

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey  
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORKSESSION AGENDA  
March 18, 2019 4:00 PM (prevailing time)**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor's Announcement: 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).

Notice of this meeting was properly given in Resolution No. 25-19 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 2, 2019.

Members present are Mayor Donohue and Committeemember Clark

Business Administrator/Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Deputy Township Clerk Andrea Singley & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan

***Deputy Mayor Gandy & Township Engineer Vincent Orlando were absent***

**FLAG SALUTE:****SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Presentation by Atlantic City Electric -  
Reliability Improvements

*Ronnie Town, Atlantic City Electric:*

- *Provided background on Reliability Improvements.*

*Tim Cuchen, Project Manager:*

- *Discussed the Power Ahead Program as well as various projects to begin within Middle Township. Explained the various projects to help get power back to residents more quickly; provided timelines. Spoke of closing the Bike Trail between Hand Avenue and Indian Trail during the process of the project to ensure safety.*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Asked about capacity.*

*Tim Cuchen:*

- *Responded that capacity would increase.*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Explained that the Bike Path is on the Atlantic City Electric high line. Discussed wanting to prepare citizens for closure of the Bike Path section between Hand Avenue and Indian Trail during summer months.*

*Committeeman Clark:*

- *Spoke of safety during the project and closure of the Bike Path.*
- *Thanked Atlantic City Electric representatives.*

*Ronnie Town:*

- *Spoke of various entities notified of the upcoming projects.*
- *Discussed future project to be complete in Middle Township.*

*Committeeman Clark:*

- *Stated that the Fire Company has had a lot less calls regarding outages.*
- *Thanked Atlantic City Electric for everything to do to keep systems upgraded.*

*Stan Donigar, Rio Grande:*

- *Asked about underground and above-ground line pricing.*

*Ronnie Town:*

- *Discussed the prices and challenges with underground lines.*

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:****Administration:****Finance:**

2019 Budget Presentation – Leon  
Costello, Ford Scott & Associates &  
Susan Quinones, CFO

*Leon Costello, Auditor:*

- *Discussed tax levy, assessed value, spending caps, tax collection and surplus figures.*
- *Spoke of vote needed during regular meeting to move forward with proposed budget.*
- *Discussed lines being similar to previous year's budget as well as utility budget.*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Mentioned long-term capital plan.*
- *Commented on efforts to come up with solid budget.*

*Vince Conte, Cape May County Herald:*

- *Asked about the indirect cost for utilities.*

*Susan Quinones, Chief Financial Officer:*

- *Stated they stayed the same.*

*Committeeman Clark:*

- *Commended Susan, Kim and Leon on their work on the budget. Spoke of taxes not increasing. Discussed changes made to help with the no tax increase.*

*Leon Costello, Auditor:*

- *Stated he will record the vote on budget and then place budget on the Township Website.*

**Public Works:**

**Engineering:**

**Legal:**

**Tax Collection:**

**Tax Assessment:**

**Construction/Planning/Zoning:**

**Recreation:**

**Police / Animal Control/ Code Enforcement:**

**Buildings and Grounds:**

**Sewer:**

**Economic Development:**

**Personnel:**

**Zoning:**

**Township Clerk:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 4:30pm

1<sup>st</sup>: Committeeman Clark

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mayor Donohue

Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Clark, Mayor Donohue

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Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk