

Cape May Court House, NJ
March 16, 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. ****TABLED**** PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND COMMITTEE – RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT – EMT SCOTT KLECZ
2. ****TABLED**** PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND COMMITTEE –FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JEN TEASENFITZ
3. 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.*)

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained reasons behind postponing items 1 and 2 on the agenda; limiting the agenda to essential business.*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Questioned how the public would participate in meetings held over the phone or via Skype.*

Kim Krauss:

- *Stated that the Township would provide instructions to the public if the time comes.*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of striving to continue to hold meetings in the court room as well as his preference to postpone a meeting rather than taking them to the internet; unsure how long these circumstances will last.*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Questioned item on the bill list.*

Chief Leusner:

- *Explained charge on bill list pertaining to forfeiture funds.*

4. RESOLUTION 136-20 – 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. \$2,873,084.42
5. RESOLUTION 137-20 – 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: 03/02/2020 Regular Meeting.
6. REPORTS: Finance for the month of February; Tax Collector for the month of February; Sewer for the month of February; Sterback Harbor for the month of February; Clerk for the month of February
7. ORDINANCE NO. 1607-20 – AN 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 1607-20 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, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 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 2.5% 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 2020 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 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$197,798.82 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 2020 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 \$692,295.87, and that the CY 2020 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.

No public comment.

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained that the Ordinance is routine business and has been explained several times.*

8. ORDINANCE NO. 1608-20 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1237-06, WHICH ENACTED CHAPTER 116 (“DEVELOPMENT FEES”), AND TO REPLACE THE SAME WITH A COMPLIANT DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE AND ENACT CHAPTER 116 (“DEVELOPMENT FEES”) IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE - On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, Ordinance No. 1608-20 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 04/20/2020 at 6:00 p.m. WHEREAS, the Township of Middle, in September of 2006, adopted Ordinance No.: 1237-06, which enacted Chapter 116 of the Code of the Township of Middle regarding Development Fees; and WHEREAS, the Township Committee, having considered the enactment of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.1 as well as changes in the regulations and policies of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing regarding Residential and Non-Residential Development and the need for the Township to address the same. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1.

Ordinance No.: 1237-06, which enacted Chapter 116 of the Code of the Township of Middle, is hereby repealed and replaced by Chapter 116 entitled “Development Fees”, the provisions of which are fully incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

Section 2.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, 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 3.

Any Ordinance(s) or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall supersede, in its entirety, any previously enacted and/or inconsistent Ordinance(s) regarding the same.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 5.

A copy of this Ordinance shall be placed on file with the Township Clerk.

Section 6.

Notice of the adoption of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Middle and a newspaper of general circulation in Cape May County.

Section 7.

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final passage and publication, according to law.

9. RESOLUTION 138-20 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERMINATION – 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 termination listed below, is acknowledged.

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Christopher Hines	Recreation	Recreation Aide	03/05/2020
Cheryl Grier	Recreation	Recreation Leader	03/05/2020

10. RESOLUTION 139-20 – APPOINTMENTS – NEW HIRES – 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 employees are hereby appointed to the following position at the salaries opposite their names:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
David Schofield	Public Works	Laborer 1 P/T T/A (6 months)	\$11.00 per hour	03/09/2020

11. RESOLUTION 140-20 THROUGH 142-20 – AMENDING RESOLUTION (ITEMS A THROUGH C) – 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, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Resolution No. 120-20 shall hereby be amended and corrected to reflect the following employee effective date indicated below:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY/RATE	EFFECTIVE
Ashley Noel Davis	Tax Collection	Clerk 1	\$24,990.00	03/12/2020

(B) WHEREAS, on January 6, 2020 Township Committee authorized a lease agreement with Weight Watchers North America, Inc. for usage of the Middle Township Senior Center via Resolution 41-20; and

WHEREAS, due to a change of the name of the corporation, an amendment to said Resolution is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that Resolution No. 41-20 shall hereby be amended to reflect WW North America Holdings, LLC.

(C) WHEREAS, on September 5, 2018 Township Committee awarded engineering design, bidding services and construction management for the Avalon Manor Fishing Pier to DeBlasio & Associates via Resolution 356-18; and

WHEREAS, said contract shall be amended for additional services relative to the 2020 Park/Recreation Development Open Space Application to include the Avalon Manor Fishing Pier.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that DeBlasio & Associates shall provide the additional services mentioned above and said contract shall be amended as follows:

DeBlasio & Associates -
Not to Exceed an additional \$2,000.00

12. RESOLUTION 143-20 – AWARD OF RFP – PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER – 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 to request proposals for a public information officer; and

WHEREAS, RFP's were received on February 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Laura Bishop Communications was the only proposal received; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Laura Bishop Communications has been reviewed and has been deemed complete as it complies with the specifications and conditions of contract award; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that following contract for services shall be awarded as follows:

Laura Bishop Communications – not to exceed \$35,000.00

13. RESOLUTION 144-20 – TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-33 13 requires that premiums for liens that are not redeemed in five years escheat to the Municipality, or is foreclosed by the lien investor and becomes a part of the foreclosure.

WHEREAS, if redemption is not made within five years from date of sale the premium payment shall be turned over to the treasurer of the municipality and become a part of the funds of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE 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 tax sale certificate is now eligible to be turned over to the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the above:

Account	block/lot	certificate#	date of tax sale	amount
12616	1057/16	2016-8764	12/14/2016	\$1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 be accepted by the Chief Financial Officer from the Collector's lien redemption account

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be given to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middle upon adoption.

14. RESOLUTION 145-20 – TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT - 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 Temporary Budget, as established during Reorganization 2020 via Resolution 18-20 is hereby amended as outlined on the attached.

Account Number	Account Description	2020 Temp Budget	Budget - 40%
0-01-20-100-100	ADMIN & GEN	20,000.00	23,000.00
0-01-20-100-100-200	PUBLIC AFFAIRS	20,000.00	23,000.00
0-01-20-101-101-100	BOARD STIPENDS	3,500.00	4,000.00
0-01-20-105-105-100	HUMAN RESOURCES	36,300.00	42,200.00
0-01-20-105-105-200	MAYOR & COMMITTEE	16,150.00	18,000.00
0-01-20-110-110-100	MUNICIPAL CLERK	13,800.00	21,000.00
0-01-20-120-120-100	CODIFICATION	1,200.00	2,000.00
0-01-20-120-120-200	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	39,000.00	58,800.00
0-01-20-130-130-100	GRANTS ADMINISTRATION	9,800.00	14,500.00
0-01-20-130-130-200	GRANTS ADMINISTRATION	2,257.50	3,400.00
0-01-20-130-131-100	GRANTS ADMINISTRATION	42,500.00	64,800.00
0-01-20-130-131-200	GRANTS ADMINISTRATION	15,000.00	19,000.00
0-01-20-130-132-100	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	8,750.00	20,400.00
0-01-20-130-132-200	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	7,000.00	10,400.00
0-01-20-135-135-200	AUDIT SERVICES	17,000.00	28,600.00
0-01-20-145-145-100	COLLECTION OF TAXES	2,000.00	3,400.00
0-01-20-145-145-200	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	12,000.00	18,000.00
0-01-20-150-150-100	LIQUIDATION OF TTLS	45,000.00	68,400.00
0-01-20-150-150-200	LIQUIDATION OF TTLS	9,800.00	14,800.00
0-01-20-155-155-200	LEGAL SERVICES	4,000.00	12,000.00
0-01-20-155-156-200	LEGAL SERVICES	82,000.00	112,000.00
0-01-20-155-156-200	ENGINEERING SERVICES	25,000.00	40,000.00
0-01-21-180-180-100	SMART GROWTH	1,312.50	3,200.00
0-01-21-185-185-100	ZONING BOARD	24,675.00	40,000.00
0-01-21-185-185-200	CODE ENFORCEMENT	10,500.00	14,280.00
0-01-21-185-185-200	CODE ENFORCEMENT	12,288.25	20,000.00
0-01-21-185-185-200	CONSTRUCTION CODE	1,312.50	2,000.00
0-01-22-195-195-200	DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD BLDG	25,000.00	34,920.00
0-01-22-195-195-200	DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD BLDG	3,700.00	5,712.00
0-01-22-195-198-200	OTHER INSURANCE	2,625.00	4,000.00
0-01-23-215-215-400	WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	48,000.00	65,000.00
0-01-23-215-215-400	WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	144,500.00	196,000.00
0-01-23-220-220-400	GROUP INSURANCE PLAN FOR EMP	970,000.00	1,300,000.00
0-01-23-221-221-400	HEALTH CARE WALKER	40,000.00	53,200.00
0-01-23-225-225-400	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	2,625.00	6,000.00
0-01-23-310-310-100	PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	0.00	0.00
0-01-23-310-310-200	POLICE	30,000.00	160,000.00
0-01-25-240-240-100	COMMUNICATIONS	1,250,000.00	2,000,000.00
0-01-25-240-240-200	COMMUNICATIONS	54,000.00	145,000.00
0-01-25-250-250-100	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE	120,000.00	180,000.00
0-01-25-250-250-200	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE	1,840.00	2,800.00
0-01-25-262-262-100	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	275.00	400.00
0-01-25-262-262-200	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	121,000.00	202,000.00
0-01-25-262-262-200	CONTRIBUTION-1ST AID SQUAD	10,762.50	12,000.00
0-01-25-262-262-200	CONTRIBUTION-1ST AID SQUAD	20,000.00	32,000.00
0-01-25-275-275-200	FIRE PROTECTION	1,312.50	2,000.00
0-01-25-275-275-100	PROSECUTOR	9,000.00	14,400.00
0-01-26-290-291-100	PUBLIC WORKS	240,000.00	380,000.00
0-01-26-290-291-200	PUBLIC WORKS	41,000.00	59,000.00
0-01-26-295-295-200	SNOW REMOVAL	0.00	0.00
0-01-26-300-301-200	SHADE TREE COMMISSION	200.00	200.00
0-01-26-305-306-373	CONTRACTUAL WASTE SERVICES	183,750.00	223,500.00
0-01-26-305-306-373	CONTRACTUAL WASTE SERVICES	183,750.00	223,500.00
0-01-26-315-315-200	MOTOR POOL	60,000.00	85,200.00
0-01-27-330-330-100	BOARD OF HEALTH	250.00	250.00
0-01-27-330-330-200	BOARD OF HEALTH	250.00	250.00
0-01-27-340-340-100	ANIMAL CONTROL	16,800.00	28,000.00
0-01-27-340-340-200	ANIMAL CONTROL	2,100.00	3,200.00
0-01-27-340-340-300	ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT	50,000.00	54,350.00
0-01-28-370-370-100	RECREATION	15,800.00	19,000.00
0-01-28-370-370-200	RECREATION	13,800.00	21,300.00
0-01-28-370-371-100	SENIOR CENTER	15,750.00	23,200.00
0-01-28-370-371-200	SENIOR CENTER	6,500.00	8,000.00
0-01-30-415-415-100	TERMINAL LEAVE	10,000.00	20,000.00
0-01-31-430-430-475	UTILITIES	100,000.00	150,000.00
0-01-31-435-435-475	UTILITIES	2,500.00	3,400.00
0-01-31-440-440-475	UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
0-01-31-445-445-475	UTILITIES	22,300.00	36,800.00
0-01-31-445-445-475	UTILITIES	5,000.00	7,600.00
0-01-31-445-445-475	UTILITIES	15,000.00	22,000.00
0-01-31-447-447-475	UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
0-01-31-450-450-475	UTILITIES	5.75	7.200
0-01-31-460-460-475	UTILITIES	60,000.00	88,000.00
0-01-31-465-465-373	CONTRACTUAL	120,000.00	180,000.00
0-01-36-471-471-451	STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	75,000.00	105,000.00
0-01-36-471-471-453	STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	160,125.00	272,000.00
0-01-36-471-471-455	STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	200,000.00	280,000.00
0-01-36-471-471-457	STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	5,000.00	8,000.00
0-01-42-101-101-100	INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENTS	19,500.00	33,712.50
0-01-42-101-101-411	INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENTS	10,000.00	12,000.00
0-01-42-101-101-611	INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENTS	10,000.00	12,000.00
0-01-43-490-490-100	MUNICIPAL COURT	52,000.00	85,800.00
0-01-43-490-490-200	MUNICIPAL COURT	9,800.00	16,400.00
0-01-43-495-495-100	PUBLIC DEFENDER	4,600.00	7,200.00
	TOTAL CURRENT FUND TEMP BUDGET	\$ 5,211,186.25	\$ 7,945,074.00

15. RESOLUTION 146-20 – SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT – WILDWOOD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB INC. – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Golf and Country Club Inc. has applied for approval to sell alcoholic beverages at an event to be held at The Shore Club, 1170 Golf Club Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey 08210 on June 3, 2020 through June 7, 2020 from 8:00am to 12:00am; and

WHEREAS, they have provided proper documentation to the Township of Middle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, in the Township of Middle, does hereby approve the Social Affairs Permit.

16. RESOLUTION 147-20 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION – 2020 ANJEC OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP GRANT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Township of Middle desires to apply for and obtain a grant from ANJEC for approximately \$1,500.00 to procure a Pollinator Garden with signage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Middle does hereby authorize the application for such a grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Middle hereby recognizes and accepts that the organization may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from said organization, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Middle and ANJEC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary on connection therewith:

17. RESOLUTION 148-20 – SUPPORTING APRIL 3RD AS “WEAR PURPLE DAY” IN RECOGNITION OF ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol is responsible for about 88,000 deaths in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, Teens who start drinking before the age of 15 are 5 times more likely to develop alcohol problems than those who start at 21; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been recognized as Alcohol Awareness Month by NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence), the founder and sponsor of Alcohol Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the color that NCADD uses is in the purple/violet family – a color that is similar to the amethyst. Here is the reasoning behind the amethyst color: AMETHYST is the most beautiful and valuable form of Quartz. The word ‘amethyst’ stems from a Greek word meaning without drunkenness,” for in ancient times it was believed that anyone carrying or wearing this stone could not become intoxicated.”

Anyone who displays the amethyst color announces that they know someone whose life has been improved through alcoholism treatment; and

WHEREAS, that The New Jersey Association of County Alliance Coordinators has declared that Friday

April 3rd is “Wear Purple Day” in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month and encourages all of the

members, partners, contributors, and participants of the nearly 400 Municipal Alliance Committees

throughout the State of New Jersey to join in wearing purple.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle hereby supports “Wear Purple Day” on April 3rd in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month.

18. ****TABLED**** RESOLUTION 149-20 – AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY COASTAL COALITION (NJCC) – On motion by Mayor Donohue seconded by Committeeman Gandy and passed on roll call, the following resolution was tabled.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Coastal Coalition (NJCC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of New Jersey, who formed as the Atlantic Cape Coastal Coalition in 2013 as a result of Superstorm Sandy, and changed their name in early 2018 reflecting their desire to include all coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the NJCC’s mission is to build more resilient communities at the Jersey Shore by developing policies and practices that will anticipate future concerns and to create solutions to be shared by all participants; and

WHEREAS, participation in the NJCC provides the Township of Middle with networking and shared resource opportunities, which can better prepare the Township and its residents for future flood events; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middle has determined it is in the best interest of the Township to formalize its participation and become a member of the NJCC; an

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 Township of Middle hereby formalizes its desire to be an active participant in the New Jersey Coastal Coalition and directs staff to continue to dedicate time as needed towards this endeavor.

2. Copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Middle Township Administrator; the Middle Township Planning Board; and the NJ Coastal Coalition.

19. RESOLUTION 150-20 – AUTHORIZING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO APPEAR FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS VIA TELEPHONE – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS the Township Committee, the governing body of the Township of Middle, has an obligation to ensure the continuation of government in times of national and state emergency; and

WHEREAS, due to the declaration of a global pandemic, regarding the Corona Virus, there is a concern that Committee members may not be able to physically attend meetings, or may consider it prudent not to attend given current circumstances; accordingly, in order to ensure the continuation of government and to meet quorum requirements Council has decided to expressly authorize such appearance via telephone or Skype;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, as of the adoption of this resolution, and until further action by the governing body, all Committee Members, the Mayor, the Clerk/Business Administrator, the Solicitor, the Engineer, the CFO and all other essential personnel are hereby expressly authorized to appear for meetings of the governing body and for other committee meetings and functions, via telephone or Skype; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appearance by telephone shall be deemed the same as a personal appearance for the purposes of calculating a quorum

BE IT FURTHER resolved that notice of this resolution be published in accordance with law.

20. RESOLUTION 151-20 – CLOSED SESSION – POTENTIAL LITIGATION (INSPECTION FEES), PERSONNEL MATTER (EMPLOYEE LEAVE OF ABSENCE) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

Upon adoption of this resolution and conclusion of this meeting the governing body will convene on the above referenced topic in closed session.

This matter will be released to the public when the matter has been deemed resolved and the need to hear said item in closed session no longer exist.

The public will be invited back into open session at the conclusion of this meeting and formal action may be taken.

WHEREAS, the section of the Open Public Meetings Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, and

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

1.) The public shall be excluded from the discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified matter: POTENTIAL LITIGATION (INSPECTION FEES), PERSONNEL MATTER (EMPLOYEE LEAVE OF ABSENCE)

2.) The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: POTENTIAL LITIGATION (INSPECTION FEES), PERSONNEL MATTER (EMPLOYEE LEAVE OF ABSENCE)

3.) It is anticipated at this time the above subject matter will be made public as follows:

WHEN THE MATTER IS RESOLVED

4.) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT: *NONE*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of all extra-curricular Township activities being on hold.*
- *Thanked all department heads and employees for being flexible and dealing with the situation the best we can; all departments fully staffed at this time but facilities not open to the public without a specific need.*
- *Mentioned drop box outside of Town Hall for tax payments and other needs.*
- *Spoke of appreciation of residents' patience.*
- *Urged residents to keep an eye on the Township Facebook and website.*
- *Discussed criticism in dealing with situation; welcomed ideas.*

Motion to enter closed session – 6:12 pm

1st: Committeeman Gandy 2nd: Committeeman Norris

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

Motion to re-enter open session – 6:48 pm

1st: Committeeman Norris 2nd: Committeeman Gandy

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

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:49 pm

1st: Committeeman Gandy 2nd: Committeeman Norris

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

Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk

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