

Cape May Court House, NJ  
February 3, 2020  
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 Gandy, Committeemember Norris, Business Administrator/Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Deputy Township Clerk Andrea Singley, Township Engineer Vince Orlando, & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan

1. 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.)

*Stan Doniger*

- *Questioned bill list item regarding the affordable housing; also questioned the bond regarding Patsy's Way.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Indicated that the Patsy's Way Bond is not listed on this agenda.*

2. RESOLUTION 77-20 – APPROVING PAYMENT FOR BILLS – BILL LIST A (GENERAL BILLS) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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. \$2,800,929.20
3. RESOLUTION 78-20 – APPROVING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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: 01/22/2020 Work Session and Regular Meetings.
4. REPORTS: Clerk for the month of December;
5. ORDINANCE NO.1604-20 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE - Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1604-20 was adopted on motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:  
SECTION 1. The positions listed in the attached schedule are hereby created.  
SECTION 2. The salary ranges specified in the attached schedule are hereby adopted for each and every position listed therein. In those cases where only one rate or figure appears in said schedule, said rate or figure shall be the maximum rate of figure applicable to said position. In those cases where a maximum and minimum salary are hereby established for a position, the exact salary to be paid to the holder of said position shall be as determined from time to time by resolution of the Township Committee.  
SECTION 3. The duties to be performed by each person holding any position listed in said schedule shall be those duties as outlined in Job Description of New Jersey Civil Service Department.  
SECTION 4. In addition to the salaries set forth in said schedule, those employees who have held full time positions for a minimum of five years, as hereinafter defined, shall be entitled to additional compensation as set forth in this section, based upon current salary. The additional compensation to which the employee is entitled on January 1 of any year shall be the additional compensation for the entire year. In determining years of service on January 1 of any year, for the purpose of this Ordinance only, no credit shall be given for less than six full months of service in any year, and credit for a full year shall be given for any year in which the employee served for six full months or more.

Years of Service	Additional Compensation (Percent of Annual Salary)
5 years or more	2%
10 years or more	4%
15 years or more	6%
20 years or more	8%
25 years or more	10%

Section 4 shall only apply to Township Employees hired before December 31, 1994.  
SECTION 5. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective, retroactive to January 1, 2020 immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

NO COMMENTS

6. ORDINANCE NO. 1605-20 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE III ENTITLED MEMBERSHIP - Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1605-20 was adopted on motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call. Complete Ordinance is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

WHEREAS, Chapter 70, of the Middle Township Municipal Code establishes the creation of the Middle Township Traffic Committee, a volunteer board used to study traffic problems of the Township of Middle and to make recommendations to the Township Committee with regard to the resolution of such problems.; and

WHEREAS, Section 70-3 speaks to membership.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 70-3 and 70-5, of the Code of the Township of Middle is hereby amended as follows (strikethroughs indicating deleted portions, and bold and underlined indicating additions):

**§ 70-3 Membership.**

The Middle Township Traffic Committee shall consist of the following:

~~A. Seven voting members who shall be chosen from the general public. Each member shall have a term of three years' duration. All existing members of the Traffic Committee shall maintain the terms for which they were heretofore appointed.~~

~~B. Nonvoting members.~~

~~(1) Six nonvoting advisory members composed of the following:~~

~~(a) Mayor.~~

~~(b) Township Engineer.~~

~~(c) County Engineer.~~

~~(d) One Chief of any Middle Township fire or rescue squad.~~

~~(e) One representative of the Middle Township Police Department.~~

~~(f) One representative of the Department of Transportation.~~

~~(2) Each advisory member shall have a term of one year.~~

~~C. Three alternate members having a term of two years' duration.~~

1. **Mayor of Township**
2. **Business Administrator of Township**
3. **Township Engineer**
4. **County Engineer**
5. **Representative of each Fire District**
6. **Representative of municipal police department**
7. **Department of Transportation Representative**
8. **EMS / Rescue Representative**

**Each member shall have a term of one year, reappointed yearly.**

**The Traffic Committee shall have the services of a Board Secretary to be appointed by the Township Committee. The Traffic Committee shall utilize the Township Solicitor as its legal adviser. The committee shall meet as often as determined by the board, as the need for said meetings are presented.**

~~§ 70-5 Officers.~~

~~The Traffic Committee shall elect a Chairman from the seven voting members. The Traffic Committee shall have the services of a Secretary, to be appointed by the Township Committee. The Traffic Committee shall utilize the Township Solicitor as its legal adviser.~~

SECTION 2. All 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, clause or phase 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.

Mayor Donohue

- *Briefly discussed background on the Ordinance; Explained the reformatting of the Advisory Board by reducing the size, making it a more professional and affiliated board; intent is to streamline the process of residents requests such as instillation of a stop sign on their street, speed reduction in their neighborhood etc.; The Mayor further discussed efforts to reform the board and bring issues more quickly to the Committee and speed up the process.*

7. RESOLUTION 79-20 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATION – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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 resignations listed below, are acknowledged.

NAME	BOARD/DEPARTMENT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Patricia Cornwell	Public Safety – Records Department	Keyboarding Clerk 2	04/11/2020

Frank Dougherty	Recreation	Recreation Attendant P/T	01/23/2020
Allen Rodesky	Veterans Advisory Board	Member	11/19/2019

8. RESOLUTION 80-20 – AMENDING RESOLUTION 59-20 – AUTHORIZE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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 Resolution No. 59-20 shall hereby be amended and corrected to reflect the following employee effective date indicated below:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY/RATE	EFFECTIVE
Walter Belles Sr.	Public Safety	Emergency Medical Technician F/T	\$26,000.00	02/01/2020
Linda Brannon	Public Works	Emergency Medical Technician F/T	\$26,000.00	02/01/2020

9. RESOLUTION 81-20 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISCONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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.

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Brandon Hibbard	Public Works	Laborer 1 P/T T/A	01/30/2020

10. RESOLUTION 82-20 – DEPARTMENT CHANGE – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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 department changes listed below are hereby acknowledged:

NAME	PREV. DEPT.	NEW DEPT.	TITLE	EFF. DATE
Nancy McDevitt	Administration	Recreation	Special Events Coordinator	01/01/2020

11. RESOLUTION 83-20 – APPROVE SECONDHAND MERCHANT AND DEALER OF PRECIOUS METALS LICENSES- GAMESTOP, INC. – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the following applicants applied for a Secondhand Merchant & Dealer of Precious Metals License to operate in the Township of Middle;

WHEREAS, proper applications have been made to the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, reviewed by the Middle Township Police Department, and the proper fees have been paid; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the below Secondhand Merchant and Dealer of Precious Metals applicants are hereby licensed by the Township of Middle to operate within the Township of Middle from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

License #	Applicant	Location	Fee
2	GameStop, Inc. dba GameStop #4718	1500 Route 47, Suite C-7 Rio Grande, New Jersey 08242	\$500.00

12. RESOLUTION 84-20 – REJECT BIDS AND RE-ESTABLISH TABULATION COMMITTEE – CONTRACTS #2019-4 AND #2019-6, MIDDLE TOWNSHIP HOME REHABILITATION PROJECT – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, following public advertisement, proposals for the Contracts #2019-4 and #2019-6, Middle Township home rehabilitation project, were received by the Township of Middle on January 7, 2020 at the Township Hall; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Township to reject the bids and rebid the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle that all proposals received on January 7, 2020 for the Middle Township Home Rehabilitation Project Contracts #2019-4 and #2019-6 are hereby rejected; and

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 Township Officials be and hereby are appointed to tabulate the bids to be taken on March 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

CONTRACTS #2019-4 and #2019-6, MIDDLE TOWNSHIP HOME REHABILITATION PROJECT

13. RESOLUTION 85-20 – TABULATION COMMITTEE – CONTRACTS #2019-3 AND #2019-7 – MIDDLE TOWNSHIP HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2019, Township Committee established a Tabulation Committee to accept

bids for the Middle Township Home Rehabilitation Project Contracts #2019-3 through #2019-4 and #2019-6 through #2019-7, on Tuesday, January 7, 2020; and  
WHEREAS, no bids were received for contracts #2019-3 and #2019-7; and  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that Township Officials be and hereby are appointed to tabulate bids to be taken on March 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

CONTRACTS #2019-3 and #2019-7  
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

14. RESOLUTION 86-20 – AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION – THE FAIRWAYS PHASE 2A – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris 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 Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Treatment Works Approval Permit Application, Statement of Consent, and any and all permit applications in connection therewith for Block 335.01 Lots 5.02 and 5.03.
15. RESOLUTION 87-20 – RESCINDING RESOLUTION 64-20 – AWARD OF BID – 38 & 40 CHANNEL ROAD PIPE REPLACEMENT – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.  
WHEREAS, following public advertisement, proposals for the pipe replacement project at 38 & 40 Channel Road were received by the Township of Middle on January 8, 2020 at Township Hall; and  
WHEREAS, the lowest bidder, Capela Construction was awarded said project via Resolution 64-20; and  
WHEREAS, after further review, it has been determined that the lowest bid provided was incomplete and therefore, said award shall be rescinded.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Resolution No. 64-20 is hereby rescinded.
16. RESOLUTION 88-20 – AWARD OF BID – 38 & 40 CHANNEL ROAD PIPE REPLACEMENT – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.  
WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary and desirable to solicit bids for the pipe replacement project for 38 and 40 Channel Road; and  
WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on January 8, 2020; and  
WHEREAS, said project was awarded to Capela Construction via Resolution 64-20; and  
WHEREAS, after further review, the award Resolution has been rescinded due to the bid being incomplete; and  
WHEREAS, it appears that the following bid submitted represents a figure equal to the next lowest complete bid received, which complies with specifications.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the contract for the pipe replacement project for 38 and 40 Channel Road be awarded to Capela Construction, Inc.

Compass Construction, Inc.  
Pipe Replacement Project – 38 & 40 Channel Road  
Not to Exceed \$22,903.00

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this award is conditioned upon certification of availability of funds.

17. RESOLUTION 89-20 THROUGH 93-20 – AWARD CONTRACT AND RATIFY AGREEMENT THROUGH NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS (ITEMS A THROUGH E)– On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.  
(A) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the Agreement between The Fuzzy Bunny Slippers and Animal House and the Township of Middle for their Performances for the Summer Concert Series, 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.

Fuzzy Bunny Slippers – Summer Concert Series  
July 21, 2020  
Not to exceed \$3,000.00  
Animal House – Summer Concert Series  
August 18, 2020  
Not to exceed \$2,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of a cancellation due to rain, inclement weather or conditions out of the control of the Township, both parties may agree on an alternate date for the performance.

(B) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the Agreement between Anderson Entertainment Management, Inc. and the Township of Middle for The Performance of Stellar Mojo for the Summer Concert Series, 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.

Anderson Entertainment Management, Inc.  
Stellar Mojo  
August 25, 2020  
Not to Exceed \$3,000.00

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of a cancellation due to rain, inclement weather or conditions out of the control of the Township, both parties may agree on an alternate date for the performance.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a deposit of \$1,500.00 is due to said contractor conditioned upon certification of availability of funds.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the remaining balance due of \$1,500.00 is contingent upon the necessary funds being appropriated by the governing body in the 2020 budget.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, said agreement is pending approval of Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless by the Township's insurance carrier.

(C) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the Agreement between Ultra Artists LLC and the Township of Middle for The Performance of The Sensational Soul Cruisers, Yellow Brick Road and Frontiers for the Summer Concert Series, 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.

Ultra Artists LLC – Payable to Steve Barlotta  
Sensational Soul Cruisers  
July 7, 2020  
Not to Exceed \$4,000.00

Ultra Artists LLC – Payable to Gerald Brann  
Yellow Brick Road  
July 28, 2020  
Not to Exceed \$5,000.00

Ultra Artists LLC – Payable to Damon Marks LLC  
Frontiers  
August 11, 2020  
Not to Exceed \$3,500.00

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event of a cancellation due to rain, inclement weather or conditions out of the control of the Township, both parties may agree on an alternate date for the performance.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, certification of availability of said funds is contingent upon the necessary funds being appropriated by the governing body in the 2020 budget.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, said agreement is pending approval of Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless by the Township's insurance carrier.

(D) WHEREAS, The Township of Middle has a need to award a contract for employee benefits insurance and broker consulting services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the value of the acquisition shall exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract shall be for the 2020 year; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middle wishes to hire Tom Rotondi of the Marsh & McLennan Agency as the consultant for the Township, and

WHEREAS, Tom Rotondi of Marsh & McLennan Agency has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a politician or candidate for Committee in the Township of Middle in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount shall be charged to Group Insurance OE in the amount of \$50,000.00 contingent upon the approval of the 2020 budget; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Tom Rotondi of the Marsh & McLennan Agency as described herein and that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Award Resolution shall be published in the Cape May County Herald as required by law.

(E) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the Agreement between Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle and Sacks and the Township of Middle for Special Counsel for Affordable Housing, 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.

Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle and Sacks

Special Counsel for Affordable Housing  
Not to Exceed \$17,500.00

*Mayor Donohue*

*- Explained various items being awarded - summer concerts; Tom Rotondi; Affordable Housing Representative, which is a new firm.*

18. RESOLUTION 94-20 – CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY VENDOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – MIDDLE TOWNSHIP’S ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Township of Middle has received requests from the public to study vendor policies and procedures for the Middle Township Annual Harvest Festival; and

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

1. The averments of the preamble are incorporated.
2. There is hereby established the Advisory Committee to Study vendor policies and procedures for the Middle Township Annual Harvest Festival.
3. The Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity only, and it shall make its non-binding recommendations to the Township Committee at the conclusion of its work.
4. The Advisory Committee shall review the current policies and procedures being utilized for the Harvest Festival, and shall, at its discretion, consider various alternatives. It shall provide a report to the Township Committee with its recommendations at the conclusion of its work.
5. The following individuals are hereby appointed to the Advisory Committee:
  - Superintendent of Public Works  
Rob Flynn
  - Acting Superintendent of Recreation  
Dustin Sturm
  - Special Events Coordinator  
Nancy McDevitt
  - Recreation Advisory Board Representative  
Warren Wade
  - Economic Development Board Representative  
Rob Belasco
  - Council on the Arts Representative  
Karen Buckingham
  - Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro Representative  
Cheryl Spaulding
  - NAACP Representative  
Tracey Cardwell
  - Chamber of Commerce Representative  
Mary Farrell
6. Nancy McDevitt shall serve as Chair of the Advisory Committee.
7. The Advisory Committee shall hold 4 meetings on a bi-weekly basis. Dates of said meetings shall be determined by the Chair of the Committee. The Advisory Committee shall also report periodically to the Township Committee on the status of its review.
8. The Advisory Committee shall complete its work and render its final report and recommendations to the Township Committee no later than May 11, 2020.
9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage, according to law.

19. RESOLUTION 95-20 – AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF LIEN ON PROPERTY – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.1 states that whenever any municipality, pursuant to any Ordinance, undertakes the removal or demolition of any building or structure which is dangerous to human life or the public welfare or which constitutes a fire hazard, the governing body of the municipality may assess the cost of such removal or demolition as a municipal lien against the premises; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middle has adopted Ordinance No. 1580-19 known as Article II of Chapter 193 of the Code of the Township of Middle “Buildings, Unsafe;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 14 of Chapter 193, the Township shall exercise the power vested under said chapter to demolish any buildings that are unfit for human habitation or occupancy or use due to dilapidation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that it hereby imposes a lien on the properties listed below as indicated.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this lien shall be filed in the Office of the Tax Collector of the Township of Middle.

OWNER	PROPERTY LOCATION	BLOCK // LOT	AMOUNT
White, Joanne J.	2202 Rte 9 South	1058//1	\$8,450.00
Whack, Jerome	407 S Boyd St	253//12	\$12,850.00
Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB (Formally Herbert T Jaudon)	301 Goshen Road	60//11	\$13,450.00
Miller, John J	3 Leslie Avenue	64//3	\$2,500.00

20. PUBLIC COMMENT:

*John Lauricella*

- *Asked if any money from the sale of the Liquor License is going towards Trust Fund, if it can be allocated; also questioned if it could be put towards replacing the sewer pipes or to help with the redevelopment.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Explained the work for the pipes is bonded and the redevelopment projects is not supposed to be allocated by the Township...cost to the Township is supposed to be minimal.*

*John Lauricella*

- *Discussed his thoughts for using funding on various things for development within the Township. Spoke of vacancies in Township mixed use area; feels if Township did a lot themselves and could find a developer to do a joint venture with the Township, it would alleviate some of the items that are on hand.... feels that amount of money could get some projects moving.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Township trying to keep taxes low, have created a stable environment that is attractive for business development; trying to facilitate the creation of an atmospheres that is conducive to attracting responsible business development. Would work better if a developer was already in place then we could talk about the possibilities of tax abatements and that would only be on improvements to the property, so we would not be reducing our taxes in any way. We would have to explain to our taxpayers how we would justify that because if you at taking taxes away from one, someone else is paying for it. Discussed upcoming joint meeting with the Chamber and the Economic Development board to discuss this topic further. Still exploring of possibly doing some smaller projects first.*

*John Lauricella*

- *Asked if there were any updates regarding the concrete plant*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *No, there have been no updates.*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Asked about trash and recyclables-saw articles in the paper where some Townships are considering eliminating recyclables all together and just dumping them in the landfill if available-asked if we continue with the recyclables if the \$800,000 could be used to offset the costs; asked liquor license money could be used to offset the recyclable costs*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Discussed current problems that cities are facing regarding recycling; further discussed various issues regarding recycling vs not recycling – this is a worldwide issue.... traditional avenues to selling recyclables are not accepting them anymore. There is now new clean burning incinerated technology...maybe need to start a broader conversation about recycling. Discussed Cape May County League of Municipalities meeting, where the CCMUA discussed the world wide issue with recycling. Unfortunately, there are no simple solutions. We continue to lose on the end of what we get for recycled materials. Questioned the relevance of the liquor money to the question?*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Asked about recycle extension of 3 months.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *All the trash was extended*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Stated a pretty good increase.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Looking at a huge increase, discussed various ways the Township is exploring to help reduce the increase. Went back out to bid with some modifications in the bid specs. Put bulk as a separate option to see if any savings there. Not a lot of options, which affects the ability to get competitive bids.*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Asked whose responsibility it is to decide where the recyclables/trash goes*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Has not looked that far into it. Spoke of different programs where we could possibly apply for different grants, which can be difficult to get.*

*Deputy Mayor Gandy*

- *There are incentives, but if you try to get out of those incentives it will cost you.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Further discussed the various variable for recycling. Certain things have been taken off the list*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Questioned many moving parts? As homeowners it is all passed on to us.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Yes*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Questioned what could be done with \$800,000.... maybe for 1 year everyone pays less for their trash and then it is gone.*

*Deputy Mayor Gandy*

- *Stated we would not pay any less, we wouldn't see a raise and we would not have to raise taxes to catch up*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Understands that different things come up every year. Spoke of aging infrastructure on our roads, the sewers and bonding issues.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Explained onetime payment of a large amount of money , it is not a sustainable structural part of the budget going forward; discussed auditors views on the use of this large sum of money and many questions that arise when adding a large amount of money unexpectedly to the budget.. so what happens in the following year when you have an unexpected windfall? Would rather see it hold the line on taxes then creating new expenditures.*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Asked about the money going into line item for a rainy-day fund?*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Explained the money is going into the surplus, explained surplus and how it works to offset any potential tax increase.*

*Stan Doniger*

- *So it goes into surplus, trash fees go up, so you take the surplus.....*

*Deputy Mayor Gandy*

- *That is pretty much the concept.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Right now, as we are formulating our budget and pulling together all of the work that has been done in the last several months, such as health insurance, salary and wages, which is all part of the pieces of the budget. Goal to be 0% increase in taxes.*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Clarified that it makes it harder to keep the budget level.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Yes, makes it very hard. We continue to try to keep our goals at 0% tax increase.*

*Stan Doniger*

- *Not suggesting that Township spends every last penny, but is looking at long range planning.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Explained that the surplus is people's money, government should try to reduce spending and give back to the people*

*Jerry Seiber*

- *Stated he is a volunteer for an organization called "US Term Limits" and is petitioning for term limits for congress; explained that it is a priority and was there to ask the Committeemen to sign the petition*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Stated the Governing Body may choose as an individual to sign the petition, but not as a whole Committee. Questioned whether calling for a Constitutional Amendment or just calling for term limits.*

*Jerry Seiber*

- *Clarified the petition is for limits for Congress; further clarified this is the wish of the people.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Questioned if he thought Congress would vote itself to have term limits?*

*Jerry Seiber*

- *Explained they can hopefully go in a different direction and go around Congress so they do not have any say in the matter, believes that is called a State Constitutional Convention.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *It is a Convention of the States, which would create an amendment to the Constitution.*

*Jerry Seiber*

- *Feels this is a priority of the American people and that they want this.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Would be happy to sign after the meeting, but not as part of the official meeting.*

### **COMMENTS FROM THE DIAS**

*Vince Orlando*

- *Construction on Railroad Park is moving along nicely.... gazebo parts have been delivered, furniture has been delivered to the public works yard...we are on track.*

*Deputy Mayor Gandy*

- *Discussed moving forward with E. Atlantic Avenue.*
- *Spoke of seeing President Trump in Wildwood, which was a spectacular, definitely once in a lifetime event.*
- *Congratulated his son and the rest of Cub Scout Troop 65 on Crossing Over to Boy Scouts.*

*Kimberly Krauss*

- *Clarified the Township put out RFPs for Special Project Engineers; explained those were just received and E. Atlantic and Pacific Avenues are the first projects on the list.*

*Committeeman Norris*

- *Discussed attending K-3 Basketball League; spoke of the program and the great organization done by Dustin and Kyle; February 17, a big basketball game at the MLK Center between the undefeated MT 7/ 8 Grade boys who will be playing AC undefeated 7/8 grade boys- game will begin at 7 PM;*
- *Thanked the Police Officers and EMTs who worked during the Trump Rally; great event and great crowd;*
- *Stated tomorrow night is Family Reading Night at Elementary #1 where Committee will be reading books;*
- *Thanked Andrea Singley for doing a great job tonight.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Discussed Avalon Manor Fishing Pier project, which is moving along well, pictures posted on FB Page today of the project; Home Association Providing funding of \$4600 to purchase a flag, flag pole and lighting for the flag pole on the pier, which they are coordinating with our engineers;*
- *Spoke of issue with collapsing train station.... credited Kim with station finally being demolished;*
- *Spoke of establishment of committee to review the policies and review process for the Harvest Festival; discussed hope for the future of the Harvest Festival; spoke of various representatives on the Board; spoke of goal to make Harvest Festival as more of a focus on local vendors;*
- *Discussed President Trump's visit to Wildwood; spoke of success of the event; Discussed great deal of coordination between federal officials, the secret service, the County, the Prosecutors Office, multiple police departments; proud of officers from Middle Township that served...thanked Chief for his major input on that project; Recognized Jackie Buckingham who sang the National Anthem at the Rally;*
- *Spoke of trying to get the budget approved earlier than usual; discussed trying to let employees know their salaries at the beginning of the year and making that the first priority; spoke of employee evaluations;*
- *Discussed Chamber of Commerce dinner and State of the Township Address;*
- *Recognized the Scouts crossing over from Cub Scouts to the Boy Scouts; thanked Assemblyman McCellan for picking up the Township Certificates to present to the Scouts.*
- *Discussed the fencing of the rec...found a little extra money and some fencing left over so was able to start phase 2 of the project earlier than planned.*
- *Recognized the passing of the Chairman of the Zoning Board, Jim McLaughlin; spoke of Jim's service for close to 3 decades, plus was Vice Chairman of the Planning Board, was a quiet leader, led by example, the kind of volunteer that you want; he was a Navy Veteran.... will be looking for a new Chair for the Zoning Board. Wants to name the Volunteer of the Year Award, that is given out at our Volunteer Board Dinner in October, after Jim.*

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:37 pm

1<sup>st</sup>: Committeeman Gandy 2<sup>nd</sup>: Committeeman Norris

Pass on Roll Call: Committeeman Gandy, Committeeman Norris, Mayor Donohue

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Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk