

Cape May Court House, NJ
February 23, 2022
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, Township Engineer Vince Orlando, & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan

1. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND COMMITTEE – RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT – CAPTAIN WILLIAM ADAMS

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed retirement of officers; spoke of experience at a recent protest with Captain Adams; wished him a long and happy retirement*

Committee:

- *Presented Captain Adams with retirement plaque*

Chief Leusner:

- *Discussed working with Captain Adams during his first and last day of work with the Police Department; spoke of their close working relationship; explained Captain Adams' close relationship with the Community; expressed his appreciation for all his advice over the years; presented Captain Adams with a retirement plaque from the Middle Township Police Department*

Captain Adams:

- *Discussed growing up in Middle Township; spoke of appreciation to be able to work for Middle Township Police Department*

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.)

NONE

3. RESOLUTION 112-22 – 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. \$328,576.96

4. RESOLUTION 113-22 – 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: 02/07/2022 Regular Meeting.

5. REPORTS: NONE

6. ORDINANCE NO. 1639-22 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE - Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1639-22 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.

Complete Ordinance on File in the Clerk's Office

****No public comment.***

7. ORDINANCE NO. 1640-22 – 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 1070, LOT 3 - Following second reading, hearing, and consideration for adoption, Ordinance 1640-22 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.

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 1070, Lot 3 (the "Subject Property") in the Whitesboro Section of the Township that qualifies for such a land sale; and
WHEREAS, the Township has received a "Request Sheet for Sale of Township Owned Real Estate" submitted by Charles A. Farrow, the owner of a property contiguous to the Subject Property
WHEREAS, there are, in total, three (3) owners of real estate who are contiguous to the Subject Property, specifically listed as follows:

Block 1058 Lot 17 - Sheryl Hazel
45 Cochran Street
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
Block 1070, Lot 2 - Albert M. Winters
6012 Sligo Mill Road NE
Washington, DC 20011
South Carolina Avenue
Block 1070, Lot 4 -Charles & Gail Farrow
13 North Carolina Avenue
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

WHEREAS, the three (3) owners shall be noticed and given an opportunity to participate in an open (private) auction limited to just the three of them participating to purchase the parcel but at a price which is no less than the fair market value of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the assessment of Block 1070 Lot 3 is \$1,900.00, and the Township Tax Assessor has stated in writing that the fair market value of the land is \$1,900.00, which the Township therefore makes the minimum bid; 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, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that the Township may conduct a private auction to sell the Subject Property owned by the Township to contiguous owners of the same.

SECTION 1.

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Middle shall sell a portion of real property identified as Block 1070, Lot 3 to the highest bidder of an open (private) auction to be held on March 9, 2022 at 10:00am. in the meeting room of the Township Hall, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, New Jersey, at which time only those three owners of property contiguous to that portion of Block 1070, Lot 3 which is offered for sale shall participate; and

2. The minimum bid shall be \$1,900.00; and

3. The auction shall be conducted by the Township Chief Financial Officer, David Elliott; 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.

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed land sale process of unbuildable land parcels*

8. ****TABLED** PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM**

9. ****TABLED** RESOLUTION 114-22 – DECLARING THE GYPSY MOTH A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE SPRAYING PROGRAM – On motion by seconded by and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.**

WHEREAS, the gypsy moth *Lymantria dispar*, has been found heavily defoliating tree and plant growth in the Township of Middle; and

WHEREAS, continued destruction of foliage may result in loss of valuable forest lands and trees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle has determined that a gypsy moth control program should be instituted with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture and that application for any Federal or State funds available be authorized.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle that the gypsy moth is declared to be a public nuisance and the protection of vegetation or plant life therefrom is deemed to be a subject matter of public welfare, and that all measures deemed necessary, in compliance with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture recommendations, is hereby authorized to suppress this forest and shade tree pest.

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed Gypsy Moth project; explained reason for tabling public hearing and Resolution*

10. RESOLUTION 115-22 – 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	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Samantha Grassi	Public Safety – Telecommunications	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee F/T	02/28/2022
Abdiel Nieves	Public Safety – Telecommunications	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee P/T	02/28/2022

11. RESOLUTION 116-22 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISCONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT – 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 discontinuation of appointments listed below, are acknowledged.

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT/BOARD	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Harry Patterson	Public Works	Laborer 1 F/T T/A	02/18/2022

12. RESOLUTION 117-22 – 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	EFFECTIVE DATE
Tyler Maikisch	Sewer	Laborer 1 F/T T/A	Laborer 1 P/T Permanent	02/08/2022

13. RESOLUTION 118-22 – APPOINTING ZONING OFFICIAL – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. WHEREAS, NJ Stat.. 40:55D-1 et seq et seq., of the New Jersey Statutes allows local municipalities in New Jersey to create the position of Zoning Officer or Zoning Official, in accordance with local ordinance and New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, who have the responsibility for enforcing local municipal zoning ordinances; and WHEREAS, the Township of Middle desires to appoint Rachel Shepherd to the position of Zoning Official. 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 is hereby appointed to the following position at the salary opposite their name:

NAME	TITLE	SALARY	EFF. DATE
Rachel Shepherd	Zoning Officer/Official	\$54,600.00	03/01/2022

14. RESOLUTION 119-22 – APPOINTMENT – BOARD SECRETARY – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. WHEREAS, during the Annual Reorganization Meeting(s) of the Middle Township Planning and Zoning Boards Rachel Shepherd was appointed as Board Secretary for a term of one-year. WHEREAS, each board provides for a stipend of \$2700.00 (each). 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 following person be and are hereby appointed to the boards for the term of office opposite their name:

NAME	BOARD	TERM EFFECTIVE	TERM EXPIRES	SALARY
Rachel Shepherd	Zoning Board of Adjustment	02/23/2022	12/31/2022	\$2,700.00
Rachel Shepherd	Planning Board	02/23/2022	12/31/2022	\$2,700.00

15. RESOLUTION 120-22 THROUGH 123-22 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT (ITEMS A THROUGH D) – 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 464-21 dated November 1, 2021, 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 #ZBENG2022, 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, 2022.

(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 has formally passed Resolution #ZBATTY2022, appointing Robert T. Belasco, Esquire, of Stefankiewicz and Belasco, LLC, as Zoning Board Solicitor for 2022.

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:

Robert T. Belasco – Zoning Board Solicitor – Not to Exceed \$20,000.00

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, 2022.

(C) 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 464-21 dated November 1, 2021, 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 Planning Board has formally passed Resolution #PBENG2022, 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 – Planning 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, 2022.

(D) 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 Planning Board has formally passed Resolution #PBATTY2022, appointing David A. Stefankiewicz, Esquire, of Stefankiewicz and Belasco, LLC, as Planning Board Solicitor for 2022.

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:

David A. Stefankiewicz – Planning Board Solicitor – Not to Exceed \$33,000.00

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, 2022.

16. RESOLUTION 124-22 – AWARD CONTRACT AND RATIFY AGREEMENT THROUGH NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS – SEWER ENGINEER – MOTT MACDONALD – 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 Agreement between Mott MacDonald and the Township of Middle for Sewer Engineer be and is hereby ratified and the contract is hereby awarded through the Non-Fair and Open Process as described in Pay-To-Play Statutes. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement.

Mott MacDonald – Sewer Engineer – Not to Exceed \$17,500.00

17. RESOLUTION 125-22 – AMENDING RESOLUTION 143-21 – AWARD CONTRACT AND RATIFY AGREEMENT THROUGH NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS – REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL SERVICES – MALEY GIVENS, COUNSELLORS AT LAW – AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT REVIEW – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. WHEREAS, Resolution No. 143-21 authorized an agreement with Maley Givens, Counselors at Law for redevelopment counsel services, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the Pay to Play regulations in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and WHEREAS, said contract needs to be amended to include additional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the agreement with said contractor is hereby amended.
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all document in connection therewith.

MALEY GIVENS, COUNSELLORS AT LAW
 Redevelopment Counsel Services – Additional Services CY2021
 Not to Exceed an additional - \$5,789.00
 (Total Contract Amount \$30,789.00)

18. RESOLUTION 126-22 – EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION – PLANNING BOARD OTHER EXPENSES – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
 WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the Township is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2022 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and
 WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose, and
 WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriation resolutions adopted in the year 2022 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$8,250.00,
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Middle, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$8,250.00 as follows:

PLANNING BOARD
 Other Expenses \$8,250.00

2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 budget.
 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

19. RESOLUTION 127-22 – RELEASE OF TRUST ACCOUNTS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
 WHEREAS, certain monies held in Trust Accounts from time to time may have balances remaining after all fees have been paid; and
 WHEREAS, the applicants are entitled to a refund of this money.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that upon request of the Zoning Officer the following balances in the Trust Accounts, as listed on the attached sheets, shall be released.
 *Attachments available for viewing in the Clerk’s Office

20. RESOLUTION 128-22 – 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 the mortgage company of the below property owner due to payment made on exempt property.

ACCT	BLOCK	LOT	OWNER/LOCATION	2022
16128	322.01	39	Sexton, Jody D & Christine	\$1,387.21
Property Location: 19 Secluded Hollow Rd				

Please make check payable and send to:
 Lereta LLC
 Attn.: Central Refunds
 901 Corporate Center Drive
 Pomona, CA 91768

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 2022 taxes
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be given to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middle.

21. RESOLUTION 129-22 THROUGH 133-22 – AFFIDAVIT OF ASSIGNMENT POSTING (ITEMS A THROUGH E) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) State of New Jersey
 Ss
 County of Cape May
 I Sandra B. Beasley, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW ON MY OATH STATE:
 1. I am the Tax Collector of The Township of Middle, County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey.
 2. A notice of assignment for tax title lien #2021-0010 was mailed to the assessed owner, Wingard, Jack P & Dorothy for block 42 lot 1 CMA24 by certified and regular mail pre postage paid.
 3. Notice of assignment was published in the Herald-Times, Rio Grande, New Jersey on February 16th, 2022
 4. A Copy of the Notice of Sale was set up in three of the public places in the Municipality, namely:
 1. Middle Township Municipal Hall
 33 Mechanic St
 Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
 2. Rio Grande Post Office

- 1087 Rte 47 S
Rio Grande, NJ 08242
3. Cape May Court House Post Office
615 Rte 9 S
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

(B) State of New Jersey

Ss

County of Cape May

I Sandra B. Beasley, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW ON MY OATH STATE:

1. I am the Tax Collector of The Township of Middle, County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey.
2. A notice of assignment for tax title lien #2021-0011 was mailed to the assessed owner, Alfaro, Samuel S Mayen for block 42 lot 1 CMB08 by certified and regular mail pre postage paid.
3. Notice of assignment was published in the Herald-Times, Rio Grande, New Jersey on February 16th, 2022
4. A Copy of the Notice of Sale was set up in three of the public places in the Municipality, namely:
 1. Middle Township Municipal Hall
33 Mechanic St
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
 2. Rio Grande Post Office
1087 Rte 47 S
Rio Grande, NJ 08242
 3. Cape May Court House Post Office
615 Rte 9 S
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

(C) State of New Jersey

Ss

County of Cape May

I Sandra B. Beasley, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW ON MY OATH STATE:

1. I am the Tax Collector of The Township of Middle, County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey.
2. A notice of assignment for tax title lien #2021-0015 was mailed to the assessed owner, Mc Clintock, Patricia C Etal for block 42 lot 1 CMB31 by certified and regular mail pre postage paid.
3. Notice of assignment was published in the Herald-Times, Rio Grande, New Jersey on February 16th, 2022
4. A Copy of the Notice of Sale was set up in three of the public places in the Municipality, namely:
 1. Middle Township Municipal Hall
33 Mechanic St
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
 2. Rio Grande Post Office
1087 Rte 47 S
Rio Grande, NJ 08242
 3. Cape May Court House Post Office
615 Rte 9 S
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

(D) State of New Jersey

Ss

County of Cape May

I Sandra B. Beasley, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW ON MY OATH STATE:

1. I am the Tax Collector of The Township of Middle, County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey.
2. A notice of assignment for tax title lien #2021-0017 was mailed to the assessed owner, Townsend, Walter & Longbottom, Anne for block 42 lot 1 CMF12 by certified and regular mail pre postage paid.
3. Notice of assignment was published in the Herald-Times, Rio Grande, New Jersey on February 16th, 2022
4. A Copy of the Notice of Sale was set up in three of the public places in the Municipality, namely:
 1. Middle Township Municipal Hall
33 Mechanic St
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
 2. Rio Grande Post Office
1087 Rte 47 S
Rio Grande, NJ 08242
 3. Cape May Court House Post Office
615 Rte 9 S
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

(E) State of New Jersey

Ss

County of Cape May

I Sandra B. Beasley, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW ON MY OATH STATE:

1. I am the Tax Collector of The Township of Middle, County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey.
2. A notice of assignment for tax title lien #2021-0025 was mailed to the assessed owner, Bickel, Robert & Robin for block 48 lot 10 C0060 by certified and regular mail pre postage paid.
3. Notice of assignment was published in the Herald-Times, Rio Grande, New Jersey on February 16th, 2022
4. A Copy of the Notice of Sale was set up in three of the public places in the Municipality, namely:
 1. Middle Township Municipal Hall
33 Mechanic St
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
 2. Rio Grande Post Office

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22. RESOLUTION 134-22 THROUGH 138-22 – ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE (ITEMS A THROUGH E) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby assigns Certificate of Tax Sale #2021-0010 in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred, thirty dollars and sixty-four cents (\$830.64), to Gabriel Spector.

Pursuant to the Tax Sale held December 15th 2021 , covering the land and premises known and designated on the Tax Maps of the Township of Middle as block 42 lot 1 CMA24 assessed to Wingard, Jack P & Dorothy G which tax sale certificate was recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Cape May, on December 20th 2021 in Book 6503 of Mortgages and on Pages 133-135 together with all subsequent municipal liens, interest and costs up to and including taxes from 2021 through the 1st quarter of 2022.

In addition, an advertisement fee to be collected on February 23rd 2022, in the amount of \$11.18 is not part of this assignment but an expense to this assignment that will not be recovered by the assignee if redemption is made.

This Assignment is made under the provisions of New Jersey Statutes Annotated 54:5-113, and also in accordance with a resolution as adopted by the governing body of the Township of Middle on February 7th, 2022

(B) KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby assigns Certificate of Tax Sale #2021-0011 in consideration of the sum of One thousand, one-hundred, thirteen dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$1,113.88), to Gabriel Spector.

Pursuant to the Tax Sale held December 15th 2021 , covering the land and premises known and designated on the Tax Maps of the Township of Middle as block 42 lot 1 CMB08 assessed to Alfaro, Samuel S Mayen which tax sale certificate was recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Cape May, on December 20th 2021 in Book 6503 of Mortgages and on Pages 121-123 together with all subsequent municipal liens, interest and costs up to and including taxes from 2021 through the 1st quarter of 2022.

In addition, an advertisement fee to be collected on February 23rd 2022, in the amount of \$11.18 is not part of this assignment but an expense to this assignment that will not be recovered by the assignee if redemption is made.

This Assignment is made under the provisions of New Jersey Statutes Annotated 54:5-113, and also in accordance with a resolution as adopted by the governing body of the Township of Middle on February 7th, 2022.

(C) KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby assigns Certificate of Tax Sale #2021-0015 in consideration of the sum of One thousand, one-hundred, seventy-two and forty-four cents (\$1,172.44), to Gabriel Spector.

Pursuant to the Tax Sale held December 15th 2021 , covering the land and premises known and designated on the Tax Maps of the Township of Middle as block 42 lot 1 CMB31 assessed to Mc Clintock, Patricia C Etal which tax sale certificate was recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Cape May, on December 20th 2021 in Book 6503 of Mortgages and on Pages 127-129 together with all subsequent municipal liens, interest and costs up to and including taxes from 2021 through the 1st quarter of 2022.

In addition, an advertisement fee to be collected on February 23rd 2022, in the amount of \$11.18 is not part of this assignment but an expense to this assignment that will not be recovered by the assignee if redemption is made.

This Assignment is made under the provisions of New Jersey Statutes Annotated 54:5-113, and also in accordance with a resolution as adopted by the governing body of the Township of Middle on February 7th, 2022.

(D) KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby assigns Certificate of Tax Sale #2021-0017 in consideration of the sum of Nine hundred, sixty-five dollars and forty-eight cents (\$965.48), to Gabriel Spector.

Pursuant to the Tax Sale held December 15th 2021 , covering the land and premises known and designated on the Tax Maps of the Township of Middle as block 42 lot 1 CMF12 assessed to Townsend, Walter & Longbottom, Anne which tax sale certificate was recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Cape May, on December 20th 2021 in Book 6503 of Mortgages and on Pages 133-135 together with all subsequent municipal liens, interest and costs up to and including taxes from 2021 through the 1st quarter of 2022.

In addition, an advertisement fee to be collected on February 23rd 2022, in the amount of \$11.18 is not part of this assignment but an expense to this assignment that will not be recovered by the assignee if redemption is made.

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(E) KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby assigns Certificate of Tax Sale #2021-0025 in consideration of the sum of Nine hundred, eighty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$989.68), to Gabriel Spector.

Pursuant to the Tax Sale held December 15th 2021, covering the land and premises known and designated on the Tax Maps of the Township of Middle as block 48 lot 10 C0060 assessed to Bickel, Robert & Robin which tax sale certificate was recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Cape May, on December 20th 2021 in Book 6503 of Mortgages and on Pages 148-150 together with all subsequent municipal liens, interest and costs up to and including taxes from 2021 through the 1st quarter of 2022.

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23. RESOLUTION 139-22 – SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT – CAPE MAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
 WHEREAS, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, Inc. has applied for approval to sell alcoholic beverages at an event to be held at the Shore Club, 1170 Golf Club Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey 08210 on September 20, 2022 from 12:00pm until 9:00pm; and
 WHEREAS, they have provided proper documentation to the Township of Middle.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, in the Township of Middle, does hereby approve the Social Affairs Permit.
24. RESOLUTION 140-22 – APPROVAL OF LIMOUSINE/TAXI CAB LICENSE – DAY SIPPER TOURS LLC – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
 WHEREAS, the following company has applied to the Township of Middle for a license to operate a Limousine within the confines of the Township, under Chapter 226 of the Code of the Township of Middle, and
 WHEREAS, after review by the Township Solicitor and other appropriate Township Officials, the following application has been found to be in proper order and the fee paid in connection with the licensing process, and
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each of the following licenses be, and are hereby authorized, for the calendar year of 2022:

License#	Vehicle #	Tradename	VIN Number	Taxi Make/ Model	Fee
L01-22	1-22	Day Sipper Tours LLC	1FBSS3BL2EDA47658	2014 Ford Econoline E350 SD Wagon	License Fee \$50.00 Vehicle Fee: \$10.00

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any license issued pursuant to the terms in accordance with the Code of the Township of Middle shall expire midnight of the 31st day of December of the year in which is issued unless sooner surrendered, suspended or revoked.

25. RESOLUTION 141-22 – AUTHORIZE APPLICATION –DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT SFY 2022 – 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 approval for the application for the 2022 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant be and is hereby approved.
 FURTHER RESOLVED, that Police Capt. James Loftus is named as the Contact Person and that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign said documents.
26. RESOLUTION 142-22 – SUPPORT COUNTY STUDY TO EVALUATE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – COURT HOUSE SOUTH DENNIS ROAD & SWAINTON GOSHEN ROAD – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
 WHEREAS, the County of Cape May Engineering Department has received a request from a resident of Court House South Dennis Road to investigate possible traffic calming measures at the intersection of Court House South Dennis Road and Swainton Goshen Road; and
 WHEREAS, the County of Cape May requires a resolution of support from the municipality in order to promulgate a traffic study.
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, does hereby support a traffic study at the intersection of Court House South Dennis Road and Swainton Goshen Road with regards to traffic calming measures.
27. RESOLUTION 143-22 – ESTABLISHING RATE OF PAY FOR PART-TIME CLASS 2 POLICE OFFICERS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
 WHEREAS, a part-time employee is one that works 34 hours or less per week per Civil Service Commission Title 4A:6-2.2, New Jersey Administrative Title Code Book, and in the case of Class 2 Police Officers, unless designated and approved by the County Prosecutor, and
 WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish the rate of pay for Class 2 Police Officers within the Township of Middle and to be outlined within the salary resolution as adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, and

P/T Special Class Two Police Officers - \$20.00 PH effective 02/25/2022

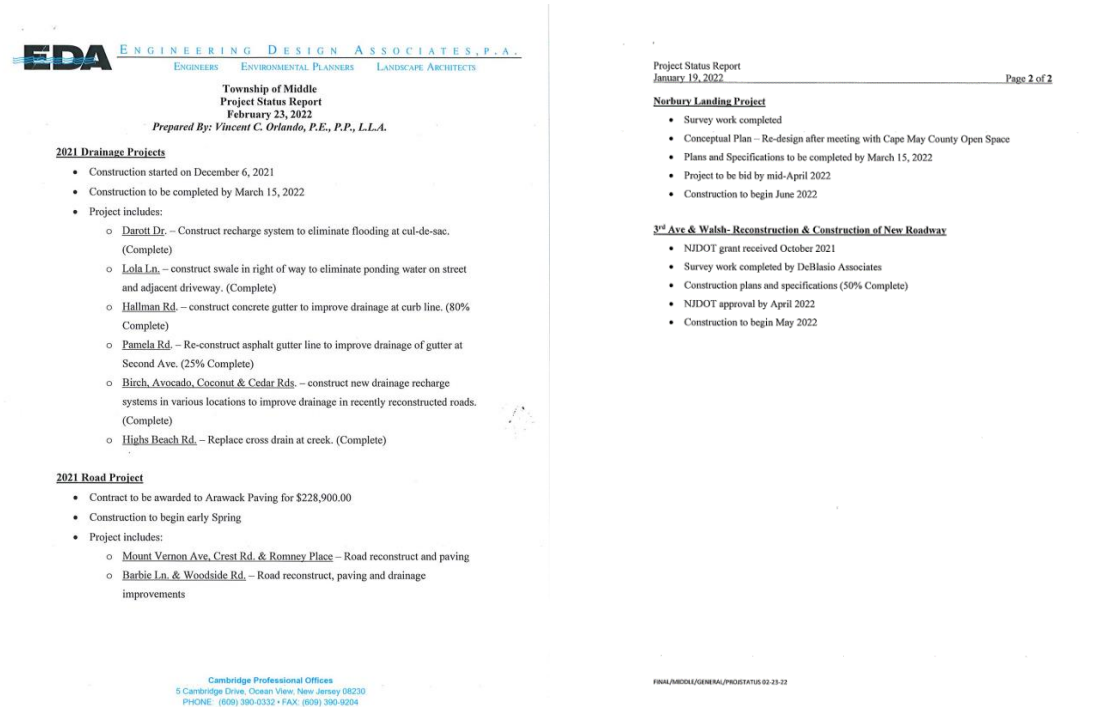
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the above referenced schedule shall be adopted and utilized for those part-time employees as established above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the appropriate officials to execute and make said changes as necessary to the salary resolution.

28. ENGINEERING REPORT:

Vince Orlando:

- *Reviewed report presented to Committee: explained they had received a \$150,000 grant for the Hand Avenue Phase II Project*



29. PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Lauricella, Cape May Court House:

- *Asked about reaching out to other Townships about the Gypsy Moth spraying*
- Mayor Donohue:*
- *Explained Dennis Township and Upper Township are both confirmed to participate*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande;

- *Asked about the finishing of the bike path*
- Mayor Donohue:*
- *Stated it is not yet finished; discussed current stance of the bike path north paving; explained they have about 1.2 miles left to complete*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Asked about a projected completion date*
- Mayor Donohue:*
- *Stated it was close to finish*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Asked about paving of Railroad Avenue and doing Church Street in conjunction*
- Mayor Donohue:*
- *Explained the Township did not get a grant for Church Street*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Asked if the county will move forward to complete Railroad Ave than without Church Street*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Stated he is unsure that Railroad Road is a pending project*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Discussed meeting with County on pending projects and that Railroad Ave is on the list but unsure on timeline*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Continued to discuss meeting with Bob Church about County paving project*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Explained the Railroad Ave project is more for drainage correction than paving*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed various roads of concern in need of paving*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Asked about an affordable housing update*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked if he meant the agreement or over all status*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Clarified a general update

Mayor Donohue:

- Discussed current stance of Affordable Housing in Middle Township

Marc Karavan:

- Continued to discuss where the Township currently stands and next steps to be taken

Mayor Donohue:

- Explained process is a negotiation; discussed overall efforts to provide affordable housing in the Township

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Stated the increase in pay for Class II Officers is forward thinking and commended the Township for taking this action

Mayor Donohue:

- Discussed challenges with labor shortages and the difficulty in finding people willing to become Police Officers

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked about Inspira ambulance in his community and if they must adhere to the same billing requirement as Middle Township ambulances

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated he was unsure and suggested he reach out to Inspira regarding billing practices

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked about mutual aid agreement

Mayor Donohue:

- Explained the mutual aid agreement is with Lower Township

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked about billing from Inspira if they respond to a call through mutual aid

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- Explained mutual aid is between the municipalities

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Continued to discuss billing processes

Marc Karavan:

- Explained any billing agreement would be between Inspira and Lower Township; further explained billing process

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked if Inspira is expanding

Mayor Donohue:

- Discussed various municipalities with agreements with Inspira

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked if there is consideration in Middle Township to do the same

Mayor Donohue:

- Explained the Township currently has an RFP out to review out sourcing options

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked if Inspira has responded

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated various companies have; continued to discuss different EMS options the Township has reviewed

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked if they Township has lost money by providing this service

Mayor Donohue:

- Explained it fluctuates year to year; discussed challenge of finding employees and costs associated with hiring and training; continued to discuss research being done to determine future of EMS

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked about equipment and buildings owned by the Township

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated the volunteer corps own their own buildings

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked about current ambulances

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated it depends on agreement made with outside company

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Spoke of concern with bringing in an outsourced company

Mayor Donohue:

- Spoke of serious conversations with regards to changes in public services; explained goal is to provide the best services they can at the best cost to the tax payer; discussed next steps of looking at all options once RFPs were received

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- Asked about preserving jobs for current EMS workers

Mayor Donohue:

- Spoke of current EMS employees; explained the ultimate goal is for them to be provided jobs with the new company should that be the decision made

Mayor Donohue:

- Explained they are different levels of expertise
- Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*
- Continued to discuss EMS services
- Mayor Donohue:*
- Explained all the people that work for EMS are EMTs
- Captain Loftus:*
- Explained that EMT and paramedic's responses depend on the call type
- Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*
- Asked who determines which type responds to a call
- Captain Loftus:*
- Continued to discuss medical respondents
- Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*
- Asked if Inspira have their own paramedics
- Captain Loftus:*
- Stated he does not have a large knowledge of Inspira but discussed EMT training levels; explained paramedics response would be similar to their current responses

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Norris:

- Gave recreation update; stated South Shore basketball is coming to an end; discussed various basketball leagues; spoke of Easter egg coloring contest; discussed an upcoming family fun night at the MLK Center; spoke of sponsors for the event and various aspects of the event

Committeeman Gandy:

- Discussed appointment of Rachel Shepherd as the new Zoning Official; stated Rachel has helped building the Zoning Office up; Congratulated Rachel and stated David May will be missed

Mayor Donohue:

- Recognized Captain Adams for his service; recognized David May on his upcoming retirement; discussed David time with the Township; explained the Zoning Office had been in a transition phase for a long time but has settled into a great place; explained the budget is currently in a holding state as they wait for State numbers and they expect to introduce at the second meeting in March; stated the State of the Township address was the upcoming Friday at the Bellevue and sponsored by the Middle Township Chamber of Commerce; discussed details about the event; stated there is a large change in the Middle Township Police Department in the upcoming weeks and discussed changes to the dispatch services; explained the decision to move dispatch was a tough decision to make

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:44 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