

Cape May Court House, NJ
 June 1, 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 196-20 – 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.\$2,831,844.46
3. RESOLUTION 197-20 – 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: 05/18/2020 Regular Meeting.
4. REPORTS: NONE
5. RESOLUTION 198-20 – 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 |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Michael Elias | Public Safety | Code Enforcement Officer | 06/10/2020 |

6. RESOLUTION 199-20 – AUTHORIZING 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. 40:48-2.13 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 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| Rourke, Elizabeth A | 803 Goshen Rd | 52//15 | \$315.07 |
| Davie, Jessica F Etals Co-Trustee | 200 Hirst Ave | 1493//12 | \$375.77 |
| Singer, Shirley M | 1 Lafayette Ave | 428//1 | \$382.04 |
| DuBois, Joyce W/Steven Garber | 13 Winding Way | 214//8 | \$369.39 |
| Sarina Apartments LLC | 1025 Route 9 S | 350//51 | \$382.04 |

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| Weist, Kara J | 1105 Route 47 S | 1441//3 | \$307.27 |
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7. RESOLUTION 200-20 – TABULATION COMMITTEE – ATLANTIC PACIFIC DRAINAGE – 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, 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 June 25, 2020 at 10:00am in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

ATLANTIC PACIFIC DRAINAGE

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stan Donigar, Rio Grande:

- *Asked if Governor is going to change the State Aid.*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained that there has been no word on whether the State Aid number will change; our budget has been passed.*

Colleen Larkin:

- *Asked what is going on Rio Grande.*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Stated that he was in Rio Grande at the command center; gave background on the proposed peaceful protest in Rio Grande.*
- *Explained after discussion with protest organizer, that protest was canceled by the organizer; concern of the protest due to recent events throughout the country; people still showed up for protests; started with 7 protestors and at the maximum was at 100 people.*
- *Spoke of protestors request to shut down the intersection of 47 and 9 to demonstrate in the street for 8 minutes.*
- *Discussed efforts to cooperate with demonstrators to continue a peaceful protest;*
- *Spoke of the hard work done by the Middle Township Police department during the event; also mentioned need for peace between citizens and protestors; working hard to enforce that everyone goes home peacefully and no property are businesses are harmed*
- *Explained there will not be a curfew; discussed issue with the curfew faced by multiple other cities have faced.*

DIAS COMMENTS:

Mayor Donohue:

- *Commented on Mike Elias resignation; spoke of the hard work he has done coming back as a code enforcement officer and thankful for his help in the department*
- *Discussed that coronavirus, numbers are staying steady with no spikes; discussed numbers of cases recovered and currently hospitalized; spoke of one death in the Township of a gentlemen in a home; condolences to the family.*
- *Discussed opening plans per the Governor.*
- *Commented on upset over the current situation in the Township that has made strides to try to build bridge between communities within the Township.*
- *Commented on disappointment on the Governor's minimal comments made regarding the rioting and looting in the State*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Also recognized Mike Elias.*
- *Spoke of thoughts and prayers go out to the Floyd family.*
- *Also mentioned that not all police officers are bad; hoping for peaceful protest through the night; rioting and looting is not protesting.*
- *Commented on the tragedy of George Floyd*

Committeeman Norris:

- *Thanked Mike Elias on his service to the Township and wished him luck on his future endeavors.*
- *Spoke of stressful time from the virus to now riots.*
- *Provided rec department updated; basketball registration is now open as well.*
- *Spoke of how proud Committee is of the Middle Township police department and their efforts in Rio Grande and trying to work with the protestors to ensure a peaceful protest.*

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:25 pm

1st: Committeeman Gandy 2nd: Mayor Donohue

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

Andrea N. Singley, Deputy Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bowman