

Cape May Court House, NJ
 July 20, 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 Deputy Mayor Gandy, Committeemember Norris, Business Administrator/Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Deputy Township Clerk Andrea Singley, Township Engineer Vince Orlando, & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan
Mayor Donohue was absent.

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.)

NONE

2. RESOLUTION 244-20 – APPROVING PAYMENT FOR BILLS – BILL LIST A (GENERAL BILLS) – On motion by Committeeman Norris seconded by Committeeman Gandy 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. \$307,786.68

3. RESOLUTION 245-20 – APPROVING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – On motion by Committeeman Norris seconded by Committeeman Gandy 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: 07/06/2020 Regular Meeting.

4. REPORTS - The following departments have submitted their reports for the months indicated: Tax Collector for the month of June; Sewer for the month of June; Sterback Harbor for the month of June; Finance for the month of June

5. ORDINANCE NO. 1609-20 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, CHAPTER 236-5, AS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE 236-29, THEREOF ENTITLED SPEED LIMITS - On motion by Committeeman Norris seconded by Committeeman Gandy and passed on roll call, Ordinance No. 1609-20 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 08/17/2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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. Section 236-5 (and furthermore schedule 236-29 of the Code of the Township of Middle is hereby supplemented by the addition of the following:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Bayberry Drive	30 mph	Between Shellbay Avenue and Stone Harbor Boulevard, except for a 25-mile-per-hour zone when passing through the Middle Township High School-Middle Township School Zone during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours

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.

6. RESOLUTION 246-20 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATION – On motion by Committeeman Norris seconded by Committeeman Gandy 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
Kelly O’Kane	Public Safety	Emergency Medical Technician P/T	07/07/2020

LIC. #	APPLICANT	TRADENAME	LOCATION	SITES
3	Om Rudra, Inc.	Flamingo Hotel	1604 Route 47 South	28 + Manager Apt
6	Economy Motel, LLC	Economy Motel	3172 Route 9 South	34 + Manager Apt
15	Kathleen Clark	Meadowbrook Motel	605 North Wildwood Boulevard	20 + House (3 Units)
16	Isha Hospitality, LLC	Red Roof Inn	1801 Route 47 South	49
17	Nelson Rossi & Jamie Cherego	Sea Gull's Motel, LLC	905 Route 47 South	11
24	Lorraine Nicholas	The Doctor's Inn	2 North Main Street	7

12. RESOLUTION 252-20 – AMENDING RESOLUTION 433-18 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FY2020 – On motion by Committeeman Norris seconded by Committeeman Gandy and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Township of Middle approved Resolution No. 433-18 authorizing the application of a municipal alliance grant for fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has extended FY2020 by three months, July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the extension period will be known as the 5th Quarter for the Middle Township Municipal Alliance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the freeze on Municipal Alliance program funds will continue during the 5th Quarter, but State grant funds (DEDR) will be available for the Coordination stipend; and

WHEREAS, Coordinators are eligible to received one-quarter of the current total stipend allocation (DEDR/Cash Match combination); and

WHEREAS, the DEDR amount must be matched with 25% cash and 75% in-kind.

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

1. The Township of Middle Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Middle Township Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020 5th quarter (July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020) in the amount of:

DEDR	\$600.00
Cash Match	\$150.00
In-Kind	\$450.00

2. The Township of Middle Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant amendment, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Nancy Sittineri:

- *Explained reduction in funding*

13. RESOLUTION 253-20 – AUTHORIZING CREATION OF LIEN ON PROPERTY – On motion by Committeeman Norris seconded by Committeeman Gandy 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
Weist, Kara J	1105 Route 47 South	1441//3	\$340.37

14. RESOLUTION 254-20 – AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN LETTER OF INTENT – PARTICIPATION IN THE CAPE MAY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE PROJECT – On motion by Committeeman Norris seconded by Committeeman Gandy 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 and State of New Jersey, that the Governing Body of the Township of Middle formally authorizes the Mayor to sign the letter of intent referenced above.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Committeeman Norris:

- *Spoke of success of the summer concerts*
- *Thanked Dustin Sturm, Nancy McDevitt and recreation staff for their hard work with the summer concert series*
- *Discussed possible opening dates for fall sports such as football and soccer*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Thanked every Township Employee for stepping up and working hard during the COVID pandemic*
- *Discussed safety and success of the summer concert series so far*
- *Stated national night out was postponed until October at the moment*
- *Mentioned that the new post office in Whitesboro is currently open; Committee is pushing to have the post office named after George White*
- *Stated Middle Township's COVID numbers are currently stable; explained there have been a few visitors who have tested positive but are not from our area*
- *Encouraged people to get out and stay safe and mask up*
- *Urged everyone to visit and support local businesses*
- *Thanked Clerk's Office for stepping up to manage a difficult election process*
- *Encouraged everyone to make sure that they answer their 2020 census which will help with taxes*
- *Said Happy Birthday to Carol Donohue! Thanked her for all her sacrifice over the years allowing the Township to have Mayor Donohue.*

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:15 pm

1st: Committeeman Norris 2nd: Committeeman Gandy

Pass on Roll Call: Committeeman Norris, Committeeman Gandy

Andrea N. Singley, Deputy Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bowman