

Cape May Court House, NJ
 September 9, 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.)
NONE
2. RESOLUTION 301-20 – 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. \$3,297,022.95
3. RESOLUTION 302-20 – APPROVING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – 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: 08/17/2020 Regular Meeting.
4. REPORTS: Tax Collector for the Month of July; Sterback Harbor for the Month of July; Sewer Collection for the Month of July; Finance for the Month of July; Clerk for the Month of August
5. ORDINANCE 1611-20 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, CHAPTER 236 SECTION 11 SCHEDULE VII (236-35), THEREOF, ENTITLED STOP INTERSECTIONS - On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, Ordinance No. 1611-20 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 10/05/2020 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 236-11 (and furthermore schedule VII (236-35) of the Code of the Township of Middle is hereby supplemented by the addition of the following:

INTERSECTION	STOP SIGN ON
George Street and Main Street	All Approaches

 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 303-20 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the separation agreement and general release, as reviewed and approved by counsel, between Giacomo Trombetta and the Township of Middle.
7. RESOLUTION 304-20 – 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
Christopher Witalec	Sewer	Laborer 1 F/T	08/31/2020

8. RESOLUTION 305-20 – SALARY ADJUSTMENT – 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 employee salaries are hereby amended to the amount opposite their name:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Katherine Keating	Zoning	Assistant Zoning Officer	\$35,301.58*	07/01/2020

*Successful completion of Technical Assistant Certification

9. RESOLUTION 306-20 – APPOINTMENT – NEW HIRE – 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
Brittany McCloskey	Public Safety - Telecommunications	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee P/T Permanent	*\$11.00 per hour	08/20/2020

*Increase to \$15.00 per hour upon completion of training

10. RESOLUTION 307-20 – APPOINTMENT – TEMPORARY ACTING DEPUTY CFO – 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 of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the following employee is hereby temporarily appointed to the in-house title opposite their name:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	EFFECTIVE
Joshua Niemann	Finance	Temporary Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer	09/09/2020

*In-House title of Temporary Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer

11. RESOLUTION 308-20 – 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 that the following employee is hereby designated to the employment status listed below:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	PREVIOUS STATUS	AMENDED STATUS	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Christian Demtshuk	Public Works	Laborer 1 P/T T/A	Laborer 1 F/T Permanent	\$24,990.00	09/01/2020
David Schofield	Public Works	Laborer 1 P/T T/A	Laborer 1 F/T Permanent	\$24,990.00	09/01/2020
Stanley Vannote	Public Works	Mechanic F/T Provisional	Mechanic F/T Permanent	No change in salary	09/01/2020

12. RESOLUTION 309-20 THROUGH 310-20 – AMENDING RESOLUTION (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – 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. 280-20 shall hereby be amended and corrected to reflect the following employee effective date indicated below:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY/RATE	EFFECTIVE
Julianne Calverley	Tax Collection	Clerk 1	\$24,990.00	08/24/2020

(B) WHEREAS, the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, Inc. has applied for approval to sell alcoholic beverages at an event to be held at Stone Harbor Golf Club, 905 Route 9, Cape May Court House, New Jersey 08210, on May 13, 2020, which was approved via Resolution 474-19, and

WHEREAS, said social affairs permit was amended via Resolution 48-20 to change the date of the event to May 6, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that the date for this event shall be further amended to reflect the following:

CAPE MAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

September 15, 2020

10:00am – 7:00pm

13. RESOLUTION 311-20 THROUGH 312-20 – REFUND OF TAXES (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) WHEREAS, Tax Payment was made via ACH for the below referenced property; and

WHEREAS, said property has since been sold resulting in a need to refund the former owner.

ACCT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER/LOCATION	2020
5021	299	2	Sheikholeslami, Darius 314 S Main St.	1,203.41

Please make check payable to and mail to:

Rob Gleason

1602 Rte 47 Unit C
Rio Grande, NJ 08242

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 checks in the above noted amounts payable to the above-mentioned parties, as a refund of 2020 taxes

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

(B) WHEREAS, Tax Payment was made via ACH for the below referenced property; and
WHEREAS, said property has since been sold resulting in a need to refund the former owner.

ACCT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER/LOCATION	2020
6519	419	1.01	Dragoni, Frank M 110 S 10 th St.	\$1,230.40

Please make check payable to and mail to:

Dragoni, Frank
300 Perry Rd.
Woodbine, NJ 08270

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 checks in the above noted amounts payable to the above-mentioned parties, as a refund of 2020 taxes

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

14. RESOLUTION 313-20 THROUGH 314-20 – REFUND OF SEWER (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) WHEREAS, Sewer Payment was made via ACH for the below referenced property; and
WHEREAS, said property has since been sold resulting in a need to refund the former owner;

ACCT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER/LOCATION	2020
5021	299	2	Sheikholeslami, Darius 314 S Main St.	140.00

Please make check payable and mail to:

Rob Gleason
1602 Rte 47 Unit C
Rio Grande, NJ 08242

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 amounts payable to the above-mentioned party, as a refund of 2020 sewer.

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

(B) WHEREAS, Sewer Payment was made via ACH for the below referenced property; and
WHEREAS, said property has since been sold resulting in a need to refund the former owner;

ACCT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER/LOCATION	2020
6519	419	1.01	Dragoni, Frank M 110 S 10 th St.	\$220.00

Please make check payable and mail to:

Dragoni, Frank M
300 Perry Rd.
Woodbine, NJ 08270

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 amounts payable to the above-mentioned party, as a refund of 2020 sewer.

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

15. RESOLUTION 315-20 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE – 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 and State of New Jersey that the mortgage loan for Hermison O. Anderson and Elinor Anderson for the property located at 1906 Route 9 South, Whitesboro, New Jersey 08252 is hereby authorized to be discharged.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

16. RESOLUTION 316-20 – 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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the following resolution is hereby accepted as the Corrective Action Plan for the 2019 Audit for the Township of Middle and be it further resolved that a copy of the Corrective Action Plan be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services as well as a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Ford Scott & Associates, LLC, Registered Municipal Accountants:

Audit Findings:

- None

Unresolved Prior Year Audit Findings:

- None

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services.

Mayor Donohue:

- *Recognized on the great work done by CFO, Administrator, Department Heads, Chief and Audit on a clean audit*

20. RESOLUTION 320-20 – TABULATION COMMITTEE – 2020-2021 BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – 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 October 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

2020-2021 BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

21. RESOLUTION 321-20 THROUGH 322-20 – AWARD OF BID (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary and desirable to solicit bids for the Home Rehabilitation Program for Contract No. #2019-3 and #2019-7; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the following bid submitted below represents a figure equal to the lowest 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 following Home Rehabilitation Programs be and hereby is awarded as described:

Contract No.	Awarded to:	Total Bid Amount
2019-3	Buggy Construction Inc.	\$29,000.00
2019-7	Buggy Construction Inc.	\$24,132.00

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that these awards are conditioned upon certification of availability of funds.

(B) WHEREAS, the Township of Middle, following public advertisement, received bids for the Fourth Street Road Reconstruction on October 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 510-19 authorized the Township of Middle to exceed the 60-day bid limitation; and

WHEREAS, bids received for the project were higher than anticipated, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 247-20 all bids received on October 29, 2019 were rejected and a tabulation committee was re-established; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on August 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middle has received funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid program in the amount of \$125,699.00 toward said project; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the following bid submitted represents a figure equal to the lowest complete bid received, which complies with specifications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the contract for the Fourth Street Road Reconstruction project.

Ricky Slade Construction
Fourth Street Road Reconstruction
Not to Exceed \$97,236.00

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

22. RESOLUTION 323-20 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION TASK FORCE (PITF) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington D.C. (MPD) and the Middle Township Police Department for participation in the Presidential Inauguration Task Force (PITF) in Washington, D.C. area from January 17, 2021 through January 21, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained the memorandum, which was passed for the 2016 election as well; allows members of the Middle Township Police Department to participate in the protection detail of the Presidential inauguration task force on January 1st, 2021*
- *Discussed officer's experiences that participated in the previous inauguration task force*

23. RESOLUTION 324-20 – PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION ON CAMPGROUND CLOSURE DATES DUE TO COVID-19, PURSUANT TO SECTION 104-15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle is charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Middle; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, through Executive Order No.103, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared both a public health emergency and a State of Emergency throughout the State due to the public health hazard posed by Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID –19); and

WHEREAS, thereafter, on March 21, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 107, the facts and circumstances of which are also adopted herein, by reference, which established social mitigation strategies for combating COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, subsequently and also on March 21, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 108, which recognizes that there are certain limited circumstances in which it may be in a beneficial for localities to be able to impose additional restrictions and specifically identified that certain municipalities may have legitimate concerns about an influx of new visitors, which may cause public health concerns as the state imposes social distancing measures and aims to avoid unnecessary increases in the density of individuals; and

WHEREAS, campgrounds within the Township of Middle have been affected by the various restrictions on travel and occupancy imposed during this period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 104-15 of the Code of the Township of Middle, campgrounds are required to close on or before November 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS due to COVID related difficulties King Nummy Campground and Sea Pines Campground have requested relief from the provisions of the ordinance for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS due to the extenuating circumstances experienced during this COVID pandemic the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, deems it to be equitable and just to grant such relief;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township of Middle shall refrain from enforcing the closing restrictions of section 104 – 15 of the Code of the Township of Middle, requiring campgrounds to close on or before November 1 of each year, for calendar year 2020. The new effective campground closing date, for this year only, shall be on or before November 15, 2020.

2. This Resolution may, and shall be, supplemented an amended as circumstances warrant.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately; all appropriate officers and employees of the Township of Middle are hereby authorized to take such action as may be reasonably necessary to enforce the provisions herein.

24. RESOLUTION 325-20 – ACKNOWLEDGING FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT UNION LEAGUE NATIONAL GOLF CLUB – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Union League National Golf Club, through Schaefer Fireworks, Inc., has requested permission to conduct an outdoor firework display on September 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as part of the approval Union League National Golf Club must comply with all conditions as set forth in Chapter 142-8 Subsections C, D, and E of the code of the Township of Middle as well as apply for and receive the appropriate permits in connections with the regulations of the Bureau of Fire Prevention, Fire District No 1; and

WHEREAS, Schaefer Fireworks, Inc. has provided the Township of Middle with the following:

- COI with NJ workman's insurance certificate
- NJ Hold Harmless Agreement

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey does hereby acknowledge a firework display at Union League National Golf Club on September 19, 2020.

25. RESOLUTION 326-20 – RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, as a result of the unprecedented health hazard posed by the novel Coronavirus, Director Graziano of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control issued an Order to Authorize the extension of the 2019-2020 Municipal Licenses through September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, certain licensees have filed for renewal of their Alcoholic Beverage License for one (1) year; beginning October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the said applications are in due and proper form with the fee of \$720.00 for each Plenary Retail Consumption License and Retail Distribution License; \$188.00 for each Club License and with no objection filed with all \$200.00 State Filing Fees received; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, issue a Plenary Retail Consumption License to:

Rio Station Inc.	0506-33-001-008
Avalon Development & Golf, Inc.	0506-33-005-008
Cape Hospitality Group LC dba Bellevue Tavern	0506-33-002-006
9 South Bar & Restaurant, LLC	0506-33-009-008
Salty Hands, Inc.	0506-33-014-001

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, issue a Plenary Retail Distribution License to:

Mattera's Liquor trading as Joe Canals Discount Liquor	0506-44-003-007
Acme Markets, Inc. T/A Acme	0506-44-013-005

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, issue a Club License to:

Cape May County Chapter 44 Disabled American Veterans	0506-31-010-002
Royal Oaks Club Inc.	0506-31-011-001
Wildwood Golf & Country Club	0506-31-006-004

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these licenses be signed, sealed and delivered by the Clerk of the Township of Middle in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and appropriate Ordinances of the Township of Middle.

26. RESOLUTION 327-20 – RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND – SOUTH JERSEY GAS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, \$137,574.00, is being held as a performance guarantee for South Jersey Gas for site improvements at Block 13.02, Lot 22, otherwise known as 1708 Route 9 North; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Zoning Official have recommended the release of said bond, as outlined in P.L. 2017, Chapter 312 amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the bond in the amount of \$137,574.00 is hereby released.

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked Township Engineer Vince Orlando to discuss various road projects coming up within the Township*

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- *Discussed Atlantic and Pacific Avenues drainage project; stated construction has begun and they are about 20% done; further stated the project should be completed within 4-6 weeks*
- *Stated the Hand Avenue sidewalk extension would begin the next week; Spoke of discussion with County in regards to putting sidewalks on the road within their right-of-way; explained completion of the project to be about 3 weeks; explained the sidewalks would run from Wyndemere just passed Boyd Street down Hand Avenue*
- *Stated the Township received a grant from the NJDOT for the next section of Linden Lane; Explained where the next phase of the project would take place; bids for the project would be received on September 16th*
- *Discussed the Fourth Street reconstruction project; Explained that bids had been received and the contract was awarded to Ricky Slade Construction; anticipates the work to be completed by December of 2020*
- *Described two projects currently being worked on; Explained the first project is for Carter Road drainage and road improvements; Stated the survey work has been completed and his firm was now working on the design; the goal is to have the bid taken out by October 15th and to have the work done before December 1st of 2020*
- *Explained the second project is for Birch, Avocado, Aspen and Coconut roads; Stated that project is currently being surveyed and will be designed over winter and go out to bid next spring*
- *Discussed Rio Grande Park project; Stated he anticipates completion by November 1st 2020*
- *Spoke of the Del Haven Water project; discussed onsite meeting with their engineer to conduct a road restoration in regards to the water line; anticipate a road restoration for consideration at the next meeting*
- *Stated his firm is currently designing the table top speed calming devices for Main Street in Whitesboro; discussed project*

27. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Norris:

- *Commented on the start of the Middle Township Football season the upcoming Saturday; stated he was proud of the work done by Jeff McCart and Volunteers to prepare for the season; thanked parents for trusting the Township with their children's safety*
- *Stated soccer registration is ongoing and is a Middle Township only league*
- *Discussed summer concert series; thanked Public Works, Dustin Sturm and his team, Nancy McDevitt, Sean McDevitt and EMS, Police Department and Cape Regional for all their work towards the event*
- *Commented on the Freedom Event on September 4th; discussed various aspects of the event; Thanked various individuals for their hard work on the event*

- Discussed ribbon cutting for the new Whitesboro Post Office; Thanked all that worked to make the post office happen
- Commented on the PBI event in Whitesboro the previous Saturday; discussed various aspects of the event; Thanked Anthony Anderson for his hard work to put the event on
- Spoke of the cancellation of Harvest Festival; explained Covid-19 effects on the cancellation of the event; stated it was not without effort to attempt to continue the event and avoid cancellation

Committeeman Gandy:

- Thanked everyone involved in putting together the summer concert series
- Reported public works has been extremely busy; stated over 300 tons of branches and sticks removed in the month of August; explained Covid cleaning and summer residents have been keeping Public Works clean up team busy
- Discussed Red Zone program that began to look into sewer systems; spoke of the project upgrades that are starting to begin

Mayor Donohue:

- Discussed upcoming election voting process; stated the Township will try to get good information out so Middle Township residents understand how to vote and feel comfortable voting; explained requests to the County to add a fourth polling location at the MLK Center; further explained polling locations will not have machine voting ; Stated locations are meant for people that are unable to vote by mail and need ADA compliance; Explained polling places will also have provisional paper ballots available for voting
- Mentioned the 2020 census; urged people who had not yet participated to complete the census by going on their website
- Discussed the Freedom on the 4th event; spoke of claims that mentioned misuse of tax payer's funds and rejects the argument; stated he believes the event was overwhelmingly positive and looks forward to holding the event in the future
- Spoke of upcoming completion of Rio Grande Park
- Discussed the work beginning on the sewer project; explained the long road to allocate the funds and test various pumps; stated there were pumps found worse for wear and are being looked at to upgrade first; explained project should take about five to six years and is to begin in the Court House area within the next few months
- Commented on the return of students and teachers to school; discussed new challenges students, teachers and parents would be facing; explained efforts to work with Township employees with children in school
- Explained the section of the Bike Path off Goshen Road had been closed; stated people should not be using that area or cutting through that section of the Bike Path; Explained that if people continue to go through the closed area, that the entire section of the Bike Path will have to be closed
- Echoed what Committeeman Norris said about the great efforts made to help continue the football program this year

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:40

1st: Committeeman Gandy 2nd: Committeeman Norris

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

Andrea N. Singley, Deputy Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bowman