

Cape May Court House, NJ
April 20, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
FLAG SALUTE
THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED:

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times, the Atlantic City Press and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law).

The Township Committee met on the above date at 6:00 PM at the Middle Township Municipal Building. Members present were Mayor Donohue, Deputy Mayor Lockwood, Committeemember Clark, Business Administrator Constance Mahon, Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Deputy Township Clerk Suzanne Stocker, Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan, and Township Engineer Marc DeBlasio.

1. PRESENTATION BY THE MAYOR – APRIL 2015 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – KENDRA KARSTENS
2. QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA (This question and answer session shall relate only to items as outlined and pending on current agenda. Issues and concerns not related to agenda item shall be withheld to public comment portion at the conclusion of meeting.)

Vilma Pombo:

Questioned item #16 and stated that the fence that had been previously agreed upon at a meeting has not yet been put in. According to zoning guidelines, a 100 foot buffer or a fence should be in place.

Constance Mahon:

Putting the fence in place had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Board but after further reviewing the meeting tapes, David May concluded that there was no requirement for putting a fence up.

Committeemember Lockwood:

Suggested tabling item until next meeting for further clarification on the matter.

Stan Doniger:

Commended budget and questioned leasing of police vehicles.

Chief Leusner:

Explained that leasing police vehicles at this time saves money, approximately \$3,000.00. The vehicles are leased for three years and then are owned.

Constance Mahon:

The Township of Middle is currently looking into a similar lease idea to replace aged municipal vehicles while trying to avoid the bond process to buy.

Ed Dillio:

Asked why the vehicles are not leased locally.

Constance Mahon:

It is under State Contract that vehicles be leased with Ford.

3. RESOLUTION 183-14 – APPROVING PAYMENT FOR BILLS – BILL LIST A (General Bills) – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that payment for the following bills in the amounts indicated are hereby approved: Current Acct. \$155,839.03
4. RESOLUTION 184-14 – APPROVING PAYMENT FOR BILLS – BILL LIST B (Fire District #1) – On motion by Committeemember Lockwood seconded by Mayor Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. ***Committeemember Clark Abstain**
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that payment for the following bills in the amounts indicated are hereby approved: Current Acct. \$304,158.63
5. RESOLUTION 185-15 – APPROVING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the following minutes are approved: Special Meeting 12/29/2014; Regular Meeting 04/06/2015
6. REPORTS: The following departments have submitted their reports for the months indicated: Municipal Court for the month of March.
7. ORDINANCE NO. 1495-15 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, CHAPTER 188 THEREOF ENTITLED PARKS AND RECREATION, SUBSECTION 9, FEE SCHEDULE – Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1495-15 was adopted on motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call. Complete Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office.

BE IT ORDAINED by the TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, the governing body of the Township of Middle that Chapter 188 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Middle be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 188-9 Fee Schedule shall be further amended to include the following provisions:

Fees for usage of recreational facilities are as follows:

Organization or Use	Fee
Goshen Complex and Martin Luther King Center	
Baseball/softball fields (tournaments)	\$275/day/field
Baseball/softball fields (MTBSA Sponsored tournaments)	\$ 75/day/field
Deposit Required	
1-2 Fields	\$150.00
3-4 Fields	\$300.00
5-6 Fields	\$450.00
With lights	Additional \$50/field

SECTION 2: Any other Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 3: Should any section, paragraph, sentence or clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, 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 to be severable.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication, according to law.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 1496-15 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) –** Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1496-15 was adopted on motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call. Complete Ordinance is on file in the Clerk’s Office.
 WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,
 WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,
 WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle in the County of Cape May finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,
 WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 2.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$359,221.66 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,
 WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, in the County of Cape May, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Middle shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$628,637.91 and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Township of Middle be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,
 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,
 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,
 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 1498-15 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE. –** On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, Ordinance No. 1498-15 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 05/18/2015 at 6:00 p.m.
 Addition of following titles and ranges:

Acting Construction Official / Director of Inspections	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
Construction Official P/T	\$1.00	to \$25.00 ph
Construction Official /Director of Inspections	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds	\$9.00	to \$12.00 p/h

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 1499-15 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 121, DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON MAY 5, 1953 AS ORDINANCE #81 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO –** On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, Ordinance No1499-15 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 05/18/2015 at 6:00 p.m.
 BE IT ORDAINED by the TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, the governing body of the Township of Middle that CHAPTER 121 of the CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1: The following language shall be inserted immediately under the title for Article III of Chapter 121:

If you own or keep animals, you have a legal duty to take care of those animals, and you need to take reasonable steps to protect their welfare and prevent their suffering.

As a general principle, you must not leave or place animals in circumstances where they are likely to suffer.

SECTION 1A: Article III, Section 121-20 of Chapter 121 shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following terms shall be added to the definitions set forth in Section 121-20, in alphabetical order:

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Any establishment where dogs or other animals are received, housed and distributed.

CONTAINER:

A clean receptacle designed to hold water which is sturdy, hard to tip and suitable to the pet and circumstance.

EXTREME WEATHER:

Temperatures above 85 degrees or below 40 degrees and depending on the species, age, condition, size and type of each animal, weather warnings and watches, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and blizzards.

SHADE:

An area out of the direct sunlight or an area having the direct sunlight blocked during the months of May to October.

SHELTER: (Replaces current definition)

Shelter/doghouse that is suitable for the species, age, condition, size and type of each animal and protects each animal from injury, rain, sleet, snow, hail, direct sunlight, the adverse effects of heat or cold and maintains the physical condition of the animal so as to maintain the animal in a state of good health. Such shelter shall be large enough for the animal to turn around and lay down yet not so tall that the animal's body heat dissipates easily.

TUFTS SCALE:

The Tufts Animal Care and Condition Scale for assessing body condition, weather and environmental safety, and physical care in dogs; authored by the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

WATER

Fresh, clean water provided daily in all situations in sufficient quantity in an appropriate container for the pet and the circumstance (e.g. no metal bowls in winter.)

SECTION 2: The heading of Article II, of Chapter 121, shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article II: Kennel, Pet Shop, Animal Shelter or Pound:

SECTION 3: Article III, Section 121-24 of Chapter 121 shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Tufts Animal Care and Condition Scale shall be used as a guide to assess reasonable treatment.

A. No owner, caretaker or handler shall withhold proper shelter, protection from weather, safety in extreme weather, veterinary care and immune care to any animal. No owner, caretaker, or handler shall fail to provide his or her animal with sufficient food and fresh drinkable water on a daily basis. Food and water must be in an animal food-consumption or water-consumption-type container, feeder or watering device.

B. No animal shall be subjected to unnecessary suffering and cruelty such as subjecting the animal to prolonged fear, injury, pain or physical abuse or extreme weather. Interaction with humans and other animals shall not be unreasonably withheld. This section does not apply to any individual currently licensed by the State board of veterinary Medical examiners to practice veterinary medicine, who is acting within his or her scope of practice to deliver acceptable and medically sound veterinary care for an animal.

C. No animal shall be left unattended in a motor vehicle without sufficient airflow or under extreme heat conditions (70 or more degrees on a sunny day and/or more than 84 degrees inside the vehicle) as to render the animal susceptible to heat prostration or any other adverse condition that would be caused by said behavior, including death.

SECTION 4: Article III, Section 121-26 of Chapter 121 shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

For purposes of this subsection, if more than one animal is involved, each act shall constitute a separate offense.

A. Enforcement of all sections within Article III shall be commenced by the filing of a complaint or a notice of violation with the Municipal Court of the township of Middle. A notice of violation may be issued by a member of the Middle Township Police Department, Middle Township Animal Control Officer, or Township Animal Cruelty Investigator.

B. A complaint may be issued by a member of the Township Police Department or the Middle Township Animal Cruelty Investigator.

C. Any person found guilty of a violation of ss 121-22 shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$25 for the first offense; \$50 for the second offense; and \$100 for any subsequent offenses.

D. Any person found guilty of all other sections of this Article III by the municipal Court of the Township of Middle shall be subject to a fine not the exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both; provided however, that the Court shall waive or suspend any fines if the Court determines it is appropriate to do so. Furthermore, the Court may order restitution be paid to any person or entity that incurs expenses related to the investigation and prosecution of any offender of this Article III.

SECTION 5: Any other Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 6: Should any section, paragraph, sentence or clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, 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 to be severable.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication, according to law.

11. RESOLUTION 186-15 – ACKNOWLEDGING REQUEST FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Transfer Program through New Jersey Civil Service Commission provides the opportunity for eligible New Jersey state and local government employees with permanent civil service status to transfer between local to local employment jurisdictions while maintaining their permanent status, and

WHEREAS, this program promotes more efficient public service by allowing civil service jurisdictions to share talented and experienced individuals with other governmental sectors, and

WHEREAS, all parties involved in the transfer (the transferring employee, the sending jurisdiction, the receiving jurisdiction, and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission) must agree to the transfer for it to be completed. A transfer is not valid until approved by the Civil Service Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that the Governing Body of the Township of Middle does hereby acknowledge and approve the preparation of an Intergovernmental Transfer for Donald Arndt, Construction Official.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Human Resources, and/or any other required official of the Township of Middle, is hereby authorized to process all “sending agencies” forms in connection with said transfer.

12. RESOLUTION 187-15 – APPOINTMENTS – NEW HIRE – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the following employees are hereby appointed to the following position at the salaries opposite their names:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Jeffery Thompson	Recreation	Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds P/T T/A	\$9.00 ph	06/01/2015
Bobby Jones	Recreation	Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds P/T T/A	\$9.00 ph	06/01/2015

13. RESOLUTION 188-15 – AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT - On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
- WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and
- WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and
- WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Middle has duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services; and
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) TITLE - This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Middle
- 2) AUTHORITY - Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
- 3) CONTRACTING UNIT - The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
- 4) EFFECTIVE DATE - This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

14. RESOLUTION 189-15 – AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF POLICE VEHICLE UNDER STATE CONTRACT – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Police Department has determined that the need exists for one additional vehicle to be used in connection with the operation of that department, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed this request and has determined that the need for such vehicles does, in fact, exist, and

WHEREAS, the particular vehicle requested by the Police Department is one Ford Police Interceptor vehicle, which is available from Cherry Hill Winner Ford. Further, leasing options are available through Ford Credit, Municipal Finance Department, and

WHEREAS, this vehicle is available under a state contract and, therefore, competitive bidding for the acquisition of this vehicle is not required, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the leasing of this vehicle in order to reduce the initial outlay of Municipal funds, and

WHEREAS, the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middle has determined that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The leasing of one Ford Police Interceptor vehicle be and is hereby authorized.
2. This vehicle shall be in accordance with State Contract T-2776, Contract No. 88728. Said lease includes 3 payments in the amount of \$10,120.09 each, with an APR of 6.50%. At the term end the municipality shall buy the equipment for \$1.00.
3. This vehicle will be acquired from Cherry Hill Winner Ford, pursuant to the quotation submitted to the Township of Middle dated April 6, 2015.

4. The award of this Contract is contingent upon certification by the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middle that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

15. RESOLUTION 190-15 – AWARD CONTRACT AND RATIFY AGREEMENT THROUGH NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS – IN REM FORECLOSURES – KEITH BONCHI – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the Agreement between Keith Bonchi, of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill and the Township of Middle for In Rem Foreclosure preparation, be and is hereby ratified and the contract is hereby awarded through the Non-Fair and Open Process as described in Pay-To-Play Statutes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement.

Keith Bonchi – In Rem Foreclosure – Not to Exceed \$17,000.00

16. ****TABLED**** RESOLUTION 191-15 – RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND – 47D3 LLC / DEARBORN LAND INVESTMENT, LLC. – On motion by seconded by and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, \$403,867.20, is being held as a performance guarantee for 47D3 LLC / Dearborn Land Investment, LLC. for site improvements at Block 13.02, Lot(s) 18, 19, otherwise known as Route N. North, Swainton, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer for the project has conducted his inspection and certified that all improvements have been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Administrator for the Township of Middle has recommended that the performance bond be released; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey (NJS 40:55D-1 et. seq.) requires such a release upon recommendation by the Township Engineer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the bond in the amount of \$403,867.20 is hereby released.

17. RESOLUTION 192-15 through 193-15 – REFUND OF TAXES (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

A. Refund due to State of New Jersey sent a homestead benefit credit for the properties listed below and they are tax exempt.

ACCOUNT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER / LOCATION	2015
16948	164.02	26	Migliore, Albert R & Gayle A 9 New River Road Cape May Court House, NJ 08210	\$356.24
6391	408	15	Cantz, Gerald & Deborah 21 S 5 th Street Del Haven, NJ 08251	\$250.58
6520	420	1.02	Ward, Richard & Yvonne 4 Bucknell Avenue Del Haven, NJ 08251	\$245.10

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, that the Chief Financial Officer be instructed to draw check in the above noted amounts\ payable to the above mentioned party, as a refund of 2015 taxes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be given to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middle.

B. Refund due State of New Jersey sent a homestead benefit credit to Mr. Farrow and this property is tax exempt.

ACCOUNT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER / LOCATION	2015
11237	897	3	Farrow, Robert E Jr & Monica B 413 Scott St Cape May Court House, NJ 08210	\$126.77

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, that the Chief Financial Officer be instructed to draw check in the above noted amounts\ payable to the above mentioned party, as a refund of 2015 taxes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be given to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middle.

18. RESOLUTION 194-15 through 195-15 – AMENDING FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – REMINGTON, VERNICK AND WALBERG ENGINEERS (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) WHEREAS, on January 6, 2015 Township Committee awarded Remington Vernick & Walberg Engineers a three year term as Township Engineer, and said contract was certified for 2015 as Resolution No. 06-15, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers shall complete Middle Township’s portion of the Bike Path Connector Project, as part of the shared service effort with Lower Township, as following:

Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers – Middle Township/ Lower Township Bike Path Connection

Not to Exceed \$22,000.00

(B) WHEREAS, on January 6, 2015 Township Committee awarded Remington Vernick & Walberg Engineers a three year term as Township Engineer, and said contract was certified for 2015 as Resolution No. 06-15, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers shall provide engineering contract administration and inspection services as following:
 Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers – Hockey Rink Parking Lot
 Not to Exceed \$6,500.00

19. RESOLUTION 196-15 – ACKNOWLEDGING FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT STONE HARBOR GOLF CLUB – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Stone Harbor Golf Club, through Schaefer Pyrotechnics, has requested permission to conduct an outdoor fireworks display as part of a wedding ceremony on May 8, 2015; and WHEREAS, as part of the approval Stone Harbor Golf Club must comply with all conditions as set forth in Chapter 142-8 Subsections C, D, and E of the code of the Township of Middle as well as apply for and receive the appropriate permits in connections with the regulations of the Bureau of Fire Prevention, Fire District No 1; and WHEREAS, Schaefer Pyrotechnics has provided the Township of Middle with the following, which have been reviewed and approved by the ACJIF, as required:

- COI with NJ workman’s insurance certificate
- NJ Hold Harmless Agreement
- NJ Surety Bond

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey does hereby acknowledge a fireworks display at Stone Harbor Golf Club on May 8, 2015.

20. RESOLUTION 197-15 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISCONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT – On motion by Committeemember Clark seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that the following discontinuation of temporary appointment listed below, is acknowledged.

NAME	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Gary Playford	Public Works	Laborer 1 P/T T/A	03/27/2015

21. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Leusner:

- April 24th is the anniversary of Jeffrey Natale’s death, and in honor of him the Hero Campaign will be hosting a candlelight vigil on April 25th located on Millman Boulevard.

Stan Doniger:

- Asked about the duties of the Court Advocate

Chief Leusner:

- Clarified that she assists people seek help with the particular situation he/she may be experiencing for example: mental health, homelessness, addiction, and veteran services.

Vilma Pombo:

- Gave thanks for creation of the animal ordinance and stated that the animal advisory worked hard and everything is finally coming together.

Committeemember Clark:

- Mentioned the All Sports Day at the Recreation Center.
- Stated that the Rec Advisory Board is working on improving the Goshen Recreational Center and he knows it can be a “shining light.”
- Recognized Jeffrey Vecere as Business Person of the Year.

Committeemember Lockwood:

- The Goshen Complex looked great for the Opening Day of Baseball.
- The Earth Day Event was well ran and grows more and more with people every year.
- Congratulated Kendra Karstens on a job well done.

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated there were many participants for baseball’s opening day.
- Mentioned the Work Session discussion on upgrading the police department’s radio system and his concern with officer safety.
- Press Release on pending formation of Veterans Advisory Board and Maureen Lozier chosen as the Chairman for the board. There were 25 applicants for 11 positions.

 Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 6:34pm

1st: Committeemember Clark 2nd: Committeemember Lockwood

Pass on Roll Call: Committeemember Clark, Committeemember Lockwood, Mayor Donohue