Municipal Building
1200 Mountain Avenue

July 8, 2003

A public meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the above place on the above date commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor	Ronald S. Dobies
Council President	Bruce Sadowski
	Louis Curcio
	Barbara Ferris
	Michael Hompesch (absent)
	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 July 3, 2003.

Mayor Dobies indicated that this evening we will be elevating to the management level several members of our Police Department. Mayor Dobies stated that it is universally known throughout the state of New Jersey the quality of the Middlesex Borough Police Department.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #183-03

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig S. Young has successfully completed all phases of the promotional testing procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Benson has recommended that Lieutenant Craig S. Young be promoted to the rank of Captain.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Lieutenant Craig S. Young be promoted to the rank of Captain of Police effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $76,562.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #184-03

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Kevin T. Reilly has successfully completed all phases of the promotional testing procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Benson has recommended that Lieutenant Kevin T. Reilly be promoted to the rank of Captain.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Lieutenant Kevin T. Reilly be promoted to the rank of Captain of Police effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $76,562.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #185-03

WHEREAS, Sergeant Michael J. Colacci has successfully completed all phases of the promotional testing procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Benson has recommended that Sergeant Michael J. Colacci be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Sergeant Michael J. Colacci be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $71.912.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #186-03

WHEREAS, Sergeant Michael R. Jesionka has successfully completed all phases of the promotional testing procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Benson has recommended that Sergeant Michael R. Jesionka be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Sergeant Michael R. Jesionka be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $71,912.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #187-03

WHEREAS, Patrolman Matthew P. Geist has successfully completed all phases of the promotional testing procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Benson has recommended that Patrolman Matthew P. Geist be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Patrolman Matthew P. Geist be promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $67,256.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #188-03

WHEREAS, Patrolman Francis W. DeNick has successfully completed all phases of the promotional testing procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Benson has recommended that Patrolman Francis W. DeNick be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Patrolman Francis W. DeNick be promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $67,256.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #189-03

WHEREAS, Patrolman Frank W. Bottiglieri has successfully completed all phases of the promotional testing procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Benson has recommended that Patrolman Frank W. Bottiglieri be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Patrolman Frank W. Bottiglieri be promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $67,256.00.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #190-03

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Police Department Ordinance, Article XVI, Section 1, Patrolman Jeffrey Bevan, Jr. has qualified for promotion based upon his length of service and merit of service as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-129.

WHEREAS, Chief Benson has recommended that Patrolman Jeffrey Bevan, Jr. be promoted to the rank of Corporal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey, that Patrolman Jeffrey Bevan, Jr. be promoted to the rank of Corporal effective June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of $63,323.00.

Police Commissioner Garrett Mulcahy and Mayor Dobies swore in the promoted Police Officers to their respective positions.

Chief Benson congratulated the officers and their families on a job well done and stated that this grueling testing process began in January and has been tough on both the officers and their families. Chief Benson also commended all the officers who took part in the testing process, as they all did a really good job and are a credit to the Police Department. Chief Benson thanked the Mayor and Council for all their support that they have given throughout the year.

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance No. 1584-03 by title for introduction.

ORDINANCE NO. 1584-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE ENTITLED BOROUGH OFFICERS-CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 34A

Councilman Mulcahy moved for introduction seconded by Councilman Curcio and carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Members Curcio, Ferris, 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:

Consent Agenda 2003(N)

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 #191-03 - Resolution #201-03

Council President Sadowski moved for adoption seconded by Councilman Curcio and carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Members Curcio, Ferris, 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 #191-03

The Tax Collector is authorized to refund an overpayment of 2nd quarter 2003 property taxes on Block 263, Lot 31, 139 Runyon Avenue in the amount of $1,089.28. The homeowner and the mortgage company paid the taxes. The check should be made payable to:

Gateway Funding
Attn: Delores Witherspoon
500 Office Center Drive
Suite 325
Ft. Washington, PA 19034

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #192-03

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 3rd quarter 2003 property taxes in the amount of $377.92 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 Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #193-03

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 3rd quarter 2003 property taxes in the amount of $1,062.10 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 #194-03

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Architectural Group LLC has received the price quotes from Dean Equipment & Furniture Co., Inc. of East Hanover, New Jersey for furniture listed below for the Middlesex Library Expansion:

Proposal #1 – Meeting Room Seating	$12,355.00
Proposal #2 – Children's Library	$54,644.00
Proposal #4 – Middlesex Library Seating	$ 4,088.00

WHEREAS, Dean Equipment & Furniture Co., Inc. is listed under State Contract #A84001; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Library Board is recommending the purchase of the furniture which has been quoted from Dean Equipment & Furniture Co., Inc. for the total amount of $71,087.

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 hereby award the purchase of Library Furniture from Dean Equipment & Furniture Co., Inc. in the amount of $71,087 at the recommendation of the Middlesex Library Board for the Middlesex Library Expansion.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available in the amount of $43,825 from Account No. 04-1551-00-1551-61 and $27,262 from Account No. 04-1551-00-1551-62.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #195-03

WHEREAS, the residents of Walnut Street, between B Street and C Street wish to conduct a block party on August 2, 2003 with a rain date of August 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, all the designated officials have been 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 Walnut Street between B Street and C Street permission to conduct a block party on August 2, 2003 with a rain date of August 9, 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 #196-03

The Mayor and Council hereby accept the resignation of John Sullivan as Public Defender for the Municipal Court effective August 1, 2003.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #197-03

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to cancel the following Van Cleef Engineering unpaid encumbrances in the total amount of $19,481.35:

Invoice Number	**Invoice Amount**	**Ordinance Number**
Inv.#S-26909	$ 7,350.58	Ord.#1545
Inv.#S-27092	$ 3,002.99	Ord.#1545
Inv.#S-27288	$ 3,950.09	Ord.#1545
Inv.#S-27380	$ 1,103.20	Ord.#1545
Inv.#S-27636	$ 1,115.53	Ord.#1545
Inv.#S-27780	$ 2,144.37	Ord.#1545
Inv.#S-27960	$ 696.09	Ord.#1545
Inv.#S-28157	$ 118.50	Ord.#1545

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #198-03

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

Rescue Squad Rental

Other Expenses $3,000.00

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #199-03

WHEREAS, the Borough received eight bids for the Reconstruction of Hazelwood Avenue Project on June 26, 2003; and

WHEREAS, listed below are the three lowest bids which were received on that date; and

Fischer Contracting, Inc. 10 Short Hills Lane Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	Total Bid:	$417,986.50
Jenicar Builders Contractors Co., Inc. 573 Belgrove Drive Kearny, NJ 07032	Total Bid:	$423,587.03
Intercounty Paving Associates, Inc. 859 Willow Grove Street Hackettstown, NJ 07840	Total Bid:	$425,000.72

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the bids listed above and has recommended that the bid be awarded to Fischer Contracting, Inc. of Scotch Plains, NJ who has submitted the lowest bid in the amount of $417,986.50 and has met all of the requirements of the specifications.

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. At the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, the Mayor and Council hereby award the bid for the Reconstruction of Hazelwood Avenue to Fischer Contracting, Inc. of Scotch Plains, New Jersey in the amount of $417,986.50 subject to the Department of Transportation approval.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available in Ordinance No. 1548-01.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #200-03

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #236-02 on August 27, 2002 authorizing Kupper Associates to proceed with the plans and specifications to repair the sanitary sewer located at Warrenville Road for approximately $80,000; and

WHEREAS, the engineering fees which were authorized for this project were $10,000; and

WHEREAS, Kupper Associates' letter dated June 20, 2003 indicated that the design and bid services for this project were completed within budget, but that they estimate that an additional amount of $3,750 is needed for construction management services for this project.

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 hereby authorize the additional engineering fees for Kupper Associates in an amount not to exceed $3,750 for construction management services to repair the sanitary sewer located at Warrenville Road.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that the funds are available in Ordinance No. 1557-02.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #201-03

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.

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

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

Mayor Dobies moved the appointment of Gloria Wigert, Sean P. Franciscus, Carol Taylor, Chief Jim Benson and Councilman Garrett Mulcahy to the Traffic Safety Committee seconded by Council President Sadowski and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Councilman Curcio moved the approval of the June 24, 2003 Public & Agenda Meeting Minutes and the May 6, 2003 and June 17, 2003 Agenda Meeting Minutes seconded by Council President Sadowski and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Councilman Mulcahy moved the approval of the June, 2003 Municipal Court Report seconded by Councilman Curcio 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 Councilman Curcio and carried by unanimous vote of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Anello, RMC
Borough Clerk