUTER	IBM	433DX/D
OFFICE FURNITURE	DESK	
OFFICE FURNITURE	DESK SHELF	
OFFICE FURNITURE	STORAGE CABINET	
EQUIPMENT	COMPUTER MONITOR ARM	
VIDEO EQUIPMENT	HITACHI	VT-TU65A
VIDEO EQUIPMENT	HITACHI	VK-C830
EQUIPMENT	BLACK & DECKER	TRO
PERIPHERAL	IBM	MONOCHROME
COMPUTER	US TECH	
COMPUTER	TOSHIBA	100CS

COMPUTER	IBM	325T
EQUIPMENT	SMITH CORONA	PWP 250
PERIPHERAL	AMERICAN POWER CONV	SMART UPS 1000 NET
EQUIPMENT	SHARP	CAROUSEL 2
EQUIPMENT	BROTHER	MFC4450
RADAR UNIT	MPH	K55
RADAR UNIT	MPH	K55
MONITOR	MEMOREX TELEX	1472A
CPU	GATEWAY	
MONITOR	GATEWAY	
MONITOR		
PERIPHERAL	HP	PAVILLION
PERIPHERAL	AST	
	GATEWAY	
PERIPHERAL		
TYPEWRITER	OLYMPIA	AEG
PERIPHERAL	XEROX	
PERIPHERAL	COMPAQ	DESK PRO XL-6150
PERIPHERAL	NEC-POWER MATE	
PERIPHERAL	IBM	PC 300XL
PERIPHERAL	MEMOREX	TELEX 1472
PERIPHERAL	LEXMARK	Z-11
PERIPHERAL	SCANPORT-PAGE	DS-1200
PERIPHERAL	DAEWOO	CMC1427X1
PERIPHERAL	EPSON	STYLUS PHOTO 700
PERIPHERAL	HITACHI	VT-6500A
KEYBOARDS		STACKABLE TRAYS
PERIPHERAL	POWER 2	H-5661
BULLETIN BOARD		METAL FRAME
DESKMOUNT RACK		
FILE CABINET		WOOD/3 DRAWER
FILE CABINET		3 DRAWER W/TABLE EXTENSION
FILE CABINET		3 DRAWER FILE CABINET
TABLE		TYPING TABLE

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #140-03

**AUTHORIZING JOSEPH PRYOR OF KUPPER ASSOCIATES TO FILE THE 2004
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Joseph Pryor of Kupper Associates has requested permission from the Mayor and Council to file applications for the 2004 Transportation Trust Fund, State Aid Program for the following projects:

- 1. Cedar Avenue – from Lincoln Blvd. to Borough Boundary
- 2. Orchard Road – from SR 28 to Beechwood Avenue
- 3. South Avenue – from Mountain Avenue to Sherman Ave.
- 4. Sidewalk Construction – Construction of sidewalks to link up neighborhood with schools.
Including all intersections handicap accessible.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approve of the projects as defined and prioritized above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the necessary application and authorizing the Engineer to file the application.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #141-03

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX TO RECEIVE THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEY FROM THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, the county has received a Tobacco Settlement Fund Grant from the State Department of Health and Senior Services to provide programs to reduce the use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the County Public Health Department has distributed said Grant Funds to Independent Health Departments based on the population of each municipality in Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middlesex will receive \$1,007.00 to reduce the use of tobacco products in Middlesex Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Interlocal Service Agreement in order to receive the \$1,007.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #142-03

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.

The Borough Clerk declared the week of May 11 through May 17, 2003 as National Police Week and May 15 designated as "Peace Officers Memorial Day."

POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Middlesex Borough Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Middlesex Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their police officers, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Middlesex Borough Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of Middlesex Borough, call upon all citizens of Middlesex Borough and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 through May 17, 2003, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I, FURTHER call upon all citizens of Middlesex to observe Thursday, May 15, 2003, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Middlesex to be affixed.

Council President Sadowski opened the public portion of the meeting for comments or questions.

Angelo Porta, 315 Runyon Avenue questioned Resolution No. 136-03, the estimated municipal tax levy.

Edward Johnson, 216 Hazelwood Avenue questioned the status of the open curb and gutter assessments and when these assessments would be imposed on the property owners. He also was concerned with the location of the bike path and the amount of money it would cost the residents over and above the grant money that was received.

Borough Administrator Joseph Manning indicated that the open curb and gutter assessments would be discussed at the May 20, 2003 Agenda Meeting. Mr. Manning would supply Mr. Johnson with the information he requested regarding the bike path as soon as possible.

Seeing that there were no further public comments, Council President Sadowski closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Curcio moved the approval of the April 8, 2003 Public Meeting Minutes and the April 22, 2003 Agenda Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Hompesch and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Councilman Hompesch moved the acceptance of the Board of Fire Officers report qualifying Nick Santillo as driver of Truck 24, L. Smego as a driver of Engine 23, and accepting the return of Michael Trozzo from a leave of absence effective April 28, 2003 seconded by Councilman Mulcahy and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council President Sadowski moved the approval of the Construction Report for the month of March, 2003 seconded by Councilman Curcio and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council President Sadowski moved the approval of the April, 2003 Treasurer's Report seconded by Councilman Curcio and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Councilman Mulcahy moved the approval of the Municipal Court Report for the month of April, 2003 seconded by Councilman Hompesch and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Council President Sadowski and seconded by Mr. Hompesch and carried by unanimous vote of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Anello, RMC
Borough Clerk

