

Cape May Court House, NJ
 May 4, 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 virtually on Zoom Video Platform and through Facebook Live. 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.*)
2. RESOLUTION – APPROVING PAYMENT FOR BILLS – BILL LIST A (GENERAL BILLS) – On motion by _____ seconded by _____ 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. \$3,684,105.95
3. RESOLUTION – APPROVING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – On motion by _____ seconded by _____ 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: 04/20/2020 Regular Meeting.

4. REPORTS:

5. RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT – NEW HIRE – On motion by _____ seconded by _____ 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
Daniel Branco	Public Works	Laborer 1 P/T T/A (6 months)	\$11.00 per hour	TBD

6. RESOLUTION – REFUND OF TAXES – On motion by _____ seconded by _____ and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, that the following refund is due to the below-referenced property below due to a State Tax Court Judgement.

ACCT	BLOCK	LOT	LOCATION	2017
3453	167.01	84 & 91	Property location: 294 Indian Trail	\$22,222.27

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 amount payable to the plaintiff's attorney referenced below, as a refund of 2017 taxes

Please make payable to the following as requested in the attached email:

**Joel A Mott III attorney for Empire TF6 Jersey Holdings, LLC and Nam Huynh & Jo Ann Tran
 1862 San Marco Blvd
 Jacksonville, FL 32207**

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

7. RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CREATION OF LIEN ON PROPERTY – On motion by _____ seconded by _____ and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13 authorizes the governing body of every municipality the power to make, enforce, amend and repeal ordinances requiring the owner or tenant of a dwelling or of lands lying within the municipality to provide for the removal or destruction of brush, weeds, debris, etc. constituting fire hazard or injurious to public health or safety and to provide for the imposition of penalties for the violation of any such ordinance; and
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14 authorizes the municipality the right to place a lien against such dwelling or lands to provide for the cost of removing brush, weeds, debris, etc.; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Middle has adopted Ordinance No. 316-76 known as Article I of Chapter 193 of the Code of the Township of Middle "Property Maintenance;" and
WHEREAS, the Township of Middle has noticed the following property owners as indicated below and furthermore these violations had not been remedied; and

WHEREAS, in absence of compliance by said owners, the Township of Middle commenced and completed abatement of these violations; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Middle has certified the following cost as listed.

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
King, Robert S & Rosalie E	124 Indian Trail	208//4	\$637.80
Tobin, John F IV/J Tobin	53 Honeysuckle Lane	168//28	\$708.51

8. RESOLUTION – AMENDING RESOLUTION 162-20 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT – ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. – 2018 ROAD PROGRAM – On motion by _____ seconded by _____ and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
- WHEREAS, Resolution No. 398-17 authorized an agreement with Environmental Resolutions, Inc. for paving design, bidding services, contract administration and construction management for the 2017 Road Program project, as a fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et.seq.; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution No. 180-18 amended said Resolution to include additional services to include the 2018 Road Program; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution No. 162-20 also amended said Resolution to include additional services; and
- WHEREAS, said contract needs to be further amended to include additional services for the 2018 Road Program.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the agreement with said contractor is hereby amended.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all document in connection therewith.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC.

*Paving Design, Bidding Services, Contract Administration and Construction Management
2018 Road Program
Not to Exceed \$460.00*

9. RESOLUTION – RESCINDING RESOLUTION 175-20 AND FURTHER EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR MAY 1ST PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS UNTIL JUNE 1ST IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 130 – On motion by _____ seconded by _____ and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
- WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak has caused substantial economic disruption for many property taxpayers throughout the State, making it difficult for many residents to meet the May 1, 2020 due date for timely payment of real property taxes; and
- WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), local governments may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became delinquent, thereby establishing a grace period running through May 11, 2020 for second-quarter property taxes in the case of municipalities on a calendar year budget cycle, or, in the case of municipalities on a State Fiscal Year budget cycle, a grace period running through May 11, 2020 for fourth-quarter property taxes; and
- WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action to minimize and mitigate additional hardships, losses, or suffering by individuals and local government units as the State and its political subdivisions respond to the spread of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020 Township Committee approved Resolution 175-20 which established a 0% rate for delinquent taxes for an additional 30 days; and
- WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020 Governor Murphy, by way of Executive Order 130, authorized municipalities to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period concluding on a date no later than June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township Committee of the Township of Middle in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Resolution 175-20 is hereby rescinded in its entirety, and the Governing Body of the Township of Middle does hereby extend the grace period for the May 1st (2nd Quarter) property tax payment until June 1st, in accordance with Executive Order 130.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall notify the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of said resolution instituting an extended grace period adopted under authority of Executive Order 130 not later than the third business day next following the municipal governing body's adoption of the resolution.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting –

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Pass on Roll Call: