

Cape May Court House, NJ  
 December 5, 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, Township Clerk/Business Administrator Kimberly Osmundsen, Deputy Township Clerk Emily Bartleson, Deputy Business Administrator Suzanne Schumann, Township Engineer Vince Orlando, & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan  
 \**Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan Absent – Steven Morris present on behalf*

1. PRESENTATION BY COMMITTEE – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER – JOE LACONTE
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.)*

*John Lauricella, Cape May Court House:*  
 - *Asked about MUA item on the bill list*  
*Mayor Donohue:*  
 - *Explained host community benefits with the MUA*

*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*  
 - *Asked about items 13 and 14 on the agenda*  
*Kimberly Osmundsen:*  
 - *Explained the resolutions*  
*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*  
 - *Asked about OE in item 14 on the agenda*  
*Kimberly Osmundsen:*  
 - *Explained it stands for operating expenses*  
*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*  
 - *Further asked about purpose of resolution*  
*Mayor Donohue:*  
 - *Further explained resolution*

3. RESOLUTION 518-22 – 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. \$4,421,354.18
4. RESOLUTION 519-22 – 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: 11/21/2022 Work Session, Regular Meeting and Closed Session
5. REPORTS: Zoning for the month of November; Tax/Sewer Collection for the month of November; Sterbeck Harbor for the month of November
6. RESOLUTION 520-22 – 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  |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Ty Pettit        | Public Safety – Police | Special Class II Police Officer | \$20.00 per hour | 12/10/2022 |
| Eddie Ruiz Bruno | Public Safety – Police | Special Class II Police Officer | \$20.00 per hour | 12/10/2022 |

7. RESOLUTION 521-22 – ACKNOWLEDGING INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER – APPOINTMENT NEW HIRE – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.  
 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Transfer Program through New Jersey Civil Service Commission provides the opportunity for eligible New Jersey state and local government employees with permanent

civil service status to transfer between local-to-local employment jurisdictions while maintaining their permanent status, and  
 WHEREAS, this program promotes more efficient public service by allowing civil service jurisdictions to share talented and experienced individuals with other governmental sectors, and  
 WHEREAS, all parties involved in the transfer (the transferring employee, the sending jurisdiction, the receiving jurisdiction, and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission) must agree to the transfer for it to be completed. A transfer is not valid until approved by the Civil Service Commission.  
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that the Governing Body of the Township of Middle does hereby acknowledge and approve the preparation of an Intergovernmental Transfer for Daniel Shustack, Senior Account Clerk (**03165A**) effective January 1, 2023 at a salary of \$85,000.00.  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Human Resources, and/or any other required official of the Township of Middle, is hereby authorized to process all “receiving agency” forms in connection with said transfer.

8. RESOLUTION 522-22 – APPOINTING NEIL YOUNG AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.  
 WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10 requires that “in every municipality, there shall be a chief financial officer appointed by the governing body of the municipality with a term for four years”; and  
 WHEREAS, the Township is presently operating with a temporary Chief Financial Officer, who accepted the position only until a Chief Financial Officer can be appointed; and  
 WHEREAS, the Township has determined that Neil Young possesses the necessary license, education, experience and qualifications to serve as CFO; and  
 WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to appoint Neil Young to the position of CFO (\*Civil Service Title of Clerk 1 (u) and UA title of Chief Financial Officer), effective January 1, 2023.  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that the appointment of Neil Young as Chief Financial Officer as described above is hereby authorized.  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary in connection therewith.  
 FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs.

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Acknowledged the hiring of Dan and Neil; welcomed them both to Middle Township*

9. RESOLUTION 523-22 – 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  |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| Deborah Becker | Municipal Court | Administrator | 02/01/2023 |

10. RESOLUTION 524-22 – TERMINATION – 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 termination listed below, is acknowledged.

| EMPLOYEE       | DEPARTMENT | POSITION      | EFFECTIVE  |
|----------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Brian Harrison | Sewer      | Laborer 1 F/T | 11/24/2022 |

11. RESOLUTION 525-22 THROUGH 526-22 – CANCEL TAXES (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) 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 cancellation 2023 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter taxes is due to property tax exemption:

| Account | Block   | Lot | Owner/location  | 2022     | 2023       |
|---------|---------|-----|---|----------|------------|
| 18204   | 1436.05 | 4   | Galioto, Anthony & Brenda M<br>Property location: 3 Lochalsh Lane<br>Exempt as of 11/1/2022 | \$960.90 | \$2,882.60 |

(B) 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 cancellation 2023 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter taxes is due to property tax exemption:

| Account | Block | Lot | Owner/location  | 2023       |
|---------|-------|-----|---|------------|
| 14781   | 1503  | 1   | Branches Outreach<br>Property location: 201 Hirst Ave | \$7,289.73 |

12. RESOLUTION 527-22 THROUGH 528-22 – REFUND OF TAXES (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) WHEREAS, A refund is due to the below property owners due to payment made on exempt properties.

| ACCT  | BLOCK   | LOT | OWNER/LOCATION   | 2022     |
|-------|---------|-----|--|----------|
| 18204 | 1436.05 | 4   | Galioto, Anthony & Brenda M<br>3 Lochalsh Lane<br>Rio Grande, NJ 08242 | \$960.90 |

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 2023 taxes

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

(B) WHEREAS, A refund is due to the below property owners due to payment made on exempt properties.

| ACCT  | BLOCK | LOT | OWNER/LOCATION   | 2022    |
|-------|-------|-----|--|---------|
| 14781 | 1503  | 1   | Branches Outreach<br>9425 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave<br>Stone Harbor, NJ 08247-1926 | \$34.45 |

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 2023 taxes

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

13. RESOLUTION 529-22 – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO CANCEL THE GRANT ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATIONS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, N.J. 40A:4-60 provides that any unexpended balance of an appropriation may, by resolution of the governing body, be cancelled prior to the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, balances remain in various grants which have been completed or not undertaken; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Township Committee, Governing Body of the Township of Middle, to cancel such balances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following balances be and are hereby cancelled:

|                                      | ACCOUNT                  |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                      | RECEIVABLE               | APPROPRIATION            |
| NJDOT – Magnolia Drive               | 300,000.00               | 300,00.00                |
| Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program | 390.00                   | 390.00                   |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b><u>300,390.00</u></b> | <b><u>300,390.00</u></b> |

14. RESOLUTION 530-22 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, it is legal and lawful to make budget transfers on and after the first day of November in any budget year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 appropriations be made in the budget of Middle Township for the year 2022:

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Name</u>                   | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Current Fund</b>   |                               |             |           |
| 2-01-23-221-221-411   | Health Care Waiver OE         | 35,000.00   |           |
| 2-01-25-262-262-220   | EMS OE - Contractual Services | 12,000.00   |           |
| 2-01-44-990-218-900   | Social Security OE            |             | 12,000.00 |
| 2-01-23-220-220-411   | Group Insurance OE            |             | 35,000.00 |
|                       |                               | 47,000.00   | 47,000.00 |

15. RESOLUTION 531-22 – SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF BUS STOP – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Township of Middle has received a letter from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, recommending the placement of several NJ Transit Bus Stops; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, along with the Middle Township Traffic Committee, has reviewed the request and agrees with the establishment of bus stops as indicated above; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e) the following described locations are hereby requested as a designated bus stop:

1. Along Route 9, southbound, on the easterly side thereof at:
  - a. Main Street – Far Side (NJ Transit ID #16575)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of Main Street and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom
  - b. E. Lena Street – Far Side (NJ Transit ID # pending)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of E. Lena Street and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom
  - c. Joffre Avenue – Near Side (NJ Transit ID #16576)  
Beginning at the southerly curb line of Joffre Avenue and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom
  - d. Between Joffre Avenue and Oyster Road – Mid Block (NJ Transit ID # 32499)  
Beginning at a point 2635 feet north of the northerly curb line of Joffre Avenue and extending 135 feet northerly therefrom
  - e. Atlantic Avenue – Far Side (NJ Transit ID # 16577)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of Atlantic Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom
  - f. Mechanic Street – Far Side (NJ Transit ID # 16578)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of Mechanic Street and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom
  - g. Ormond Road – Near Side (NJ Transit ID # 32498)  
Beginning at the southerly curb line of Ormond Road and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom
  - h. Between Stone Harbor Boulevard (CR 657) and Orbit Drive – Mid Block (NJ Transit ID # 16579)  
Beginning at a point 180 feet north of the northerly curb line of Stone Harbor Boulevard and extending 135 feet northerly therefrom
  - i. Between Orbit Drive and Easy Street – Mid Block (NJ Transit ID # 16580)  
Beginning at a point 1360 feet north of the northerly curb line of Orbit Drive and extending 135 feet northerly therefrom
  - j. Fox Run Road – Near Side (NJ Transit ID # 16581)  
Beginning at the southerly curb line of Fox Run Road and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom
2. Along Route 9, southbound, on the westerly side thereof at:
  - a. Between Easy Street and Orbit Drive – Mid-Block (NJ Transit ID # 16569)  
Beginning at a point 2153 feet south of the prolongation of the southerly curb line of Easy Street and extending 135 feet southerly therefrom
  - b. Between Market Street/Orbit Drive and Court House/S Dennis Road (CR 657) – Mid-Block (NJ Transit ID #16570)  
Beginning at a point 75 feet south of the southerly curb line of Market Street/Orbit Drive and extending 135 feet southerly therefrom
  - c. Ormond Road – Near Side (NJ Transit ID # 30342)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the northerly curb line of Ormond Road and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom
  - d. Mechanic Street (CR 615) – Near Side (NJ Transit ID # 16571)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of Mechanic Street (CR 615) and extending 105 Feet northerly therefrom
  - e. Pacific Avenue – Near Side (NJ Transit ID # pending)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of Pacific Avenue and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom
  - f. Between Oyster Road and Indian Trail Road (CR 618) – Mid-Block (NJ Transit ID # 32500)  
Beginning at a point 1550 feet south of the southerly curb line of Oyster Road and extending 135 feet southerly therefrom
  - g. Between Indian Trail Road (CR 618) and E. Lena Street – Mid-Block (NJ Transit ID # 16573)  
Beginning at a point 340 feet south of the southerly curb line of Indian Trail Road (CR 618) and extending 135 feet southerly therefrom
  - h. E. Lena Street – Near Side (NJ Transit ID # pending)  
Beginning at the southerly curb line of E. Lena Street and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom
  - i. Main Street – Near Side (NJ Transit ID # 16574)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of Main Street and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that per the “Repealer Clause”, the Township of Middle concurs that any approved bus stop locations or traffic regulations in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution be rescinded upon approval of the Traffic Regulation Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if authorized by NJ Transit and NJ Department of Transportation, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle will enforce the Traffic Regulation Order governing the aforementioned bus stop location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

16. RESOLUTION 532-22 – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT – EDUCATION SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.  
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and  
WHEREAS, the Education Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022 the governing body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Middle

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor and/or Business Administrator of the Township of Middle is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey. BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

17. RESOLUTION 533-22 – ACKNOWLEDGING THE SUBMISSION OF COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR DISTRICTS 1-4, AS OUTLINED AND ESTABLISHED BY LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE 2021-16 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 provides that each member of the Board of Fire Commissioners shall receive compensation in such amounts as the Board of Commissioners shall fix by resolution, and

WHEREAS, if a Board of Fire Commissioners establishes annual compensation for its fire district commissioners, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 requires the municipal governing body to review and approve such compensation before the fire district can submit its annual budget to the voters, or, in the case of fire districts whose Board of Fire Commissioners elections coincides with the November General election, before the district can adopt its annual budget, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 further provides that the compensation so fixed shall be subject to review by the governing body wherein the Fire District is located, and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2021-16 issued on September 20, 2021 further outlined the requirements of the Governing Body to review said compensation, and

WHEREAS, the fire district must seek annual approval of elected commissioner compensation from the municipal governing body regardless of whether the Board is modifying the amount of compensation.

Oughton v. Board of Fire Comrs., etc., 178 N.J. Super. 565, 570-571 (App. Div. 1981).

WHEREAS, in order for a fire district to authorize its elected commissioners to receive compensation, the Board of Fire Commissioners must adopt a Local Finance Notice 2021-16 by way of resolution establishing the level of compensation, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 fire district budget will contain a question verifying fire district compliance with the above-referenced requirement.

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 compensation has been set by each district as outlined below:

FIRE DISTRICT 1 (Resolution\_\_\_\_)

Arenberg, Keith \$10,800.00

Trombetta, Joseph \$10,800.00

Hand, Lewis \$4,800.00

McNulty, Michael \$4,800.00

Woodrow, Philip \$4,800.00

FIRE DISTRICT 2 (Resolution 2022-15)

Commissioners - \$450.00 monthly

FIRE DISTRICT 3 (Resolution 22-11)

Chairman - \$300.00 monthly

Secretary - \$250.00 monthly

Treasurer - \$250.00 monthly

Commissioner - \$250.00 monthly

Commissioner -- \$250.00 monthly

FIRE DISTRICT 4 – (Resolution 2022-04)

Chairman / Commissioner - \$1,500.00 Annually

Commissioner / Board Member - \$1,200.00 Annually

Commissioner / Secretary - \$1,800.00 Annually

Commissioner / Treasurer - \$2,700.00 Annually

18. RESOLUTION 534-22 – RELEASE OF VEHICLE TITLES – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Township has several vehicles that have been removed from active inventory due to irreparable damage, and

WHEREAS, the Township mechanics have salvaged all useable parts from the vehicle and are further requesting the release of the vehicle title so the remainder of the vehicle may be junked.

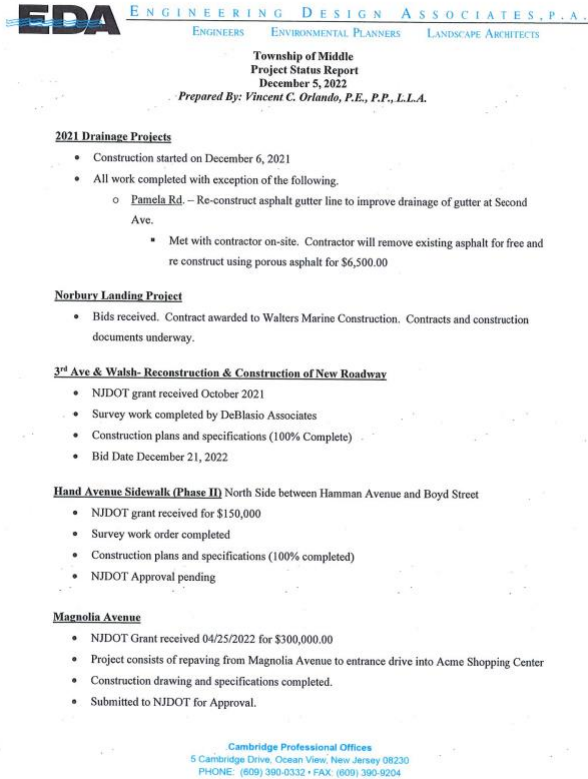
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, New Jersey that the title for the following vehicle is hereby released in preparation towards disposition of their remains:

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 2004 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W14X161049 |
| 2004 Ford Crown Victoria | 1FAFP71W84X161050 |
| 2004 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP70W54X133935 |
| 2006 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W07X123509 |

2008 Ford Crown Victoria  
1997 Ford Truck  
2003 F-250 Super Duty  
2004 Ford E-350 Super Duty  
2001 Dodge Ram 2500

2FAFP71V78X159349  
3FELF47FXVMA65110  
1FTNX21L23EC42799  
1FDWE35P14HB28799  
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## 19. ENGINEERING REPORT:



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### Municipal DCA Grant to Reconstruct Existing Restrooms at Municipal Building

- Bid date December 21, 2022

### 2022 Road Improvement Project

- Asphalt 100% Completed
- Shoulder restoration to be completed within the next 2 weeks.

### Goshen Basketball Courts

- Contract to be awarded November 7, 2022 to Ricky Slade Construction.
- Construction date depends on weather.
- Probably starting construction in early Spring.

### Church Street

- Grant received for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$221,075.00
- Schedule
  - Survey – January 2023
  - Design – April 1, 2023
  - NJDOT Approval – June 1, 2023
  - Construction – August 1, 2023

FINAL/MIDDLE/GENERAL/PROJSTATUS 12-05-22

## 20. PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Jim Chew, Rio Grande:*

- Asked about Church Street construction

*Vince Orlando:*

- Clarified the entire road is in Middle Township

*Jim Chew, Rio Grande:*

- Read prepared speech regarding the homeless

*John Lauricella, Cape May Court House:*

- Asked about health insurance increase

*Mayor Donohue:*

- Discussed the increase in employee insurance; spoke of request for New Jersey Governor to use Covid funds to offset this increase

*John Lauricella, Cape May Court House:*

- Commented on the various increasing costs effecting the budget and suggestions on how to offset costs

*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*

- Asked about possibility of construction to Railroad Avenue

*Kimberly Osmundsen:*

- Explained that would be the County's responsibility

*Mayor Donohue:*

*Further explained that the Township does try to coordinate with the county on road construction*

*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*

- Asked about update on construction where Harbor Freight is located

*Committeeman Gandy:*

- Explained it will be a Grocery Outlet

*Vince Orlando:*

- Discussed presentation made in front of the board for this location; spoke of concerns raised by residents in the area and agreement made with the developer

*Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:*

- Asked about Burlington Coat Factory

*Vince Orlando:*

- Explained they applied for a construction permit

*Lillian Wing, Whitesboro:*

- *Asked Vince if he handles wells and septic*

*Vince Orlando:*

- *Explained they are handled by the County Board of Health*

*Lillian Wing, Whitesboro:*

- *Discussed issue with neighboring septic in relation to her well*

*Vince Orlando:*

- *Strongly encouraged her to reach out to the County Board of Health*

*Jim Chew, Rio Grande:*

- *Suggested installation of portable toilets on the bike trail*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Explained reason port o pots cannot be placed on the Bike Path*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Discussed efforts taken to look for solutions for the homeless situation within the Township*

#### COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

*Committeeman Norris:*

- *Discussed scoop Taylor Tournament*
- *Stated the first home wrestling match would be January 13<sup>th</sup>*
- *K2 basketball clinics were opening*
- *Discussed Christmas parade; announced winners from the parade; thanked all staff for all they did to hold the parade*
- *Discussed first meeting of the Rio Grande Community Partnership*

*Committeeman Gandy:*

- *Reiterated comments on the parade; discussed success of the parade*
- *Congratulated Joe LaConte*

*Mayor Donohue:*

- *Acknowledged Cape May County on the intergovernmental transfer of Dan Shustack*
- *Welcomed two new Class II officers*
- *Acknowledged the retirement of Debbie Becker*

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:37 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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Kimberly D. Osmundsen, Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bartleson