

Municipal Building
1200 Mountain Avenue

June 10, 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
Council President	Bruce Sadowski
	Louis Curcio
	Michael Hompesch
	Josephine Liana (absent)
	Garrett Mulcahy

Attorney:	George Hendricks
Administrator:	Joseph Manning

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

Mayor Dobies administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Ferris to the position of Councilwoman in the Borough of Middlesex and Councilwoman Ferris made the following comments:

Mayor Dobies and Staff, fellow council members, members of the press, esteemed guests, family and friends, thank you for being here this evening to celebrate this milestone in my life. I am honored and grateful for the enthusiastic support of my fellow council members who have asked me to join them in representing the people of Middlesex. I extend my gratitude to Bruce Sadowski and the Council for recognizing the attributes I possess which will be shared with this very talented group of professionals, and subsequently with the residents of our town. I hope to use my background as Project Manager, technical writer and teacher as well as the experience I've accrued as a member of numerous organizations such as the PTO, Women's Auxiliary, and Project Graduation to provide added value to our team. I've always lived by the phrase, "If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem". Much is achieved by getting involved and rewards are many-fold, both personally and for others.

With the trickle down affect of cutbacks at the federal level to the municipalities, it is imperative that the Council seek ways to minimize tax implications to the residents of Middlesex. Many homeowners are on fixed incomes, are single parents supporting families, or are feeling the financial impacts of layoffs and simply cannot afford higher taxes. The Council has already been successful in pursuing grant money to offset the cost of projects being undertaken in town. I look forward to working with them in continuing to seek alternative solutions to funding such endeavors-moving the financial burden away from the taxpayers. I also look forward to making Middlesex a center of excellence for local government, being proactive in meeting challenges.

As a lifelong resident whose family's roots extend to the 1930's here in Middlesex, I have seen many changes and have abundant memories of this family oriented town where I was raised as

one of six children. I am a product of the fine educational system we have, as are my children. When my son and daughter in law were looking for a place to set down roots, they chose Middlesex for its safe neighborhoods, housing value, and especially its schools. I want to play an active role in preserving and improving that reputation.

Before I close, I want to recognize some people in the audience who had a profound impact in getting me to this place. First, my mother who raised six children while my Dad worked 2 jobs. She instilled love and discipline and encouraged respect and honor. My Dad passed away 2 years ago, but I give a posthumous thank you to him for exemplifying a puritan work ethic and fostering sharing and unselfishness. He taught my siblings and I that no goal was unattainable. I miss you, Dad, and wish you were here tonight.

I'd also like to thank my husband of 29 years (this Sunday) Skip, who has supported me in pursuing this new role, knowing its time intensive nature. He has always been the wind beneath my wings.

Thank you again for coming out tonight and sharing this event with me.

The Borough Clerk called the roll for the new 2003 Council:

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	Louis Curcio
	Barbara Ferris
	Michael Hompesch
	Josephine Liana (absent)
	Garrett Mulcahy (absent)

Attorney:	George Hendricks
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Mayor and Council recognized the Boy's Varsity Baseball team from Middlesex High School for their achievement in winning the Central Jersey Group 1 Championship.

Sal Campanella	Keith Bennett
Joe O'Donnell	Corey Tolomeo
Joe Robel	Brian Oliver
Mike Baillie	Brian MacCloud
John Fakla	Ryan Piegaro
Mike Lynch	Zach Knapp
Mike D'Amico	

Mayor and Council recognized the Girl's Varsity Softball team from Middlesex High School for their achievement in winning the Central Jersey Group 1 Championship and the GMC Blue Division Championship.

Laura Bruccoleri	Kim Krupsky
Kristen Olah	Jennifer Salvo
Dana Ferraro	Lindsey Hopper
Vanessa Torres	Ana Abourashed
Erica Lordi	Michelle Krupsky

Meghan Reilly

Danielle Veilleux

Mayor and Council recognized the Boy's Varsity Tennis team from Middlesex High School for their achievement in winning the Central Jersey Group 1 Championship and the GMC Blue Division Championship.

Rich Leuttchau
Michael Gallagher
Kyle Buono
Chris Turlik

John Turlik
Zachary Auger
Jay Teitelbaum

Ralph Magliette, Chairman of the Environmental Commission along with the Mayor and Council awarded a \$25.00 cash prize that was donated by Mrs. Betty Sperr to Bill Lawther, Jacqueline McNulty and Emily Shattle for the Middlesex Borough Environmental Commission Earth Day Poster Contest "Middlesex Borough Keep it Clean and Green".

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Consent Agenda 2003(L)

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 #161-03 - Resolution #165 -03

Councilman Sadowski moved for adoption seconded by Councilman Curcio and carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Members Curcio, Ferris, Hompesch 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 #161-03

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

A Temporary Budget in the amount of \$2,187,936 to provide for the payment of claims and salaries between the first day of January, 2003 and the adoption of the 2003 budget be set up as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

Administrative & Executive	
Salary & Wage	22,240
Other Expense	5,000
Mayor & Council	
Salary & Wage	3,012
Other Expense	00
Municipal Clerk	
Salary & Wage	20,000
Other Expense	00
Rescue Squad Rental	00
Printing & Advertising	1,500
Postage – All Departments	3,000
Election	00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salary & Wage	8,610
Other Expense	1,000
Maintenance of Tax Map	00
Collection of Taxes	
Salary & Wage	10,000
Other Expense	1,000
Financial Administration	
Salary & Wage	20,000
Other Expense	1,000
Legal Services & Costs	
Salary & Wage	10,000
Other Expense	5,000
Engineering Services & Costs	13,000
Public Bldgs & Grounds	
Salary & Wage	6,300
Other Expense	7,500
Planning Board	
Other Expense	00
Board of Adjustment	

Other Expense	100
Shade Tree Commission	
Salary & Wage	500
Other Expense	7,000
Rent Control Board	
Salary & Wage	100
Other Expense	50
Maintenance of Communications	00
Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee	
Salary & Wage	00
Other Expense	00
Environmental Advisory	
Salary & Wage	00
Other Expenses	00
Accident & Safety	
Other Expenses	00
Insurance	
Group Insurance Plan	384,000
Workman's Compensation	00
Surety Bonds	00
Temporary Disability	4,000
Long Term Disability	3,000
Other Insurance Premiums	00
PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Fire Department	
Other Expenses	21,000
Hazardous Waste	
Other Expenses	12,000
Police Department	
Salary & Wage	630,000
Other Expense	20,000
Juvenile Conference Committee	
Salary & Wage	450
Other Expense	0
Uniform Fire Safety	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0

Emergency Management	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	2,300
Road Repair & Maintenance	
Salary & Wage	173,000
Other Expense	15,000
Sewer System	
Salary & Wage	28,000
Other Expense	16,500
Solid Waste Management	
Salary & Wage	5,000
Other Expense	0
Recycling Program	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0
Garbage & Trash Removal	
Salary & Wage	100,000
Other Expense	4,000
Sanitary Landfill	75,000
Prosecutor's Office	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	6,000
Board Of Health	
Salary & Wage	500
Other Expense	27,000
RECREATION & EDUCATION	
Parks & Playgrounds	
Salary & Wage	57,000
Other Expense	4,000
Animal Control	
Other Expenses	5,000
Board of Recreation Commissioners	
Salary & Wage	22,500
Other Expense	15,000
Field Development	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0

Senior Citizen Bus Transportation	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	0
Senior Coordinator	
Salary & Wage	0
Other Expense	2,000
Senior Assisted Transportation	
Salary & Wage	5,000
Other Expense	0
Uniform Construction Code	
Salary & Wage	46,000
Other Expense	2,500
Utilities – All Departments	
Gasoline	13,000
Fuel Oil	7,500
Electricity	15,000
Telephone	7,700
Natural Gas	0
Street Lighting	27,000
Fire Hydrants	40,000
Water	0
Public Celebration	
Other Expenses	0
Curbside Recycling	
Other Expenses	17,500
Contingent	0
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES CONTRIBUTION TO:	
PERS	0
Social Security	59,000
PFRS	0
Pension – Firemen’s Widow (N.J.S.A. 43:12-28.1)	0
New Jersey Unemployment Insurance	0
Municipal Court	
Salary & Wage	40,000
Other Expense	15,000
Maintenance of Free Public Library	90,000
Middlesex County Utility Authority	0
Piscataway Sewage Authority	20,000

Middlesex County Drug Alliance	4,574
Clean Grant	0
TOTAL	2,187,936.

26.25% the 2002 General Appropriation in the 2002 Budget = \$3,118,495.

Cost Registered Bonds

Capital Improvement	
Bond Anticipation Note	0
Bond Anticipation Interest	0
Municipal Debt Service	
Bond Principal	0
Bond Interest	0

DEDICATED SWIMMING POOL UTILITY BUDGET

Swim Pool Utility	
Salary & Wage	50,000
Other Expense	30,000
TOTAL	80,000

26.25% of the 2002 Swimming Pool Utility appropriation = \$84,525

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #162-03

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund \$5,824.27 paid at the June 3, 2003 tax sale on Block 174, Lot 29,30, 149 Giles Avenue. The homeowner redeemed the lien before the 10-day waiting period expired. The check is to be made payable to:

American Tax Funding
P.O. Box 862658
Orlando, FL 32886-2658

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #163-03

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICARE PREMIUMS
FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE PENSIONERS UNDER CHAPTER III, PUBLIC LAW 1973,
N.J. HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS**

WHEREAS, Chapter III of Public Laws 1973, which provided for reimbursement of Medicare premiums of certain eligible pensioners was adopted by the Mayor and Council by resolution on April 9, 1974; and

WHEREAS, certain retired employees of the Borough have applied for reimbursement.

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 checks, charged against Insurance (1) Group Insurance for Employees for \$324.00 from the period January through June, 2003, as follows:

Robert H. Agans
16 Marlborough Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Alice Granda
3206 Cherry Road
Kunkeltown, PA 18058

Anthony DiBartolomio
1320 County Road 519
Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Angeline DiBartolomio
1320 County Road 519
Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Andrew Simpf
424 Main Street
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Frank Palazzi
1130 Boxwood Drive, Apt. 204
Del Ray Beach, FL 33445

Hellal Hanania
448 Runyon Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Margaret Hanania
448 Runyon Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Charlie Nash
213 Melrose Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Olga Pirone
24 Fisher Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Fred Worowski
557 Lorraine Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Rose Worowski
557 Lorraine Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Edward J. King
Nine Wilson Way
Ringoes, NJ 08551

Aldina F. King
Nine Wilson Way
Ringoes, NJ 08551

Edward W. Meyer
18 Hickory Court
Middlesex, NJ 08846

John Giuliano
339 Second Street
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Ruth Yambor
201 Jefferson Avenue
Greenbrook, NJ 08812

Diana Nash
213 Melrose Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Francis Yambor
201 Jefferson Avenue
Greenbrook, NJ 08812

Fred A. Granda
3206 Cherry Road
Kunkeltown, PA 18058

Archie J. Blood, Jr.
54 Lincoln Avenue
Barnegat, NJ 08005

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #164-03

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund \$1,979.17 paid at the June 3, 2003 tax sale on Block 285, Lot 1, 701-7 Lincoln Blvd. The homeowner redeemed the lien before the 10-day waiting period expired. The check is to be made payable to:

Crusader Servicing Corporation
179 Washington Lane
Jenkintown, PA 19046

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #165-03

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 read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #166-03

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director wishes to close Howard Ave. between Fisher Ave. and Woodland Ave. commencing on June 30, 2003 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Summer Playground Session; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director feels it is necessary to close that portion of Howard Ave. for the preservation of public safety, health and welfare of the children; and

WHEREAS, under the general police powers the Governing Body can authorize the Mayor to temporarily close any street for the preservation of public safety health or welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body does hereby agree to close Howard Ave. between Fisher Ave. and Woodland Ave. upon the recommendation of the Recreation Director citing the public safety, health and welfare of the children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Governing Body does hereby authorize the Mayor to temporarily close Howard Ave. between Fisher Ave. and Woodland Ave. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. from June 30, 2003 until August 8, 2003 for the Summer Playground Session due to the public safety, health and welfare of the children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be served on the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Works and that the appropriate notices be posted at the aforesaid location.

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

Mayor Dobies opened the public portion of the meeting for comments or questions.

Reverend Neal Presa of the Middlesex Presbyterian Church attended the meeting to introduce himself and his wife to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Dobies stated that the Governing Body is looking forward to working with him and encouraged the Reverend to meet the staff.

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street questioned the Mayor regarding the budget. Mr. Ryan wanted to know if the Mayor was happy with the budget that was introduced back in February. The Mayor concluded that it is the best we could do under the circumstances (loss of state aid). The Mayor still feels both the Mayor and Council need to continuously look to find ways to reduce cost.

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

Mr. Curcio moved the approval of the May 20, 2003 Agenda Meeting Minutes, the May 27, 2003 Public and Agenda Meeting Minutes and the June 3, 2003 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Hompesch and carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Anello, RMC
Borough Clerk

