



# Borough of Middlesex

Middlesex, New Jersey

## Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

### Minutes

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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:00 PM

1200 Mountain Avenue

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**I. MAYOR'S STATEMENT:**

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of an annual meeting notice to the Star Ledger, Courier News and Home News, and posted at Borough Hall.

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**II. SALUTE TO FLAG**

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**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  
Chief Financial Officer Caroline Benson

**Others Absent:**

Councilman Kenneth Griggs

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**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

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**V. APPOINTMENTS**

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**VI. PROCLAMATIONS**

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## VII. INTRODUCTION OF THE BUDGET

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### 1. Resolution 119-2026 INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex for the Year 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published on the Borough Website.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2026:

General Appropriations:	
Appropriations Within "CAPS"	\$18,549,029.00
Municipal Purposes	
Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	\$7,170,174.66
Municipal Purposes	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes - Based on	\$775,000.00
Estimated 98+ Percent of Tax	
Collections	
 Total General Appropriations	 \$26,494,203.66
 Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than	 \$8,619,053.29
Current Property Tax	
 Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
For Support of Municipal Budget	
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$16,991,064.37
 Municipal Library Tax	 \$884,086.00
 Total General Revenues	 \$26,494,203.66

Swimming Pool Utility Operating Fund	
Total Swimming Pool Revenues	\$427,000.00
Total Swimming Appropriations	\$427,000.00

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex on April 14, 2026.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock PM at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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

Mayor Mikolajczyk gave an overview of the proposed 2026 budget. He spoke on the following topics:

- What a municipal budget is
- The municipal portion of your taxes
- What our municipal budget provides
- Revenue sources
- Appropriations
- 2026 budget numbers
- Key expense factors
- Key revenue factors
- 2026 budget notes
- The tax rate vs. assessment
- 2026 assessment

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**VIII. ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION**

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1. **Ordinance 2167-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 407 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), ARTICLE III (STOP INTERSECTIONS), SECTION 407-6 (STOP INTERSECTIONS; SIGNS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STOP INTERSECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the Middlesex Borough Police Department, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Section 80-9 (Stop Intersections; Signs) of Article III (Stop Intersections) of Chapter 407 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Borough's municipal code to include additional stop intersections; and

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 407 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

### **Section I**

Section 407-6 ("Stop Intersections; Signs") is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added; ellipses represent break in text):

1. Borough officials designate the following stop intersections pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-140:

1. Edgeworth Street and Pierrepont Avenue: stop signs shall be installed on Pierrepont Avenue.

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**(80) Princeton Drive and Dorn Avenue: Stop signs are to be installed on Princeton Drive at the intersection with Dorn Avenue.**

**(81) Princeton Drive and Judson Drive: Stop signs are to be installed on Princeton Drive at the intersection with Judson Drive.**

**(82) New Street and Second Street: Stop signs are to be installed on New Street at the intersection of Second Street.**

**(83) New Street and First Street: Stop signs are to be installed on New Street at the intersection of First Street.**

2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198, proper signs must be erected at all locations designated

in this article and must conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

00. Convictions for stop sign regulations are to be charged as violations of N.J.S.A. 39:4-144 and are subject to the general penalty provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-203.

## Section II

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

## Section III

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

## Section IV

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

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

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2. **Ordinance 2168-26** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 80 (POLICE DEPARTMENT), SECTION 80-16 (PROMOTIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO AMEND THE PROMOTIONS PROCESS

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Chapter 80 (Police Department), Section 80-16 (PROMOTIONS) of the Borough's municipal code to ; and

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 80 (Police Department) of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

## Section I

Section 80-16(D) (“Promotion Process”) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

### D. Promotional Process.

#### (1) Corporal and sergeant.

- (a) Notice to fill the vacancy will be posted on the Police Department's bulletin board. It shall contain the information listed in § 80-16B.
- (b) Eligible candidates who desire to participate in the promotional process shall notify the Chief of Police in writing within 15 days of the Chief's issuance of the memorandum announcing the promotional process for the vacant position. Candidates desiring to be considered for promotion shall submit a resume to the Chief of Police within the time constraints delineated in the memorandum.
- (c) Candidates shall be given an oral examination administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. A score of at least a 65 must be attained. Any candidate scoring less than a 65 will be eliminated from the remainder of the process. The weighted score of the oral examination will be obtained by multiplying the exam score times 0.2. The oral examination shall cover a range of topics including but not limited to:
  - [1] Attorney General's guidelines.
  - [2] Department policy and procedures.
  - [3] Department rules and regulations.
  - [4] Borough ordinances.
  - [5] NJ Criminal and Motor Vehicle Law.
  - [6] Organizational, administrative, supervisory and leadership skills and knowledge.
- (d) In addition, candidates shall be evaluated based upon their qualifications as assessed through a review of each candidate's performance and personnel file. The Chief of Police and a designee shall review each candidate's personnel file. A maximum of 50 points will be assessed based upon the following criteria:
  - [1] Education (from an accredited college or university): maximum five points.
    - [a] Associate's degree - one point.
    - [b] Bachelor's degree - two points.
    - [c] Master's degree - three points.
    - [d] Doctoral degree - five points.
  - [2] Military service: maximum two points. To qualify for military service credit an employee must have accrued four or more years of military service, and have an honorable discharge from service, or be on active/reserve status.
  - [3] Seniority shall be based on the number of completed years with the Middlesex Borough Police Department as of the date of the

announcement of the vacancy. One-quarter point per year of service to a maximum of 20 years. A maximum of five points will be awarded.

- [4] Performance appraisals (review of last five years): maximum of 18 points. Scores from the last five years of performance appraisals will be tabulated. ~~Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-6 will be added together and divided by three.~~ Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-4 will be added together and divided by two. **Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-5 will be added together and divided by two and one half (2.5).** The scores are then added together and divided by five to obtain the average score.
- [5] Commendations (review of last 10 years): maximum five points.
- [a] Medal of Honor - one.
  - [b] Police Combat Cross - 0.75.
  - [c] Meritorious service - 0.75.
  - [d] Wound medal - 0.75.
  - [e] Perfect attendance citation bar - 0.75.
  - [f] Exceptional service - 0.50.
  - [g] Honorable service - 0.50.
  - [h] Chief's achievement award - 0.50.
  - [i] Life saving - 0.50.
  - [j] Unit citation - 0.25.
  - [k] Certificate of commendation - 0.125.
- [6] Discipline (last 10 years): maximum of five points.
- [a] No discipline - five points.
  - [b] Oral reprimand - minus one point.
  - [c] Written reprimand - minus three points.
  - [d] Suspension - minus five points.
- [7] Training or special skills: maximum five points. Within the last five years, i.e., special training, Department training instructor, field training officer.
- [8] Chief of Police and Command Officer interview: maximum five points.

(2) Lieutenant.

- (a) Notice to fill the vacancy will be posted on the police department's bulletin board. It shall contain the information listed in § 80-16B.
- (b) Eligible candidates who desire to participate in the promotional process shall notify the Chief of Police in writing within 15 days of the Chief's issuance of the memorandum announcing the promotional process for the vacant position. Candidates desiring to be considered for promotion shall submit a resume to the Chief of Police within the time constraints delineated in the memorandum.
- (c) Candidates shall be given an oral examination administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. A score of at least a 65 must

be attained. Any candidate scoring less than a 65 will be eliminated from the remainder of the process. The weighted score of the oral examination will be obtained by multiplying the exam score times 0.2. The oral examination shall cover a range of topics including but not limited to:

- [1] Attorney General's guidelines.
- [2] Department policy and procedures.
- [3] Department rules and regulations.
- [4] Borough ordinances.
- [5] NJ Criminal and Motor Vehicle Law.
- [6] Organizational, administrative, supervisory and leadership skills and knowledge.

(d) In addition, candidates shall be evaluated based upon their qualifications as assessed through a review of each candidate's performance and personnel file. The Chief of Police and a designee shall review each candidate's personnel file. A maximum of 54 points will be assessed based upon the following criteria:

- [1] Education (from an accredited college or university): maximum five points.
  - [a] Associate's degree - one point.
  - [b] Bachelor's degree - two points.
  - [c] Master's degree - three points.
  - [d] Doctoral degree - five points.
- [2] Military service: maximum two points. To qualify for military service credit an employee must have accrued four or more years of military service, and have an honorable discharge from service, or be on active/reserve status.
- [3] Service time: maximum of three points. One-quarter point is awarded for each fully completed year of service at the rank of Sergeant in the Middlesex Police Department.
- [4] Performance appraisals (review of last five years): Maximum of 24 points. Scores from the last five years of performance appraisals will be tabulated. ~~Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-6 will be added together and divided by three.~~ Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-4 will be added together and divided by two. **Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-5 will be added together and divided by two and one half (2.5).** The scores are then added together and divided by five to obtain the average score.
- [5] Commendations (review of last 10 years): maximum five points.
  - [a] Medal of Honor - one.
  - [b] Police Combat Cross - 0.75.
  - [c] Meritorious service - 0.75.
  - [d] Wound medal - 0.75.
  - [e] Perfect attendance citation bar - 0.75.
  - [f] Exceptional service - 0.50.

[g] Honorable service - 0.50.

[h] Chief's achievement award - 0.50.

[i] Life saving - 0.50.

[j] Unit citation - 0.25.

[k] Certificate of commendation - 0.125.

[6] Discipline (review of last 10 years): maximum of five points.

[a] No discipline - five points.

[b] Oral reprimand - minus one point.

[c] Written reprimand - minus three points.

[d] Suspension - minus five points.

[7] Training and special skills: maximum five points. Within the last five years, i.e., special training, department training instructor, field training officer.

[8] Chief of Police interview: maximum five points.

(3) Captain.

(a) Notice to fill the vacancy will be posted on the Police Department's bulletin board. It shall contain the information listed in § 80-16B of this policy.

(b) Eligible candidates who desire to participate in the promotional process shall notify the Chief of Police in writing within 15 days of the Chief's issuance of the memorandum announcing the promotional process for the vacant position, and shall submit a resume to the Chief of Police within the time constraints delineated in the memorandum.

(c) Candidates shall be given an oral examination administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. A score of at least a 65 must be attained. Any candidate scoring less than a 65 will be eliminated from the remainder of the process. The weighted score of the oral examination will be obtained by multiplying the exam score times 0.2. The oral examination shall cover a range of topics including but not limited to:

[1] Attorney General's guidelines.

[2] Department policy and procedures.

[3] Department rules and regulations.

[4] Borough ordinances.

[5] NJ Criminal and Motor Vehicle Law.

[6] Organizational, administrative, supervisory and leadership skills and knowledge.

(d) In addition, candidates shall be evaluated based upon their qualifications as assessed through a review of each candidate's performance and personnel file. The Chief of Police and a designee shall review each candidate's personnel file. A maximum of 49 points will be assessed based upon the following criteria:

[1] Education (from an accredited college or university): maximum five points.

[a] Associate's degree - one point.

[b] Bachelor's degree - two points.

[c] Master's degree - three points.

- [d] Doctoral degree - five points.
  - [2] Military service: maximum two points. To qualify for military service credit, an employee must have accrued four or more years of military service, and have an honorable discharge from service, or be on active/reserve status.
  - [3] Service time: maximum three points. Service time shall be based on the number of completed years in rank as of the date of the announcement of the vacancy. One-quarter point is awarded for each fully completed year of service at the rank of Lieutenant in the Middlesex Police Department. One-tenth point is awarded for each fully completed year of service at the rank of Sergeant in the Middlesex Police Department.
  - [4] Performance appraisals (review of last five years): maximum of 24 points. Scores from the last five years of performance appraisals will be tabulated. ~~Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-6 will be added together and divided by three.~~ Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-4 will be added together and divided by two. **Performance evaluations with scoring/rating guidelines 1-5 will be added together and divided by two and one half (2.5).** The scores are then added together and divided by five to obtain the average score.
  - [5] Commendations (review of last 10 years): maximum five points.
    - [a] Medal of Honor - one.
    - [b] Police Combat Cross - 0.75.
    - [c] Meritorious service - 0.75.
    - [d] Wound medal - 0.75.
    - [e] Perfect attendance citation bar - 0.75.
    - [f] Exceptional service - 0.50.
    - [g] Honorable service - 0.50.
    - [h] Chief's achievement award - 0.50.
    - [i] Life saving - 0.50.
    - [j] Unit citation - 0.25.
    - [k] Certificate of commendation - 0.125.
  - [6] Discipline (review of last 10 years): maximum of five points.
    - [a] No discipline - five points.
    - [b] Oral reprimand - minus one point.
    - [c] Written reprimand - minus three points.
    - [d] Suspension - minus five points.
  - [7] Training and special skills: maximum five points. Within the last five years, i.e., special training, department training instructor, field training officer.
  - [8] Candidates will be interviewed by the Mayor and Council in the same manner as described in § 80-16D(4)(b).
- (4) Chief of Police.
- (a) The promotion to the position of Chief of Police shall be the sole

prerogative of the Mayor and Council. Only superior officers (Sergeant or higher in rank) are eligible for promotion to Chief of Police. Eligible candidates will be evaluated and rated on a range of criteria to include, but not limited to, a resume, interview with the Mayor and Council, review of performance and personnel file. No minimum score is required in any one section in order to continue to any other section of the promotional process.

- (b) The candidates will be interviewed by the Mayor and Council, and they will review the candidate's personnel file, work history and job performance, will evaluate recommendations of the incumbent Chief of Police (if applicable), and any written recommendations in the candidate's file from members of the Middlesex Police Department or by other members of the general public, if any, and will also observe the manner in which the candidates answer questions in order to determine his or her ability to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chief of Police.
- (c) Final decision for the promotion or appointment shall rest with the Mayor and Council.

## Section II

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

## Section III

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

## Section IV

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

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

(TOWING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX SO AS TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Borough Police Department seeks to update and clarify the Borough's towing ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council concur with the Police Department's recommendations related to the tow ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 387 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION I.**

Section 387-15 ("Calculation of Fees") is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

- A. The fees set forth in the schedule for towing rates are the maximum charges that shall apply to a ~~private passenger~~ automobile for towing services rendered as the result of police request, an accident or theft recovery. There shall be no additional charges other than those provided by statute **and by this ordinance**, including but not limited to flatbedding, when requested, waiting time, winching, cleanup cost and additional labor, ~~when only basic towing services as defined are provided.~~
- B. The ~~T~~towing rates **requiring a calculation of distance** shall be calculated based on the total distance traveled from the tow vehicle's base of operation to the tow site and return by way of the shortest available route. Fractionals mileage shall be rounded up to the nearest whole mile.

**Towing rates requiring a calculation of hourly time shall be calculated based on the hourly rate designated in the applicable fee schedule. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable fee schedule, fractional time shall be rounded up to the nearest quarter hour.**

- C. Tow vehicles transporting multiple passenger cars at one time shall receive the applicable fees for each vehicle transported.
- D. When towing services are required **and the applicable fee schedule designates day/night/holiday rates**, the day rate shall apply when the vehicle was transported (picked up for delivery) entirely between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except New Jersey state holidays. The night, weekend and holiday rates shall apply otherwise.

- E. The fees set forth in the schedule for storage fees are the maximum storage charges per twenty-four-hour period that shall apply to a ~~private-passenger~~ automobile that is stored by a person.
- F. If, in the course of any criminal investigation, either basic towing services or heavy towing services are required to tow a vehicle stored by a wrecker to any facility operated by the Borough, the wrecker shall assess the fee applicable under the towing fee schedule contained in this chapter against the owner of the vehicle to be towed. The Borough shall not be liable for fees assessed pursuant to this chapter for vehicles seized thereby in the course of a criminal investigation.

## SECTION II.

Section 387-16 (“Towing and Storage Fee Schedule”) is hereby repealed and replaced as follows (all text novel):

- A. The below listed fees are the only allowable charges for vehicles towed at the request of the Borough Police Department. Tow companies are permitted to charge only fees contemplated in this Chapter. No additional fees shall be charged. All dates and times for the storage and releasing of vehicles will be documented for the purposes of the fee schedule. The Borough shall provide each tower with an annual fee schedule which shall include and describe the fees contained herein, including the vehicle processing fee as described below.
- B. All allowable fees shall be the maximum fees permitted by the New Jersey State Police and shall be updated as appropriate by the Borough Council to reflect the most recent maximum allowable rates permitted. The current rate schedule can be found through the Garden State Towing Association or online at <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>.
- C. If the Borough of Middlesex specifically requests the storage of any vehicle by the tower, the fees charged to the Borough of Middlesex shall be governed by N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.50, as amended. The Middlesex Borough Police Department's impound lot will be designated as an outside secured storage facility.

## SECTION III.

Section 387-19 (“Enforcement Officer; Termination of License”) is hereby renamed “Enforcement Officer; Termination of License; Non-Renewal; Appeal” and is amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

- A. The Chief of Police is hereby designated as the enforcement officer for this chapter and the Chief of Police may recommend to the Borough Council the termination or suspension **of an active license or the rejection or non-renewal** of any license

submitted to the Borough for renewal, or other actions concerning the same when the Chief of Police finds:

1. ~~A.~~ The license was secured by fraud or that it contains misrepresentations or concealment of material facts or omits material facts that would have affected the granting of the license to the applicant.
2. ~~B.~~ The wrecker has violated any of the subsections of this chapter or any of the regulations promulgated by the Borough Council as authorized by this chapter.
3. ~~C.~~ The wrecker's equipment and/or storage facilities are inadequate or unsafe and the wrecker has refused to correct the reported deficiencies subject to the satisfaction of the Chief of Police.
4. ~~D.~~ Confirmed reports of discourteous behavior, the charging of excessive fees, damage to motor vehicles and/or theft of personal property.
5. ~~E.~~ The wrecker's and/or its operators' failure to satisfactorily pass the criminal history check as required by § 387-5D of this chapter.

**B. Appeal process; Notice and Hearing**

1. **Once the Chief of Police has either made a recommendation to disapprove a license application resulting in the Borough Council disapproving and rejecting the application or made a determination that an existing license will be temporarily suspended or revoked, the operator may appeal that decision and request a hearing by the Borough Council or their designee in accordance with the following procedure:**
2. **Within 10 calendar days of the date of the Borough Council's decision to suspend an operator or the Borough Council's disapproval of the application based on the Chief's recommendation, the operator will receive via certified mail a written notice from the Chief of Police setting forth his recommendation and/or determination and the reasons therefor. During the pendency of the appeal process, the operator shall not be eligible to receive Borough-initiated calls for services.**
3. **The operator shall be given the opportunity for a mutually agreed upon hearing within 45 days of receipt of that written notice, with 14 days'**

advance written notice of the hearing date.

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4. The Borough Council or their designee shall consider the matter at a hearing open to the public, at the discretion of the operator, and may request that the operator appear and give testimony and/or provide documents, photographs or other relevant evidentiary material to refute the basis for the charge that the license should be denied, suspended or revoked, as the case may be. The operator shall be afforded the right to be heard, be represented by legal counsel, and offer evidence including presenting witness(es), documents, photographs and other relevant evidence regarding the charge that the license should be denied, suspended or revoked. After considering the matter and the evidence presented, the Borough Council or their designee within seven business days after conclusion of the hearing shall make certain findings and conclusions relative to the charge which shall constitute the decision.

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5. If the Borough Council or their designee finds in support of the charge and against the operator by a preponderance of the credible evidence, the Borough Council or their designee may consider and impose the following penalties: denial of the license to the applicant or operator; suspension of the tow company or operator from the wrecker roster for a fixed period or duration; revocation of such license for a fixed period or duration; termination of the license; prohibiting employees violating any part of this chapter from performing any work related to towing requested by the Borough or any other such penalty as the Borough Council or their designee deems just and equitable under the circumstances. If the Borough Council or their designee does not find in support of the charge and determines that the operator's appeal should be successful, the Borough Council may issue the license and place the operator on the wrecker roster or rescind the suspension and restore the operator to the active roster.

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6. In considering the imposition of penalties, the Borough Council or their designee shall take into account factors including, but not limited to, any prior violations, the nature and seriousness of the complaint and the danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

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#### SECTION IV.

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Section 387-20 (“Complaint and Dispute Resolution”) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

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Any person having a dispute or complaint arising from a specific act of towing or storage of motor vehicles by a wrecker which is regulated by this chapter shall present that complaint

or dispute to the Chief of Police for resolution. The Chief of Police shall render his decision as to how said complaint or dispute is to be resolved within 10 days of conducting a hearing as to the same. Such hearing can be in person, by telephone or on written presentation at the election of the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall render a decision within five days of said hearing. In the event that the wrecker does not abide by the decision of the Chief of Police, the Chief of Police will recommend to the Borough Council that the wrecker's license be revoked or suspended.

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**SECTION V.**

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Section 387-21 (“Violations and Penalties”) is hereby repealed and replaced as follows (all text novel):

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A. Any operator unable to respond or meet the response time requirement to four or more Police Department dispatch requests per month will be subject to removal from the approved list with the approval of the Borough Council or their designee pursuant to Section 387-19 of this Chapter.

B. Municipal penalties.

1. Operators shall be subject to the following penalties in certain circumstances. Violators of this section, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, will be issued a summons which will be heard in the Borough’s Municipal Court.

1. Failure to arrive on scene with the required equipment as directed by Borough Police in the dispatch will result in a fine of \$250.

2. Responding to scene with an unauthorized driver will result in a fine of \$250.

2. For a violation of § 216-10A, regarding wrecker response times, operators shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. The first and second violation in any given calendar year will result in a warning letter sent via certified mail from the Chief of Police, with a copy to the Mayor and Borough Administrator, to the business owner at their registered place of business.

2. The third violation in any calendar year will result in a seven-day suspension from the police tow list and a fine of \$225.

100. The fourth violation in any calendar year will result in a fourteen-day suspension from the police tow list and a fine of \$250.

500. The fifth violation in any calendar year will result in a suspension from the police tow list for 30 days and a fine of \$275.

5. The sixth violation in any calendar year will result in a suspension from the police tow list for the remainder of the calendar year. The operator will be ineligible to apply for a wrecker license the following calendar year. If the applicant chooses to reapply in the future with the same corporate structure and business address, a surcharge of \$300, payable to the Borough, to be filed with the application, is required.

3. For a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter not addressed above, such as discourteous or unruly operator behavior, owners/operators shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. The first violation in any given calendar year will result in a warning letter.

2. The second violation in any calendar year will result in a fifteen-day suspension from the police tow list and a fine of \$225.

100. The third violation in any calendar year will result in a thirty-day suspension from the police tow list and a fine of \$250.

500. The fourth violation in any calendar year will result in a suspension from the police tow list for the remainder of the calendar year. The operator will be ineligible to apply for a wrecker license for the following calendar year and be subject to a \$300 surcharge if applying in the future.

C. The decision to issue summons(es) which would be heard in the Borough's Municipal Court for alleged violations of this chapter shall not in any way impugn the Chief of Police's discretion, with approval of the Borough Council, to suspend an operator's license as outlined in Section 387-19 of this Chapter and shall constitute a separate and distinct proceeding.

## **SECTION VI.**

If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

**SECTION VII.**

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**SECTION VIII.**

This ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner provided by law.

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

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**IX. ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION**

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**X. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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1. Approval of the March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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**XI. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Mikolajczyk made the following comments:

- We spent a lot of time on the budget.

- Middlesex County is spending money freely and not conservatively.
- We met with the Board of Education on Monday to discuss shared services.
- The Police had their assessment for accreditation. We should hear about the results in the next few months.

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## **XII. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

### **Council President Conahan made the following comments:**

- I am pleased to announce that the next Middlesex Pillar award recipient will be Cassius Kennick, long-time president of the then Recreation Commission and now Recreation Committee, at our next meeting on May 12th.
- A big thank you to our entire Borough team for bringing us to a responsible and bare-bone budget during the most challenging fiscal year that I have seen. This is overwhelming from a \$1.1 million increase over the last year in health insurance premiums. A special thank you to our CFO, Caroline, who cut everything that wasn't needed. She led the effort but was supported by her team, our Auditor, Gregg. thank you Gregg, Matt, Lenny and the Mayor. Lastly, thank you Councilman DeScenza, our finance chair who worked closely this year with Caroline, as well as Councilman Dotey who along with me compromised the finance committee.
- Congratulations to our Tax Assessor Dawn Guttschall for being reappointed. Dawn joined us at a very difficult time — the year the State mandated we do a revaluation after 36 years - and has done an excellent job for us.
- At our next meeting on May 12th we will discuss amending the Volunteer Fee Waiver Ordinance that we adopted last year, as a workshop topic.
- Please join us for a ribbon cutting for a new business: "Rhythm and Spice" pizzeria on Saturday May 23rd at noon located at 571 Bound Brook Road.
- Nice job to our Clerk, Kelsey, and her team for the Spring Newsletter.
- Excellent job Barbara Benson, Lee Poandl and Jack Costa for organizing another jam-packed free CPR training class back on March 26th.
- DPW Report:
  - Completed routine road maintenance and pothole repairs.
  - Continued brush/bulk waste collection.
  - Maintained parks, fields and municipal grounds.
  - Conducted vehicle and equipment maintenance.

- Completed signage repairs and installed decals for 2 new senior service vehicles.
- Commenced hydro raking at Victor Crowell Park.
- Street Sweeper is over 20 years old and is currently down. Lenny is working with the vendor to use a demo unit until our new sweeper arrives next month.

**Councilwoman Clock made the following comments:**

Administration:

Deferred to Lenny and the Chief.

Disabled & Senior Services

Middlesex County will host a 90+ Birthday Celebration on May 15 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Piscataway Senior Center. This annual luncheon honors county residents age 90 and over in recognition of National Older Americans Month. Residents should call the Middlesex Senior Center to register.

The Borough will also host an AARP Safe Driving Course on May 26 and May 28 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The course will cover:

- Techniques for handling left turns, right-of-way, and roundabouts
- Strategies to reduce traffic violations, crashes, and risk of injury
- Proven driving methods to help keep drivers and their loved ones safe

To register, please call the senior center.

Cultural & Arts Committee / Beautification:

Last meeting: April 9, 2026

The Color and Flower Festival is scheduled for May 17, 2026, from 1:00-3:00 PM at Mountainview Park. This will be a dog-friendly event where residents can plant flowers and enjoy the afternoon. Rain date: May 24.

The Multicultural Day event will remain scheduled for August 29 from 1:00-4:00 PM. While a September date was discussed, the committee agreed to keep the current date for this year. Due to timing, the event will likely be held at the recreation center. Updates will be provided as planning continues.

The committee is actively working on next steps for community gardens. Lenny attended a recent meeting to discuss potential support, and the project appears very feasible. The committee is currently reviewing bylaws, including examples from neighboring municipalities, to ensure maintenance responsibilities do not fall on DPW. A target date of April 22, 2027 (Earth Day) has been set for the unveiling.

Upcoming meetings will focus on fundraising efforts, as the committee currently operates without a formal budget. Members plan to seek

donations and explore creative funding options.  
Next meeting: May 14, 2026

**Councilman DeScenza made the following comments:**

- Library Meeting: Electrical outlet covers are still not installed, a definite code violation. Sprinklers are complete, waiting on final approval
- Environmental: May 2 cleanup at MVP for the Green Brook, sponsored by AmeriCorps watershed Ambassadors.
- 2026 Municipal Budget: After numerous budget reviews by council representatives, Administrators, the Mayor and the CFO, we are presenting our 2026 budget of \$16,991,064.37 a 3.8% increase over 2025. A home assessed at \$500,000 will see a Municipal tax increase of \$116 per year. The budget being presented tonight, considering where we started from, is a big improvement! Many hours were spent by the Department heads, Administrators, and especially our Super CFO Caroline Benson. We owe these Borough employees a big thanks for their hard work.
- Parks: We want to congratulate the new Chairperson Amy Thornton and vice chair Rich Thomassey and offer our support. We are looking for some new volunteers to assist this committee if you are interested please contact our Administrators.

**Councilman Dotey made the following comments:**

- Highlights of the fire report.
- Highlights of the court report.
- Bystander CPR event went well.
- Budget is responsible.

**Councilwoman Quinn made the following comments:**

- The Board of Health met on 4/9 where they discussed Pop - Up IV Clinics.
- Met with the Board of Education for the first time since 2022 with several members of Council. Working on a relationship moving forward. Shared service committee was created.

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**XIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Report:

**New Jersey American Water**

New Jersey American Water is in the process of replacing a water main on Greenlawn Avenue between Oak Drive and George Avenue. The water main in this area has been giving them a hard time during the past year. As result New Jersey American Water is replacing the entire water main in this area.

### **MountainView Park Playground Update**

The Mountainview Park Playground is still under construction and remains closed to the public. The final rubberized material was installed on Friday April 10, 2026. Thank you to the Police Department and Department of Public Works for providing security while the material cured. We are waiting for the contractor to install railings at the restrooms. Lenny is currently waiting for quotes to mill and pave in front of the restrooms and park, which was not part of the scope of work but included in our budget. The contractor still needs to top dress, seed, and hay the entire area surrounding the playground.

### **Temporary Debris Management Area**

The Borough received recertification for the Temporary Debris Management Area (TDMA). This identifies the area utilized for dumping solid waste and debris during a disaster or State of Emergency. The certified area for debris is located in Mountain View Park. The Department of Environmental Protection certification expires on February 23, 2031.

### **Information Technology and Computer Consulting Services**

The Borough reissued the Competitive Contract for Information Technology and Computer Consulting Services due to a change in specifications. As a result, the Borough is now soliciting proposals through the competitive contracting process with our Qualified Purchasing Agent in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-4.1, et seq. For a term of one (1) year from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

### **PSE&G Tree Donation**

PSE&G contacted the Borough and spoke with Lenny Vidal regarding a tree donation to replace those removed near utility lines. Lenny provided a list of nine (9) affected streets. PSE&G will be supplying fifty-two (52) 2-inch caliber, utility friendly trees, including Red Bud trees, American Dogwood trees, and Cherry varieties. Residents may see a PSE&G contractor marking locations in the near future. The affected streets are Decatur Avenue, Fairview Avenue, Washington Avenue, Orchard Road, Melrose Avenue, Greene Avenue, Seneca Avenue, Voorhees Avenue, and Runyon Avenue.

### **The Middlesex Police Department / DEA National Prescription Take back**

The Middlesex Police Department is partnering with the DEA to support their National Prescription Take back initiative, which is April 25, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The goal of DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back is to provide local communities with a safe, convenient, and responsible way of disposing expired, unused, and unwanted medication while also educating the public about the dangers of medication abuse.

### **Middlesex Recreation Department Bunny Hop**

The Middlesex Recreation Department held their Annual Bunny Hop on March 28, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. It was well attended and the children had a great time with the petting zoo, egg hunt, games, crafts, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Our Recreation department did a fantastic job with this event and I suggest if you did not attend you make it a point to attend next year.

### **Middlesex Environmental Commission**

Join the Middlesex Environmental Commission for the Special Earth Day Community Clean Up Event being held at Victor Crowell Park on April 25, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

### **Memorial Day Parade**

The Memorial Day Parade and America 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Come be part of this special day—march in the parade, create a float, decorate a vehicle, or take part in the festivities. It's a great way to honor, celebrate, and bring our community together. Donations and sponsors are welcome. If anyone is interested, please contact the Recreation department by May 1<sup>st</sup> at [recreation@middlesexboro-nj.gov](mailto:recreation@middlesexboro-nj.gov) – 732-356-7400 ext. 277.

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## **XIV. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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

Monica Townsend, 120 Barbara Place made the following comments:

- What is the selection process for the Pillar of Middlesex Award?
- Was the discussion and concerns preventative or are businesses coming into town that are hosting Pop Up IV Clinics?

- I am surprised the Board of Education and the Borough haven't met since 2022. Were new council and school board/superintendent members involved? Is there a continued meeting schedual? Who is involved in the meetings?

Dave Polakiewicz, 240 Hazelwood Avenue made the following comments:

- Who was in attendance at the meeting with the Board of Education?

Bruce Sanders, 10 Venice Avenue made the following comments:

- Are we working on shared services with other municipalities to help offset costs of the budget?
- Do we currently have any active agreements?
- Other municipalities are majorly increasing their budgets. The Council did a great job.
- Are their any county-level services we can utilize?
- Is anyone at the County looking for shared services for municipalities?
- Can we go out of County for shared services?

Vincent Rouse, 60 Washington Avenue made their following comments:

- Discussed the recent No Kings Rally, shared the key principals of the organization, talked about the rally itself and the individuals involved in its success.

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

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**XV. NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS:**

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1. **Resolution 120-2026** Authorizing the Appointment Of Dawn Guttschall As Tax Assessor

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148 requires every Municipality to provide for the appointment of a Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the current Tax Assessor is being re-appointed to their position; and

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE Mayor and Council of Middlesex Borough to re-appoint Dawn Guttschall for the term of office starting on July 1, 2026, which will grant the assessor tenure in his/her position, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148.

WHEREAS, the assessor will hold public office hours on Wednesday's from 5pm to 7:30pm;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution #120-2026 was duly adopted by the Municipal council at a public meeting held on April 14, 2026 to re-appoint a part time Tax Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, certified copies of said Resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

1. Director, Division of Taxation
2. Administrator, Board of Taxation
3. Administrator of the Municipality
4. Tax Assessor

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

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2.       **Resolution 121-2026** Authorizing the 2026 Municipal Budget to be read by title only

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been made available for public inspection and have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the 2026

municipal budget shall be read by title only.

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

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3. **Resolution 122-2026** Acceptance of Standing Reports

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following:

1. Accepting the March 2026 Fire Report.
2. Acceptance of the March Tax Totals.
3. Accepting the March 2026 Court Report.

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

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4. **Resolution 123-2026** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Marketing and Public Relations Support Services Agreement with Positive Solutions

The Governing Body hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Marketing and Public Relations Support Services agreement with Positive Solutions in the amount of \$33,872 for a term of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

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

**ABSTAINED:** None

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5. **Resolution 124-2026** 2026 Temporary Emergency Appropriations

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

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6. **Resolution 125-2026** Approval of the Reimbursement of \$75.00 to Planet Fitness, 125 Bound Brook Rd, Middlesex, NJ for Overpayment on their 2025-2026 Board of Health License

The Governing Body hereby approves the reimbursement of \$75.00 to Planet Fitness, 125 Bound Brook Rd, Middlesex, NJ for overpayment on their 2025-2026 Board of Health License.

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

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7. **Resolution 126-2026** Approval of Temporary Emergency Appropriations

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing temporary appropriations sufficient to cover commitments made during the period of January 1, 2026 to the date of adoption of the annual budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2026 temporary appropriations to cover such commitments, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose of covering such commitments; and

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20) including this resolution total \$4,548,166.11 for the Current Fund Budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** (not less than two-thirds of all of the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20: an emergency temporary appropriation shall be made for the following purposes:

<b>Appropriations Current Fund</b>	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>Other Expenses</b>
<b>General Government</b>		
Administrator	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Mayor & Council	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Municipal Clerk	\$15,000.00	\$2,500.00
Purchasing Agent	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing & Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Finance Administration	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Audit Services	\$0.00	\$43,000.00
Computer Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Collection of Taxes	\$14,000.00	\$2,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Legal Services	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Engineering Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Environmental Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stormwater Management	\$0.00	\$0.00
Joint Land Use Board	\$0.00	\$0.00
Code Enforcement	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
CRS Floodplain	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Temp Disability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Longterm Disability Insur	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group Insurance	\$0.00	\$600,000.00
Health Benefit Waiver	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
<b>Public Safety</b>		
Police	\$400,000.00	\$25,000.00
Juvenile	\$0.00	\$0.00

Emergency Management	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Hydrants	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Department	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prosecutor	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Public Works**

Road Dept	\$200,000.00	\$40,000.00
Shade Tree	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Waste	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Garbage Removal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Curbside Recycling	\$0.00	\$55,000.00
Rescue Squad Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building & Grounds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Piscataway Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00
Multi Family Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Health & Human Services**

Board of Health	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Nutrition	\$0.00	\$0.00
Medical Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Title III	\$0.00	\$0.00
Animal Control	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recreation	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00
Senior Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Coordinator	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Older Americans Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
CBDG Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parks & Playgrounds	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00
Accumulated Absences	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Library	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
Housing & Comm Develop	\$0.00	\$0.00
Environmental Committee	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Beautification Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$0.00	\$5,000.00

**Utility Expenses**

Electricity	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Street Lighting	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00

Water	\$0.00	\$0.00
Natural Gas	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Fuel Oil (Diesel)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gasoline	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Other Operating</b>		
Sewer Dept	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Authority	\$0.00	\$250,000.00
Landfill	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
Municipal Court	\$25,000.00	\$3,500.00
Public Defender	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Statutory Expenses</b>		
Contingent	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
PERS	\$0.00	\$633,795.00
Social Security	\$0.00	\$0.00
PFRS	\$0.00	\$1,420,209.00
DCRP	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Municipal Debt Service</b>		
Bond Principal	\$0.00	\$0.00
BAN Principal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bond Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
BAN Interest	\$0.00	\$135,662.11
Infrastructure Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$922,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,626,166.11</b>

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

8. **Resolution 127-2026** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue a Tax Title Lien Redemption for Block 50 Lot 14

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-54, a lien has been redeemed by the owners or those persons having an interest, and the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to

receive redemption funds in the following specific amounts, and;

**WHEREAS**, the interest and payments on the following Tax Title Lien Redemptions were calculated for April 14, 2026 and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check to the lien holder in the following amount(s):

Date of Sale: 11/18/2025

Block/Lot: 50 / 14

Amount: \$889.33

Premium: \$1,200.00

Certificate: 24-00002

Payable To: Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust  
PO Box 5021  
Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

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

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9. **Resolution 128-2026** 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 the property in the Borough of Middlesex on or before October 1, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, said Senior Citizens / Disabled Persons did file their claims 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 Collector has disallowed the following Senior Citizen/ Disabled Person deduction for the 2025 year totaling \$1,750.00.

Name: Ghanim, Jamal R & Aida  
Block/Lot: 79 / 2.01

Amount: \$250.00  
Reason: Over Income  
Year: 2025

Name: Zappulla, Matthew  
Block/Lot: 167.01 / 22  
Amount: \$250.00  
Reason: Over Income  
Year: 2025

Name: Gajewski Jr., Thaddeus J & Mercier, Janice  
Block/Lot: 182 / 13.01  
Amount: \$250.00  
Reason: Over Income  
Year: 2025

Name: Morge, Mary  
Block/Lot: 329 / 17  
Amount: \$250.00  
Reason: Over Income  
Year: 2025

Name: Chittenden, J F W 3<sup>rd</sup> & F M  
Block/Lot: 7.01 / 2  
Amount: \$250.00  
Reason: Form Not Returned  
Year: 2025

Name: Schley, Quentin L & Beverly Ann  
Block/Lot: 78 /24  
Amount: \$250.00  
Reason: Form Not Returned  
Year: 2025

Name: Jones, Alexandria S  
Block/Lot: 209 / 72  
Amount: \$250.00  
Reason: Form Not Returned  
Year: 2025

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

**ABSTAINED:** None

10. **Resolution 129-2026** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue a Tax Title Lien Redemption for Block 99 Lot 26.01

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-54, a lien has been redeemed by the owners or those persons having an interest, and the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to receive redemption funds in the following specific amounts, and;

**WHEREAS**, the interest and payments on the following Tax Title Lien Redemptions were calculated for April 14, 2026 and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check to the lien holder in the following amount(s):

Date of Sale: 11/18/2025

Block/Lot: 99 / 26.01

Amount: \$28,943.33

Premium: \$64,000.00

Certificate: 24-00004

Payable To: Phoenix Funding, Inc.  
1148 Springfield Avenue  
Mountainside, NJ 07092

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

11. **Resolution 130-2026** Authorizing Added Lien Tax for the Clean-Up Costs Incurred From Violations of the Property Maintenance Code

**WHEREAS**, Code violations, specifically 317-11A(1), were determined to exist requiring the removal of trash, and;

**WHEREAS**, the responsible parties did not perform the work necessary to alleviate the violations. To provide for public health and safety, the Department of Code Enforcement engaged the services of outside vendors to perform the clean-up, and removal of trash; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Code Enforcement has provided invoices from said outside vendors detailing the costs of clean-up and removal in the amount of \$1,959.00 (Exhibit A), and;

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

1. The Tax Collector is hereby directed to place an Added Tax Lien. The lien will be billed against the May 2026 quarter taxes, and the Collector will send out a bill upon notification of passage of this resolution and allow suitable amount of time consistent with tax billing for the payment of said amount without interest. At expiration of that time, interest will accrue at the level established in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.
2. The following are the addresses and amounts authorized by this resolution:  
Block: 242  
Lot: 12.01  
Address: 118 South Lincoln Avenue  
Amount: \$1,959.00

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

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12.       **Resolution 131-2026** Resolution in Support of Allocating and Securing Funding for the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project

**WHEREAS**, the Dunellen Train Station is a critical transportation resource serving residents of the Borough of Dunellen, Middlesex County, and the broader surrounding region; and

**WHEREAS**, the station is located along the Raritan Valley Line and is stationed along State Highway Route 28 and County Roads 529 and 665, and supports hundreds of daily commuters providing essential access to employment, education, and local travel destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the current station is in dire need of modernization to improve safety, reliability, and accessibility, including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Dunellen, under the leadership and direct advocacy of Mayor Jason F. Cilento, has been actively pursuing the development of a new,

modernized, and fully accessible train station since 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Dunellen has worked in coordination with local, county, state, and federal representatives, including Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, State Senator Jon Bramnick, former Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz, and former Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis, who have supported this effort from its early stages, and continues to build upon these efforts with additional stakeholders who have more recently joined in support, including NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri, Former Governor Phil Murphy, Governor Mikie Sherrill, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, U.S. Senator Andy Kim, Assemblymen Andrew Macurdy and Vincent Kearney, their respective offices, and representatives from both Middlesex County and Somerset County; and

**WHEREAS**, the modernization of the Dunellen Train Station will enhance regional transit, support local economic development, increase foot traffic to surrounding businesses, and improve overall quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of this project based on the FY 2022 All Stations Accessibility Program is \$53,444,974, with a federal amount of \$37,047,477 and a local match of \$16,397,497, and due to inflation and current economic conditions, the total project cost is expected to be higher than this initial estimate; and

**WHEREAS**, this project has received bipartisan support from local, county, state, and federal stakeholders recognizing its importance as a regional priority;

**WHEREAS**, continued advocacy and funding from all levels of government are necessary to advance and complete the construction of a new, modernized, and fully accessible Dunellen Train Station.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Borough of Middlesex hereby expresses its strong support for the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project and urges all levels of government to prioritize and allocate the necessary funding to advance this project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Borough of Middlesex specifically calls upon the State of New Jersey, the Administration of Governor Mikie Sherrill, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senate Minority Leader Anthony Bucco, Assembly Minority Leader John DiMaio, Senate Budget Chair Senator Paul Sarlo, Republican Budget Officer Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon Jr., Assembly Budget Chair Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin, Minority Budget Officer Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf, and the New Jersey Legislature to include and appropriate no less than \$37,047,477 in initial funding identified in the FY 2022 All Stations Accessibility Program, as part of the State budget and any applicable capital funding programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri, U.S. Senators Cory Booker

and Andy Kim, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Congressman Tom Kean Jr., Congressman Frank Pallone, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senate Minority Leader Anthony Bucco, Assembly Minority Leader John DiMaio, Senate Budget Chair Senator Paul Sarlo, Republican Budget Officer Senator Declan J. O’Scanlon Jr., Assembly Budget Chair Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin, Minority Budget Officer Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf, State Senator Jon Bramnick, Assembly Members Andrew Macurdy and Vincent M. Kearney, Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios, Somerset County Administrator Colleen Mahr, Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk of Middlesex Borough, Mayor Brian Wahler of Piscataway, Mayor Jim Van Arsdale of Green Brook, Mayor Ronald Jubin of Watchung, Mayor Shaun Fine of Warren, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Kian of Warren Township, Mayor Lawrence La Ronde of North Plainfield, and the Raritan Valley Line Mayor’s Alliance.

**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

13.        **Resolution 132-2026** Approving the Reimbursement of Late Fees that were Incorrectly Applied to Board of Health License Renewals

The Governing Body hereby authorizes the reimbursement of late fees that were incorrectly applied for the following applicants for **Board of Health** Licenses for 2026-2027:

Little Miracles Childcare Center	303 Union Ave	\$75.00
Ganesh Divine Caterers	619 Bound Brook Rd	\$75.00
Superfood Fresh Supermarket	738 Union Ave	\$75.00
Blue Ocean Seafood Market	700 Union Ave	\$75.00
Farmers Market on 28	700 Union Ave	\$75.00
Terra's Ceviche	700 Union Ave	\$75.00
Timothy Kerwin Inc.	353 Bound Brook Rd	\$75.00

**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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**XVI. NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS:**

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1. **Resolution 133-2026** 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.

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

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**XVII. AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM**

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1. E-bikes

Interim Administrator Geist discussed the following:

- Concerns about where the vehicles can be used.
- We waited for State law before the Borough moved on this.
- The purpose of the Ordinance.
- Public safety concerns.
- Where the bikes can safely be ridden.
- Penalties
- The definition of an e-bike and the different types.
- Officers are enforcing safety.
- There are active concerns for pedestrians, drivers and child safety.

Council discussed the proposed Ordinance and the following:

- There is a lack of parental knowledge on the changes from the State.
- We need public knowledge and outreach.
- Concerns over responsibility of the parents vs the child.

- Information needs to be disseminated to educate the public on this matter.

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## **XVIII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS**

Mayor Mikolajczyk opened the Privilege of the Floor on Agenda Workshop Items for anyone wishing to comment.

Monica Townsend, 120 Barbara Place made the following comments:

- What are the fines or fees for individuals who violate the ordinance?
- Are they comparable with other municipalities for offenses of this nature?
- Education is important. The community needs to be aware.
- Fees should be adjusted and lowered. Are their concerns on the impact of the parents?
- We don't want to criminalize youth behavior.

Bruce Sanders, 10 Venice Avenue made the following comments:

- The fines are acceptable.
- This is a dangerous issue.
- There is a need for public education. We should place information at the youth hangout spots.
- The flyer should be distributed to the schools while they are still in session.
- Is there an outlet where they can use the bikes?

Seeing that there were no further comments, Mayor Mikolajczyk closed the Privilege of the Floor on Agenda Workshop Items.

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## **XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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### **1. Resolution 134-2026 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: Contract Negotiations - Municipal Pool, Potential Litigation - Homeowners Associations; 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.

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

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1. Contract Negotiations - Municipal Pool
  2. Potential Litigation - Homeowners Associations

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**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

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1. The next regular meeting will be May 12, 2026.

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Respectfully yours,

Kelsey Meixner  
Municipal Clerk