

Cape May Court House, NJ
December 20, 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 at the Middle Township Municipal Building. Members present were Mayor Donohue, Deputy Mayor Gandy, Committeemember Norris, Business Administrator/Township Clerk Kimberly Osmundsen, Deputy Business Administrator Suzanne Schumann, Deputy Township Clerk Andrea Singley, Township Engineer Vince Orlando, & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan

1. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND COMMITTEE – NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – BETZY MCCLINTOCK

Mayor Donohue:

- *Honored to recognize Betzy McClintock; spoke of Betzy's amazing attitude all while facing a lot of challenges with the Finance Office; Spoke of Recognition at Christmas party for academic accomplishments*

Committee:

- *Presented Betzy with Employee of the Month Certificate*

2. 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.*)

3. RESOLUTION 514-21 – 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. \$1,058,480.47

4. RESOLUTION 515-21 – 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: 12/06/2021 Work Session and Regular Meetings.

5. REPORTS: Finance for the month of November

6. ORDINANCE NO.1636-21 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF NORTH 6TH AVENUE AT BLOCK 1104 LOT 6 AS SHOWN ON SHEET 11 OF THE TAX MAP OF MIDDLE TOWNSHIP - Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1636-21 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.
BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, in the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey, as follows:
SECTION 1. The public right, title and interest in, along, upon and over the following described land is hereby vacated, surrendered and extinguished: All that certain tract of parcel of land, situate in the Township of Middle as set forth in the "Graphic Drawing" labeled "Street Vacation for North 6th Avenue" prepared by Vincent Orlando P.E., attached as Exhibit "A", depicting the portion of land (45' X 50') of North 6th Avenue to be vacated herein.
SECTION 2. The Township of Middle, for itself, its successors and assigns, reserves unto itself the right to construct, install, build, operate, maintain, use, repair, replace and relocate such public utilities and cable television facilities, within the described premises, which it may, at any time hereafter, deem necessary for the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and the Township of Middle further reserves unto itself the right to use, maintain, repair, replace and relocate all existing utilities and cable television facilities owned or controlled by it located in, adjacent to, upon or through said land, and further reserves unto itself an easement over, under, through and across the portion of the land described as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of maintaining, replacing, relocating, installing, leveling, constructing and repairing its utilities, mains and appurtenances, if any, wherever there exists a pipeline and appurtenances thereto beneath the surface of the aforesaid described land. The Township of Middle further reserves for its benefit and the benefit of any utility or cable television company the right to maintain, repair, and replace utilities or facilities installed by them in, adjacent to, over or through the aforesaid land. All of the aforesaid rights shall be unaffected by this ordinance.
SECTION 3. Subsequent to the successful adoption of this ordinance the Township shall issue deeds to the adjoining land owners transferring the appropriate portion of the vacated lands as required by statute.
SECTION 4. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. Should any part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication, according to law.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 1637-21 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY WAY ON BLOCK 245, BETWEEN LOTS 12-22 LOCATED ON SCHOOLHOUSE LANE AS SHOWN ON SHEET NO. 34 OF THE TAX MAP OF MIDDLE TOWNSHIP - Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1637-21 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. BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, in the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

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SECTION 2. The Township of Middle, for itself, its successors and assigns, reserves unto itself the right to construct, install, build, operate, maintain, use, repair, replace and relocate such public utilities and cable television facilities, within the described premises, which it may, at any time hereafter, deem necessary for the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and the Township of Middle further reserves unto itself the right to use, maintain, repair, replace and relocate all existing utilities and cable television facilities owned or controlled by it located in, adjacent to, upon or through said land, and further reserves unto itself an easement over, under, through and across the portion of the land described as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of maintaining, replacing, relocating, installing, leveling, constructing and repairing its utilities, mains and appurtenances, if any, wherever there exists a pipeline and appurtenances thereto beneath the surface of the aforesaid described land. The Township of Middle further reserves for its benefit and the benefit of any utility or cable television company the right to maintain, repair, and replace utilities or facilities installed by them in, adjacent to, over or through the aforesaid land. All of the aforesaid rights shall be unaffected by this ordinance.

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8. ORDINANCE NO. 1638-21 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF READING AVENUE BETWEEN FOURTH AVENUE AND HEREFORD AVENUE AS SHOWN ON SHEET NO. 33 OF THE TAX MAP OF MIDDLE TOWNSHIP (ABUTTING BLOCK 328, LOTS 1 & 26) - Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1638-21 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.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, in the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The public right, title and interest in, along, upon and over the following described land is hereby vacated, surrendered and extinguished: All that certain tract of parcel of land, situate in the Township of Middle as set forth in the "Graphic Drawing" labeled "Street Vacation for Reading Avenue" prepared by Vincent Orlando P.E., attached as Exhibit "A", depicting the portion of land between Fourth Avenue and Hereford Avenue to be vacated herein.

SECTION 2. The Township of Middle, for itself, its successors and assigns, reserves unto itself the right to construct, install, build, operate, maintain, use, repair, replace and relocate such public utilities and cable television facilities, within the described premises, which it may, at any time hereafter, deem necessary for the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and the Township of Middle further reserves unto itself the right to use, maintain, repair, replace and relocate all existing utilities and cable television facilities owned or controlled by it located in, adjacent to, upon or through said land, and further reserves unto itself an easement over, under, through and across the portion of the land described as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of maintaining, replacing, relocating, installing, leveling, constructing and repairing its utilities, mains and appurtenances, if any, wherever there exists a pipeline and appurtenances thereto beneath the surface of the aforesaid described land. The Township of Middle further reserves for its benefit and the benefit of any utility or cable television company the right to maintain, repair, and replace utilities or facilities installed by them in, adjacent to, over or through the aforesaid land. All of the aforesaid rights shall be unaffected by this ordinance.

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9. RESOLUTION 516-21 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIREMENT – 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 retirement listed below is acknowledged.

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
William Mayerson	Public Works	Truck Driver	08/01/2022
Paul Mahan	Public Works	Laborer 1	03/01/2022

10. RESOLUTION 517-21 – 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	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Jennifer Teasenfitz	Telecommunications Operator P/T	01/01/2022
Mark DeVico	Records Support Technician 1	12/31/2021

11. RESOLUTION 518-21 – APPOINTMENTS – NEW HIRES – 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
Joanne Ciccotelli	Administration and Executive	Keyboarding Clerk 1 / Receptionist	\$30,000.00	12/27/2021

12. RESOLUTION 519-21 – 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
Joseph Dramis	Public Works	Laborer 1 P/T	Laborer 1 F/T	\$27,500.00	12/20/2021

13. RESOLUTION 520-21 – EXTEND LEAVE OF ABSENCE – 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 Leave of Absence without pay for William Dieffenderfer be extended from December 10, 2021 until January 3, 2022.

14. RESOLUTION 521-21 THROUGH 522-21 – APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT TERMINAL LEAVE (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, Dawn Stimmel retired with an effective date of January 1, 2022; and WHEREAS, it is the policy of Middle Township to compensate retiring employees for accumulated vacation, compensation, sick and personal time; and WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department has provided sufficient documentation verifying the amount of time accumulated and the Finance Officer has certified that time; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that payment be issued to the employee in the amount referenced below:

Dawn Stimmel

Personal: 0.57 Hours
Sick: 406.78 Hours *Capped at max (actual hours 1,478.88)
Comp : 0.49 Hours

\$12,951.66 (inclusive of payroll tax expense to the Township)

(B) WHEREAS, Brian Vergantino retired with an effective date of May 1, 2021; and WHEREAS, it is the policy of Middle Township to compensate retiring employees for accumulated vacation, compensation, sick and personal time; and WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department has provided sufficient documentation verifying the amount of time accumulated and the Finance Officer has certified that time; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that payment be issued to the employee in the amount referenced below:

Brian Vergantino

Sick: 187.50 Hours at 50% of annual salary per PBA contract
\$3,260.92 (inclusive of payroll tax expense to the Township)

15. RESOLUTION 523-21 – APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF CASH OUT SICK LEAVE – VARIOUS EMPLOYEES – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Township allows the cash out of accumulated sick time by employees who meet the guidelines set forth in the personnel policy manual; and

WHEREAS, the personnel office has provided sufficient documentation verifying the amount of time accumulated and the Finance Officer has certified that time;

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 payment be issued to the employees in the amount referenced on the attached.

*Total Cost is inclusive of payroll tax expense to the Township

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
			(includes FICA)
William Adams	60	69.04	4,459.07
Mark Bakley	60	28.10	1,814.91
Walter Belles Sr	60	13.22	853.95
Raymond Bradley	60	32.31	2,086.99
Linda Brannon	60	13.22	853.95
Nancy Burke	50	18.78	1,010.63
Gino Castellano	60	50.05	3,232.81
James D'Alonzo	60	50.05	3,232.81
Kristen Davis	60	13.22	853.95
Gregory DeCecco	60	25.44	1,643.20
Robert Flynn	40	39.23	1,689.28
Merill Fowle	24.5	20.99	553.55
Daniel Geiger	60	45.05	2,909.74
Jennifer Graham	60	30.23	1,952.23
Mark Higginbottom	60	62.88	4,061.38
Phillip Johnson	60	50.05	3,232.81
Armondo Jones	60	45.05	2,909.74
Dustin Kelly	60	15.79	1,019.93
Leonard Larkin	60	54.54	3,522.93
Christopher Leusner	30	84.37	2,724.60
Martin Lindholm	60	45.05	2,909.74
James Loftus	60	69.04	4,459.07
Trevor MacCormack	16	25.44	438.19
Kenneth Martin, Jr.	60	54.54	3,522.93
Blake Martindale	60	25.44	1,643.20
Matthew Martino	60	46.93	3,031.00
Jonas McInnis	60	28.10	1,814.91
Marilyn Miller	40	20.06	863.75
Brian Murphy	60	54.54	3,522.93
John Norton	60	50.05	3,232.81
Michael Pastore	60	32.31	2,086.99
Michael Reardon	60	28.10	1,814.91
Thomas Ritterhoff	60	28.10	1,814.91
Julio Ruiz	60	50.05	3,232.81
Thomas Runyon	60	25.44	1,643.20
Kurt Saettler	60	46.93	3,031.00
Suzanne Schumann	21	35.71	807.38
Robert Shepherd	60	69.04	4,459.07
Benjamin Stiefel	60	28.10	1,814.91
Tracey Super	60	62.88	4,061.38
Jason Sweitzer	60	54.54	3,522.93
Jennifer Teasenfitz	60	14.00	904.25
Joshua Tozer	60	14.26	920.76
			100,171.51

20. RESOLUTION 528-21 – RENEWAL OF GRAVEL PIT PERMITS – 2021 – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the gravel pit permit renewal applications listed below have been found to be in proper form, and the fee paid in each case, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds and concludes that the excavation and soil removal work originally authorized has been in continuous operation during the period of the permit and has been performed in accordance with the conditions under which the original permit was granted, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer undertook an inspection of the subject premises and has stated in his letter that recertification is currently recommended, and

WHEREAS, said applicants listed below have also received all necessary site plan review and are conditionally approved for their operations as set forth in Chapter 132 of the Township code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each of the following permits be and are hereby renewed for the calendar year 2021, and this permit is subject to the rules and regulations as set forth in the code of the Township of Middle known as Chapter 132, including but not limited to all parameters set forth by the Middle Township Planning Board as expressed in their approving resolutions:

NO.	NAME OF LICENSE	BLOCK/LOT	ACREAGE	FEE
4	Cape Mining & Recycling LLC	98/2	35.37	\$600.00
6	Cape Mining & Recycling LLC	94/19.02	57.1	\$600.00
7	Cape Mining & Recycling LLC	94/19.01 & 20	72	\$600.00
11	H4 Enterprises, LLC	95.03/21	42.1	\$600.00
12	Diamond Materials, LLC	168/2	42.5	\$600.00
24	TK Sand & Gravel, Inc.	96.01/17	8.08	\$200.00

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the above licenses be issued upon any and all conditions set forth by the Township Engineer and Middle Township Planning Board in the letters and resolutions attached to each license.

21. RESOLUTION 529-21 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED DEED OF EASEMENT BETWEEN APACHE DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE FOR BLOCK 99.02 LOT 117 IN CONNECTION WITH THE MIDDLE TOWNSHIP BIKE PATH NORTH – 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, are hereby authorized to sign the amended Deed of Easement relative to Block 99.02 Lot 117, for use in connection with the Middle Township Bike Path North Project.

22. RESOLUTION 530-21 – RATIFY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE AND THE PBA LOCAL 59 SUPERIOR OFFICERS OF THE MIDDLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT – 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 the agreement dated January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025 between the Superior Officers of the Middle Township Police Department and the Township of Middle, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign said agreement in connection therewith.

23. RESOLUTION 531-21 – RATIFY AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE AND CHRISTOPHER LEUSNER, CHIEF OF POLICE – 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 the agreement renewal between Christopher Leusner, Chief of the Middle Township Police Department and the Township of Middle, as attached, effective January 1, 2022, is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER SOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign said agreement in connection therewith.

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of process of negotiating in good faith with all unions and attracting and retaining employees; discussed economic realities of retaining good employees; further discussed efforts to provide employees with increased salaries to help retain employees; recognized Kimberly Osmundsen on her leading efforts; thanked Chief Leusner and superior officers; spoke of 4-year contracts for all union employees and recognized these employees hard work; discussed continuing to face covid challenges*

24. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Dillio, CMCH:

- *Echoed Mayor Donohue's comments*
- *Expressed thanked and gratitude to Marilyn Miller; stated she is a bright light in the community; discussed holiday party at the senior center*

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated he could not agree more with Mr. Dillio: stated the Township has a wealth of excellent employees; discussed Women of Wonder award that was presented to Marilyn Miller

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Explained electric meter issue; discussed meeting with Kurt Lindsay the electrical inspector; discussed various entities he reached out to

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- Spoke of conversation with Mr. Robinson and facts of the case to all entities involved; spoke of meter on barn and cost associated with the same

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Spoke of cost of electrical permit; discussed \$1,500 fee for permit whether it is approved or not

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- Stated much of his information is convoluted

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Spoke of estimates from contractors; expressed concern of "committing perjury" claiming the space as a business when it is not

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- Stated he acted as his own contractor and asked if he is a licensed electrician; continued to discuss previous conversations with Mr. Robinson and his expressed issues with the associated costs

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Spoke of costs associated with the permit; discussed lack of response from Committee; discussed various other entities he reaches out to; spoke of being denied a refund even though the inspector provided inaccurate information

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- Spoke of discussions with Mr. Robinson explained fee goes to the inspector to go out to inspect the permits; explained that she and Mr. Robinson have discussed this at great lengths

Mayor Donohue:

- Asked Mr. Robinson what he is asking for

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Spoke of refund in comparison with paying taxes late

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated he could go the court route if he so chooses

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Spoke of attendance at a Zoning Meeting and giving developers "everything they want"

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated Township Committee does not make any zoning decisions; explained decisions do not get sent to Committee for approval; explained he must follow Township code

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Spoke of being denied rights to speak at a Zoning Meeting

Committeeman Gandy:

- Asked if he went on front of zoning already for approvals for his second building on his property; stated it is the same process for all approvals; explained are no reflection of the Township

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Spoke of 2 houses on property; explained 1 building was rezoned as a house and discussed costs complete the process through zoning

Committeeman Gandy:

- Discussed costs of profiting off selling houses

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Continued to discussed process permitting process when building his houses

Committeeman Gandy:

- Asked if he discussed running electric to the barn when he submitted for his building permits; discussed need to be very specific with intentions

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Began to discuss difficulty with building affordable housing

Mayor Donohue:

- Spoke of affordable housing units already built within the Township

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Continued to discuss costs associated with property improvements

Committeeman Gandy:

- Clarified that his first two buildings are businesses because he rents them out

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Explained he live in the one building

Committeeman Gandy:

- Asked why he can not bring the electric from one house to another

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Not feasible

Committeeman Gandy:

- Explained it is not the Township's responsibility to provide him with better quality electric because he can not afford to do it; asked MR. Robinson exactly what he wants Township Committee to do

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Explained his intent for Committee to settle his meter issue and acknowledge that his pole barn is not a business

Mayor Donohue

- Asked what gives Township's Committee's authority is over this situation

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Explained his reasoning behind Committee being able to provide this to him

Mayor Donohue:

- Explained that Township Committee does not have jurisdiction over this situation and he must go before the Zoning Board

David Robinson, CMCH:

- Continued to discuss issues

Mark Higginbottom:

- Thanked Committee on behalf of superior officers for working tirelessly on getting their contract done

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Spoke of article on opioid settlement

Marc Karavan:

- Spoke of formula being employed; explained Middle Township will receive a percentage but unsure of the dollar amount yet

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked how will the money be spent; further asked if would go to EMS and police


Mayor Donohue:

- Spoke of avenues that can be taken to use funds

ENGINEER REPORT:

Vince Orlando:

- Reviewed report presented to Committee:



Township of Middle
Project Status Report
December 20, 2021
Prepared By: Vincent C. Orlando, P.E., P.P., L.L.A.

2021 Drainage Projects

- Construction started on December 6, 2021
- Construction to be completed by February 1, 2022
- Project includes:
 - Daroti Dr. – Construct recharge system to eliminate flooding at cul-de-sac.
 - Lola Ln. – construct swale in right of way to eliminate ponding water on street and adjacent driveway.
 - Hallman Rd. – construct concrete gutter to improve drainage at curb line.
 - Pamela Rd. – Re-construct asphalt gutter line to improve drainage of gutter at Second Ave.
 - Birch, Avocado, Coconut & Cedar Rds. – construct new drainage recharge systems in various locations to improve drainage in recently reconstructed roads.
 - Highs Beach Rd. – Replace cross drain at creek.

2021 Road Project

- Contract to be awarded to Arawack Paving for \$228,900.00
- Construction to begin early Spring
- Project includes:
 - Mount Vernon Ave, Crest Rd. & Romney Place – Road reconstruct and paving.
 - Barbie Ln. & Woodside Rd. – Road reconstruct, paving and drainage improvements.

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Norbury Landing Project

- Survey work completed
- Conceptual design attached
- Preliminary comments received by NJDEP
- Zoom meeting with NJDEP to be scheduled
- Plans and Specifications to be completed by March 1, 2022
- Project to be bid by mid-April 2022.
- Construction to begin June 2022.

3rd Ave & Walsh- Reconstruction & Construction of New Roadway

- NJDOT grant received October 2021
- Survey work to be completed by DeBlasio Associates
- Construction plans and specifications to be completed by February 2022
- NJDOT approval by March 2022
- Construction to begin May 2022

FINAL/MIDDLE/GENERAL/PROJSTATUS 11-20-11

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Norris:

- *Discussed south shore basketball program; wrestling scheduled to start soon; 3rd/4th grade travel team won the scoop Taylor championship; youth broadcasting program would be beginning January 8th with the k-12 league; discussed new Zumba class beginning on Saturdays at the recreation complex; congratulated Betzy McClintock on being name November Employee of the month*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Thanked Betzy; thanked Chief for his great work with the Police Department; reiterated Public Works is hiring; thanked all employees and residents for a good year; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of challenges faced in 2021; discussed employee holiday party; stated shop with a cop event at Walmart had roughly 84 kids and was up from the 26 kids last year; recognized Justin Vitola for his efforts organizing the event; wished everyone a Happy Holiday; stated Reorg would be January 4th at 7pm; congratulated Committeeman Gandy on his second term on Township Committee*

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:48 PM

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