

Cape May Court House, NJ  
February 1, 2021  
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.*)

*Doniger, Rio Grande:*

- *Asked about item on the bill list for electricity*

*Kimberly Krauss:*

- *Explained it just depends when finance puts in the bill to the software system*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Further explained this is not how the bills are received from AC Electric just that putting the electric bills broken down by cost per property it would taken up 20 pages worth of the bill list*

*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*

- *Asked about bill list cost for travel payment*

*Kimberly Krauss:*

- *Explained this cost is not unusual; further explained the Township sends officers all over and they incur the cost that the Township then reimburses them*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Explained this payment is a payment for multiple officers*

*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*

- *Asked about bill list cost for gas*

*Kimberly Krauss:*

- *Explained this cost is for the Public Works Building*

*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*

- *Asked if the cost is unusual*

*Kimberly Krauss:*

- *Explained no because they have a wide variety of items that gas is used for*

2. RESOLUTION 66-21 – 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. \$2,615,016.74
3. RESOLUTION 67-21 – 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: 01/20/2021 Work Session and Regular Meetings.
4. REPORTS: NONE
5. RE-INTRODUCTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1614-21 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE - On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, Ordinance No. 1614-21 passed first reading for re-introduction. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 03/01/2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Full list of salary ranges on file in Clerk's Office**
6. ORDINANCE NO. 1615-21 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO SELL TOWNSHIP OWNED LAND BY A PRIVATE AUCTION TO BE HELD AMONG CONTIGUOUS OWNERS OF BLOCK 936, LOT 32 (LEAD LOT 2) Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1615-20 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.

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Explained the lot being sold is an unbuildable lot on Anna Street; further explained that the lot must be sold by public auction for all contiguous property owners*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that it is necessary that Township owned land be sold by a private auction among contiguous owners.

SECTION 1.

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute 40A:12-13 provides the procedure for the sale of Township owned land, and allows for a private sale of land by ordinance when the sale is to the owner of the real property contiguous to the Township owned parcel, provided that the property being sold is less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvement thereon; except that when there is more than one owner with real property contiguous thereto, said property shall be sold to the highest bidder from among all such owners; and also provided that any such sale shall be for not less than the fair market value of the real property; and

WHEREAS, the Township owns a parcel of land identified as Block 936, Lot 32 (Lead Lot 2) in the Cape May Court House section of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to sell the lot, which lot is less than the minimum size required for development under the zoning ordinance and which does not have any capital improvement upon it; and

WHEREAS, there are two (2) owners of lots which are contiguous to Block 936, Lot 32; Bruce and Rocksann Harris, owners of Block 936 Lot 30 and Letha M. Jenkins, owner of Block 936 Lot 31; and

WHEREAS, the two (2) owners shall be noticed and given an opportunity to participate in an open (public) auction limited to just the two (2) of them participating to purchase the parcel but at a price which is no less than the \$1,022.00 which has been offered by one of the contiguous owners, and which is the assessed value, and which Township Committee believes to be the fair market value of the lot; and

WHEREAS, the statute also requires that the municipality file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, sworn affidavits verifying the publications of advertisements for the ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Middle shall sell a portion of real property identified as Block 936, Lot 32 (lead lot 2) to the highest bidder at an open (public) auction to be held on February 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Township Hall, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, New Jersey, at which time only those two (2) owners of property contiguous to Block 936, Lot 32 (lead lot 2) which is offered for sale shall participate; and
2. The minimum bid shall be \$1,022.00; and
3. The auction shall be conducted by the Township Chief Financial Officer or her designee; and
4. The winning bidder shall sign a contract of sale which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and the terms of which are incorporated herein in full; and
5. The winning bidder shall be provided a deed in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B; and
6. That the Clerk or the Clerk's representative is to file the necessary affidavits with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and
7. The Mayor, Clerk, and any and all other Township Officials, are hereby authorized to sign those documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and
8. Any and all costs associated with this transaction, including advertising and postage, are to be paid by the winning bidder.

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 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 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication, according to law.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 1616-21 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE, CHAPTER 102 SECTION 2 ENTITLED BULKHEADS, PERMIT REQUIRED – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, Ordinance No.1616-21 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 03/01/2021 at 6:00 p.m.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee, the governing body of the Township of Middle that Chapter 102 Section 2 of the Code of the Township of Middle shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

Chapter 102 Bulkheads

**§ 102-2 Permits required; application; notice; fees; appeals**

A. Permit required. No person or legal entity shall construct, reconstruct, renovate or repair any bulkhead within the Township of Middle without first obtaining and having in possession a valid permit to do such work that has been issued by the office of the Township Zoning Officer upon approval of the Township Engineer.

B. Permit Application.

(1) Applications for bulkhead permits shall be made on an application form obtained from the Township Zoning Officer. Completed applications shall be returned to the Township Zoning Officer with the required fee along with the following items in quadruplicate:

- a. Plans and specifications of the bulkhead that have been prepared, signed and sealed by a New Jersey licensed professional engineer.
- b. A property survey.
- c. Authorization for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and any other state or federal agency having jurisdiction over the property affected by the proposed work.

d. Proof of Notice of application to adjoining property owners.

(2) The Township Engineer may relax or waive any or all of the requirements that are set forth above within the application for a permit pertains to reconstruction, renovation or repair work for which the cost of completion is less than \$5,000; however, in relaxing or waiving any such requirements, the Township Engineer shall have the authority to require the submission of such plans, drawings and contract documents as the Engineer, in his sole and absolute discretion, determines will accurately depict the reconstruction, renovations or repair work to be performed.

C. Notice of application.

(1) Notice of application for a bulkhead permit, the form of which is to be obtained from the Township Zoning Officer, shall be given by the applicant to the owners of all real property, as shown on the current tax duplicate, within 100 feet and whose property is adjacent to the same or similar tidal waters as is the applicant's property; provided that this requirement shall be deemed satisfied by notice to the condominium association, in the case of any unit owner whose unit has a unit above or below it; or horizontal property regime, in the case of any co-owner whose apartment has an apartment above or below it. Notice shall be given by mailing a copy thereof by regular, first class mail and by certified mail to the property owner at his address as shown on the said current tax duplicate. Notice to a partnership owner may be made by service upon any partner. Notice to a corporate owner may be made by service upon its president, a vice president, secretary or other person authorized by appointment or by law to accept service on behalf of the corporation. Notice to a condominium association, horizontal property regime, community trust or homeowners' association because of its ownership of common elements or areas located with 100 feet of the property which is the subject of the bulkhead application may be made in the same manner as to a corporation without further notice to unit owners, co-owners or homeowners on account of such common elements or areas.

(2) Upon written request of an applicant, the Tax Assessor, within seven days, shall make and certify a list from said current tax duplicate of names and addresses of owners to whom the applicant is required to give notice pursuant to this section. A sum not to exceed \$.25 per name or \$10, whichever is greater, may be charged for preparation of such list. The Tax Assessor shall also verify the certified mailing costs.

D. Permit issuance. Upon receipt by the Township Zoning Officer of an application for a bulkhead permit, the Zoning Officer immediately shall transmit copies of the application and all accompanying documents to the Township Engineer for review. No permit shall be issued by the Township Zoning Officer unless the permit is approved for issuance by the Township Engineer. In the event that, upon review of the permit application, deficiencies are noted by the Township Engineer the Township Zoning Officer shall be informed of the nature of the deficiencies and the Township Zoning Officer shall provide written notice, by regular first-class mail, of the deficiencies to the applicant at the address set forth on the application and the applicant then shall be afforded the opportunity to correct any application deficiencies.

E. Permit fee. The permit fee shall be calculated in the following manner:

- (1) For new construction: \$300.00 for the first 50 feet of bulkhead to be constructed, and thereafter, \$15.00 per foot or any portion thereof.
- (2) For renovation, reconstruction and repairs: \$300.00 for the first 50 feet of bulkhead to be constructed, and thereafter, \$15.00 per foot or any portion thereof.

F. Inspection fee Escrow. The inspection fee shall be \$2,000.00. However, said inspection fee escrow shall not be charged if the bulkhead project is part of a Zoning or Planning Board approval for which an escrow is already required.

G. Appeal of permit denial. Any applicant aggrieved by the denial of a bulkhead permit may appeal the permit denial to Township Committee by submitting to the Township Clerk written correspondence appealing the permit denial. Such written appeal correspondence briefly shall describe the reason for the appeal. Such written appeal correspondence shall be submitted to the Township Clerk within 20 days of the permit denial. Upon receipt of the appeal correspondence, the Township Clerk shall transmit to Township Committee copies of the permit application, all attachments thereto and any copies of any documents that have been generated by the Township Engineer in connection with review of the permit application. Thereafter, the Township Clerk shall schedule a date for the hearing of the appeal, and notice of the hearing dated shall be provided to the permit applicant. In all instances the Township Clerk shall endeavor to schedule the appeal hearing date not later than 30 days after receipt of the appeal correspondence. The hearing of the appeal shall be conducted by the Township Committee at a public meeting. The applicant shall be permitted to produce evidence to Township Committee in support of the permit application. Township Committee may consider evidence presented to it by the Township Engineer or any other individual that Township Council deems to have relevant information. The decision of Township Committee to approve or deny the permit application shall be through adoption of a formal resolution.

All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

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.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication, according to law.

8. RESOLUTION 68-21 – APPOINTMENT – CROSSING GUARDS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. WHEREAS, there are various terms of office that have expired; and WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Middle would like to reappoint said positions; and

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 named persons be and hereby are appointed or reappointed to fill the following offices/terms:

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TERM	TERM EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Amy Nagel	Crossing Guard / Public Safety	1 year	01/20/2021	\$1.00

9. RESOLUTION 69-21 – 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
David Atkinson	Public Safety-Telecommunications	Public Safety Telecommunicator F/T Permanent	Public Safety Telecommunicator P/T Permanent	\$18.36 per hour	02/01/2021
Kaitlin Bowman	Public Safety-Telecommunications	Public Safety Telecommunicator P/T Permanent	Public Safety Telecommunicator F/T Permanent	\$29,651.00	01/25/2021

10. RESOLUTION 70-21 – ACCUMULATED LEAVE – 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 named persons be permitted to carry over accumulated personal/vacation in excess of the one year permitted:

Stacy McPherson 36.54 Vacation Hours

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all time carried over as indicated above must be used within the first six months of the new year, otherwise said remaining time will be revoked.

11. RESOLUTION 71-21 THROUGH 72-21 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT (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, the Township Committee has previously instituted a Fair and Open Process for the award of contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et.seq., and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has followed the procedures that it has previously set forth for the award of specific contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee had solicited proposals and placed the position on the township website as outlined in Resolution 416-20 dated November 16, 2020, and has publicly opened each proposal submitted, and has considered each proposal in light of criteria previously established by the Township, and has made a decision on each proposal submitted in light of those criteria, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board has formally passed Resolution No. ENG2021, appointing Mr. Orlando.

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 submission shall be awarded as follows:

Vincent C. Orlando - Zoning Board Engineer

All fees related shall be charged to the appropriate escrow accounts as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts with each of the above-mentioned individuals as necessary, to be followed with a resolution of award and certification as attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract shall be effective until December 31, 2021.

(B) WHEREAS, the Township Committee has previously instituted a Fair and Open Process for the award of contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has followed the procedures that it has previously set forth for the award of specific contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has solicited proposals, and has publicly opened each proposal submitted, and has considered each proposal in light of criteria previously established by the Township, and has made a decision on each proposal submitted in light of those criteria;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Adjustment has formally passed Resolution No. ATTY2021, appointing Ms. Steffen.

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 submission shall be awarded as follows:

Victoria A. Steffen, Esquire  
Zoning Board Solicitor  
Not to Exceed \$23,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts with each of the above-mentioned individuals as necessary, to be followed with a resolution of award and certification as attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract shall be effective until December 31, 2021.

12. RESOLUTION 73-21 – APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – HAND AVENUE SIDEWALK EXTENSION – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Hand Avenue Sidewalk Extension project was awarded on June 15, 2020, via Resolution No. 218-20 to Charles Marandino, LLC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the attached Change Order #1 for the project awarded to Charles Marandino,

LLC is hereby approved, and that the change order results in an increase of \$1,950.00 for an amended contract amount of \$101,015.00.

13. RESOLUTION 74-21 – PROVIDING FOR TRANSFER OF CERTAIN 2020 BUDGET

APPROPRIATION RESERVES – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, various 2020 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2020 Budget Appropriation Transfers in the last two months of 2020; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.:40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year; NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey, that the following transfers of budget appropriation reserves be made in the budget of Middle Township for the year 2020:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
0-01-23-220-220-411	GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	10,000.00	
0-01-20-155-156-249	LEGAL		10,000.00
		10,000.00	10,000.00

14. RESOLUTION 75-21 – CANCEL TAXES – 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 taxes are hereby cancelled due to tax exemption.

Account	Block	Lot	Owner/location	2021
3310	165.01	80	Giordano, Ernest  Property Location: 15 Dyers Mill Road  100% Disabled Veteran – Exempt as of 01/01/2021	\$3,401.84

15. RESOLUTION 76-21 – REFUND OF TAXES – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, a refund is due to overpayment made on tax exempt property.

ACCT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER/LOCATION	2021
3310	165.01	80	Giordano, Ernest 15 Dyars Mill Rd Cape May Court House, NJ 08210  Property location: 15 Dyars Mill Rd	\$1,700.92

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 2021 taxes

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

16. RESOLUTION 77-21 – TOWING LICENSE RENEWAL – 2021 – DAD’S TOWING SERVICE, LLC –

On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the towing license renewal application listed below has been found to be in proper form, and the fees paid accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each of the following licenses be and are hereby renewed for the calendar year of 2021:

License #	Tradename	Truck #	License Plate Number	Truck Make/ Model	Fee	Sticker Fee Paid
10	D.A.D.’s Towing Service, LLC	1	XJHA56	2010 International 430 Flatbed	\$450.00	\$50.00

17. RESOLUTION 78-21 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION – NJDEP COASTAL GENERAL PERMIT – DELAWARE BAY COASTLINE BEACH AND DUNE ACTIVITIES – 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 Township Clerk/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the NJDEP Coastal General Permit Application as it related to Delaware Bay Coastline Beach and Dune Activities. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

18. RESOLUTION 79-21 – TABULATION COMMITTEE – 2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, following public advertisement, proposals for the 2020 Road Improvement Program were received by the Township of Middle on December 1, 2020 at the Township Hall; and

WHEREAS, said bids received exceeded the budgeted amount for said project and therefore were rejected via Resolution 458-20 on December 21, 2020.

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 February 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

19. PUBLIC COMMENT:

*NO COMMENTS*

ENGINEERING REPORT:

*Vince Orlando, Engineer:*

- *Explained only current active project is the Swainton Road Project which should be going out to bid and start construction early spring*
- *Discussed ribbon cutting and opening of Rio Grande Park*

*Kimberly Krauss:*

- *Explained she will be meeting with Vince Orlando the next week to discussed pending road improvement projects and anticipated 2021 projects to be presented to Committee for review*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Confirmed with Vince that there will be a discussion of the Master Plan Reexamination during the next meeting*

*Vince Orlando, Engineer:*

- *Explained items that will be discussed during the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the Master Plan Reexamination*

*Committeeman Gandy:*

- *Asked if the discussion will be during the work session meeting or regular meeting*

*Vince Orlando, Engineer:*

- *Confirmed during work session meeting*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Explained it will be the only item on the work session meeting*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Discussed questions asked by Stan Doniger at previous meetings regarding police vehicle purchase*
- *Explained cost on the bill list was for 2 police vehicles*

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

*Committeeman Norris:*

- *Discussed the start of basketball on February 6<sup>th</sup>; discussed various basketball leagues; explained games will be unable to have in person attendance so games will be live streamed for people to watch*
- *Lacrosse signs up starting on rec desk*
- *Spoke of event on Martin Luther King Day held through the Black Initiative Program; discussed success of the event*
- *Recognized the day as the first day of black history month*

*Committeeman Gandy:*

- *Spoke of opening of Rio Grande Park*
- *Discussed ribbon cutting at Steak, Shakes and Cakes*
- *Spoke of decline of Covid-19 numbers*
- *Recognized the day as the first day of black history month*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Mentioned ribbon cutting for Steak, Shakes and Cakes; recognized Congressmen VanDrew, Senator Testa, and Assemblymen Simonsen and McCellan on attending the event; thanked them for supporting the opening of a business in Middle Township*
- *Discussed ribbon cutting and opening of Rio Grande Park; thanked various people and entities for their help in getting the park complete and open;*
- *Stated the Middle Township State of address will be held on February 25 at the Bellevue by the Middle Township Chamber of Commerce; explained there is limited seating but the event will be live streamed*
- *Spoke of consideration of the Zoning Board's recommended changes for the Master Plan Reexamination at the next work session meeting; explained this reexamination is only done every 10 years*
- *Discussed the trend in the decline of Covid-19 numbers; commented on the upcoming one-year anniversary of the first state of emergency on March 16<sup>th</sup>*

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:25 pm

1<sup>st</sup>: Committeeman Gandy      2<sup>nd</sup>: Committeeman Norris

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

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Andrea N. Singley, Deputy Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bowman