

Cape May Court House, NJ
 April 03, 2023
 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 Rick DeMichele

1. QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA *(This question-and-answer session shall relate only to items as outlined and pending on current agenda. Issues and concerns not related to agenda item shall be withheld to public comment portion at the conclusion of meeting.)*

Mary Ann Alulis, CMCH, asked about special events coordinator title.

Mayor Donohue described the responsibility of the position.

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande, discussed appreciation on the job done by the Township maintaining the budget throughout the years. Asked about the tax raise for this year.

Mayor Donohue advised that this information would be explained during the budget presentation later in the meeting.

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande, asked about decision to enter into agreement with Inspira and County Dispatch services and what effects these decisions had on the budget.

Mayor Donohue explained how the costs typically used for these services were distributed. The purpose of entering into the EM S contract was not to save money but to assist in providing the residents of Middle Township with the best and most sustainable EMS service they could. He explained that the benefits of switching to County Dispatch and they millions of dollars in costs the Township would have faced to bring in house dispatch services up to State requirements. Further explained that in addition to these factors, the Township was having difficulty finding dispatchers as well as EMS personnel.

John Lauricella, Cape May Court House, asked if there had been any help from the State to help offset healthcare costs for municipalities.

Mayor Donohue discussed minimal assistance provided.

Wanda Matthews, Whitesboro, asked about agenda item 19 and if the properties listed would be the properties sold. In addition, if the properties would be public housing.

Kimberly Osmundsen explained that the list with the resolution was the properties being sold with an exception of 613 Cedar Avenue, which was being removed and would be relisted in a future land sale. She stated the properties on the list were Township owned land parcels not public housing.

2. RESOLUTION 164-23 – 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:

Fund Description	Fund	Total
Current Fund PY	2.01	9,967.10
Current Fund CY	3.01	4,978,742.16
Alarm Billing	3.03	636.00
Sewer Utility PY	2.07	-
Sewer Utility CY	3.07	3,995.65
General Capital	C.04	44,586.25
Sewer Capital	C.08	-

Grants	G.06	235.56
M.A.C.	M.24	-
Emergency Housing	R.23	-
Dog Trust	T.12	-
Sewer Escrow	T.16	-
Zoning Escrow	T.19	22,922.46
Unemployment Trust	T.20	-
C.O.A.H	T.27	-
Recreation Trust	T.28	4,540.88
TOTAL		5,065,626.06

3. RESOLUTION 165-23 – 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: 03/20/2023 Regular Meeting, and Closed Session
4. REPORTS: None
5. ORDINANCE 1669-23 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) - On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, Ordinance No. 1669-23 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 05/01/2023 at 6:00 p.m.
WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle in the County of Cape May finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and
WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$218,177.19 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,
WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, in the County of Cape May, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Middle shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$763,620.17 and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Middle be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.
6. 2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION - LEON COSTELLO, FORD SCOTT & ASSOCIATES AND NEIL YOUNG, CFO

John Lauricella, Cape May Court House, asked if state aid funding was contingent on hitting the maximum tax cap.

Leon Costello explained that state aid is not dependent on whether you are to the maximum tax cap.

John Lauricella, Cape May Court House, asked about the allotted funds for utilities in relation to the Police Department budget.

Neil Young explained these costs are separate.

Chief Leusner further explained that the Police Department budget is larger due to it running 24 hours all year long

7. RESOLUTION 166-23 – CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964” – 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:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance

8. RESOLUTION 167-23 – DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. WHEREAS, by statute, when a municipality raises school taxes on a school year basis, an amount of not more than 50% of the levy may be deferred to the following year; and WHEREAS, 50% of the school tax levy of the Township of Middle School District is \$15,366,799.50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle desires to defer school taxes to the year 2023 in the amount of \$11,400,000.00.

9. RESOLUTION 168-23 – INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the 2023 Budget for the Township of Middle be introduced, approved and given first reading by title only.

10. RESOLUTION 169-23 THROUGH 171-23 – TITLE CHANGE (ITEMS A THROUGH C) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A)BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the following employee is hereby appointed to the civil service title opposite their name:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	EFFECTIVE
Elisabeth McClintock	Personnel	Payroll Clerk	02/01/2023

(B) BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the following employee is hereby appointed to the civil service title opposite their name:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Nancy McDevitt	Recreation	Recreation Leader F/T*	\$35,000.00	04/17/2023

*40hr/week

(C)BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the following employee is hereby promoted to the civil service title opposite their name:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Lisa Schuck	Municipal Court	Deputy Municipal Court Administrator	\$35,000.00	03/20/2023
		Woodbine Deputy Municipal Court Administrator*	Stipend -\$2,000.00*	

*Shared Service – Woodbine Court

11. RESOLUTION 172-23 – APPOINTMENTS – GENERAL – 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 person is hereby appointed to the position opposite their name:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Anne Becica	Administration	Special Events Coordinator	\$5,000.00*	04/17/2023
Lisa Cermanski	Administration	Special Events Coordinator	\$5,000.00*	04/17/2023

*Stipend

12. RESOLUTION 173-23 – 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
Lamarr Greer	Recreation	Recreation Aide P/T T/A (6 months)	Recreation Aide P/T Permanent	03/27/2023

13. RESOLUTION 174-23 – 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
Anthony Cole	Recreation	Recreation Aide P/T T/A (6 months)	03/15/2023

14. RESOLUTION 175-23 – APPOINTING A CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTING SERVICE FOR THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle hereinafter referred to as “MUNICIPALITY”, is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as “FUND”, and

WHEREAS, the FUND has adopted a policy authorizing the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has budgeted an annual allowance per member for EPL consulting services and;

WHEREAS, the FUND requires the MUNICIPALITY to designate specific managerial or supervisory individuals who will have telephone access to the EPL Hotline;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Middle does hereby appoint Varvara Keun as its Contact Person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Middle does hereby appoint Suzanne Schumann as additional Contact Person.

15. RESOLUTION 176-23 – RELEASE OF TRUST – 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.

16. RESOLUTION 177-23 THROUGH 179-23 – RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND (ITEMS A THROUGH C) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) WHEREAS, \$5,000.00, is being held as a performance guarantee for Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church for site improvements, Block 166 Lot 44 otherwise known as 411 Dias Creek Road; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 is hereby released.

(B) WHEREAS, \$5,000.00, is being held as a performance guarantee for Clermont Homes for grading and drainage improvements, Block 241 Lot 2.01 otherwise known as 113 Hand Avenue; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 is hereby released.

(C) WHEREAS, \$10,000.00, is being held as a performance guarantee for Delsea Drive Equities LLC for landscape improvements, Block 1512 Lot 1 otherwise known as 1705 Delsea Drive; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 is hereby released.

17. RESOLUTION 180-23 – APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – NORBURY LANDING PARK IMPROVEMENTS – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, a Contract was awarded, on November 7, 2022 via Resolution No. 468-22 to Walter’s Marine Construction for the Norbury Landing Park Improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the attached Change Order #1 for the project awarded to Walter's Marine Construction for the Norbury Landing Park Improvements project is hereby approved, and that the change order results in a increase of \$33,500.00 for an amended contract amount of \$478,100.00.

18. RESOLUTION 181-23 – APPROVE SECONDHAND MERCHANT AND DEALER OF PRECIOUS METALS LICENSE – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the following applicants applied for a Secondhand Merchant & Dealer of Precious Metals License to operate in the Township of Middle;

WHEREAS, proper applications have been made to the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, reviewed by the Middle Township Police Department, and the proper fees have been paid; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the below Secondhand Merchant and Dealer of Precious Metals applicants are hereby licensed by the Township of Middle to operate within the Township of Middle from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement is contingent upon the review and approval of all documents required per the Code of the Township of Middle by the Township's Solicitor and Insurance Carrier.

License #	Applicant	Location	Fee
1	AU Gold Buyers, LLC	1127 Route 47 South, Suite 10, Rio Grande	\$500.00

19. RESOLUTION 182-23 THROUGH 183-23 – PUBLIC SALE OF LANDS (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law (N.J.S.40A-12-1 et seq) authorizes the sale of any real property, capital improvements or interest herein, not needed for public use, and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Township of Middle to dispose of certain real property which is not needed for public use, which property is more fully described as in Schedule "A" annexed hereto,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, as follows:

1. It is hereby determined that the parcels of real property set forth in Schedule "A" annexed hereto are not needed for public use. Minimum bids are contained on Schedule "A".
2. The parcels listed in Schedule A are to be utilized as a Conservation Restriction Easement on the Property to restrict subsequent development of the area in favor of the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
3. Purchaser shall preserve the parcels listed on Schedule A as an existing critical wildlife habitat area contained within the Restricted Area in its natural state, so as to preserve and protect migratory songbirds and resident animal and plant species on the Restricted Area, including the air space and subsurface forever in its natural state.
4. Said parcels of real property shall be sold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder, said open public sale at auction to be conducted by the Chief Financial Officer, at the Middle Township Hall, Meeting Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, New Jersey, or her designee, on April 26, 2023 at 11:00AM
5. A notice of said open public sale at auction shall be advertised by two insertions at least once a week during two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not earlier than seven days prior to the open public sale at auction, which advertisement shall include the entire contents of this Resolution. Said advertisement shall be published in the legal newspaper of the municipality.
6. The Township reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest is not accepted.
7. The terms and conditions of the sale shall be as stated in the General Rules of Land Sales and the attached Contract for Sale of Real Estate, which documents and terms are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SCHEDULE A

Block 853	Lot 1	1.88AC	Minimum Bid \$4,400.00
Block 854	Lot 1	2.30AC	Minimum Bid \$5,400.00
Block 855	Lot 1	2.29AC	Minimum Bid \$5,400.00
Block 856	Lot 1	2.11AC	Minimum Bid \$5,000.00

(B)WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law (N.J.S.40A-12-1 et seq) authorizes the sale of any real property, capital improvements or interest herein, not needed for public use, and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Township of Middle to dispose of certain real property which is not needed for public use, which property is more fully described as in Schedule "A" annexed hereto,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, as follows:

1. It is hereby determined that the parcels of real property set forth in Schedule "A" annexed hereto are not needed for public use. Minimum bids are contained on Schedule "A".
2. Said parcels of real property shall be sold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder, said open public sale at auction to be conducted by the Chief Financial Officer, at the Middle Township Hall, Meeting Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, New Jersey, or her designee, on May 24, 2023 at 10:00AM
3. A notice of said open public sale at auction shall be advertised by two insertions at least once a week during two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not earlier than seven days prior to the open public sale at auction, which advertisement shall include the entire contents of this Resolution. Said advertisement shall be published in the legal newspaper of the municipality.

4. The Township reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest is not accepted.
 5. The terms and conditions of the sale shall be as stated in the General Rules of Land Sales and the attached Contract for Sale of Real Estate, which documents and terms are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDL LOTS</u>	<u>MINIMUM BID</u>
Jackson St	720/1	L2,3,4	\$25,000.00
Jackson St	730/1	L2	\$20,000.00
507 Newark Ave	821/3	L4,5	\$18,000.00
Pennsylvania Ave	822/1	L2	\$9,800.00
W Main St	876/1	L14	\$15,900.00
W Dunbar St	876/6	L7	\$12,300.00
W Main St	876/11	L12	\$8,200.00
Gibbs Street	883/2	L3	\$13,100.00
408 W Anna St	883/15		\$36,200.00
Langston St	907/1	L2,3,5,6	\$29,100.00
507 Langston St	908/2	L3	\$8,000.00
6 W Wiley St	1030/5	L6	\$12,400.00
2105 Route 9 South	1055/6		\$25,000.00
2400 Route 9 South	1079/2	L8,9	\$21,200.00

20. RESOLUTION 184-23 THROUGH 185-23 – AWARD OF BID (ITEMS A THROUGH B) On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) WHEREAS, on March 15th 2022, the Township of Middle advertised bids for ‘Electrical Services and Repairs for Township of Middle’; and
 WHEREAS, on March 29th 2023, the Township received and opened three (3) bids; and
 WHEREAS, it appears that the following bid submitted represents a figure equal to the lowest bid received, which complies with specifications; and
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the contract for ELECTRICAL SERVICES be and hereby is awarded to:

ANZELONE ELECTRIC COMPANY, LLC
 CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, as follows:

1. The term of the contract for Electric Services shall be for one (1) year commencing on April 4, 2023 through April 3, 2024, with two (2) additional one (1) year options.
2. The appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a contract with Anzelone Electric Company, LLC.
3. Said award of contract shall be contingent upon the availability of funds for 2023.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that no amount of this contract shall be chargeable or certified until such time as services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order. Upon adoption of the 2023 budget, it shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek certification of the availability of funds from the Township Treasurer.

(B) WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary and desirable to solicit bids for the Renovations to the Middle Township Municipal Building Restroom project;
 WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the following bid submitted represents a figure equal to the next lowest complete bid received, which complies with specifications.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the contract for the Renovations to the Middle Township Municipal Building Restroom be awarded to MJJ Construction, LLC.

MJJ Constructions
Renovations to the Middle Township Municipal Building Restroom
Not to Exceed \$81,429.00

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

21. RESOLUTION 186-23 THROUGH 188-23 – TABULATION COMMITTEE (ITEMS A THROUGH C)–
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, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that Township Officials be and hereby are appointed to tabulate the bids to be taken on April 27, 2023 at 9:00am in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

SOUTH DENNIS ROAD PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS

(B) REJECT BIDS AND RE-ESTABLISH TABULATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, following public advertisement, proposals for Goshen Sports Complex Metal Rook Cleaning, Refinishing & Waterproofing, were received by the Township of Middle on March 29, 2023 at the Township Hall; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Township to reject the bids and rebid the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle that all proposals received on March 29, 2023 for Goshen Sports Complex Metal Rook Cleaning, Refinishing & Waterproofing are hereby rejected; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that Township Officials be and hereby are appointed to tabulate the bids to be taken on April 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

GOSHEN SPORTS COMPLEX METAL ROOF CLEANING, REFINISHING & WATERPROOFING

(C) REJECT BIDS AND RE-ESTABLISH TABULATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, following public advertisement, proposals for Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance Service and Repair, were received by the Township of Middle on March 29, 2023 at the Township Hall; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Township to reject the bids and rebid the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle that all proposals received on March 29, 2023 for Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance Service and Repair are hereby rejected; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that Township Officials be and hereby are appointed to tabulate the bids to be taken on April 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the following:

HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING PREVENTATIVE
MAINTENANCE SERVICE & REPAIR

22. RESOLUTION 189-23 THROUGH 190-23 – RATIFY SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT (ITEMS A THROUGH B) – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

(A) BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the attached Shared Services Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the Cape May County Special Services School District and the Township of Middle, be and is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for three years from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement.

(B) BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the attached Shared Services Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the Cape May County Vocational Technical School District and the Township of Middle, be and is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for three years from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement.

23. RESOLUTION 191-23 – SUPPORTING APRIL 21ST AS “WEAR PURPLE DAY” IN RECOGNITION OF ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded By Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one in every 12 adults suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence and more than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking; and

WHEREAS, 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes (drunk driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides); and

WHEREAS, Teens who start drinking before the age of 14 are 7 times more likely to develop alcohol problems by the time they are 21 (14-7-21); and

WHEREAS, The month of April has been recognized as Alcohol Awareness Month by NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence), the founder and sponsor of Alcohol Awareness Month; and WHEREAS, The color that NCADD uses is in the purple/violet family – a color that is similar to the amethyst. Here is the reasoning behind the amethyst color: AMETHYST is the most beautiful and valuable form of Quartz. The word ‘amethyst’ stems from a Greek word meaning without drunkenness,” for in ancient times it was believed that anyone carrying or wearing this stone could not become intoxicated.” Anyone who displays the amethyst color announces that they know someone whose life has been improved through alcoholism treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Township of Middle has recognized that Friday April 21, 2023 is “Wear Purple Day” in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month and encourages all of the citizens throughout the Township of Middle to join in wearing purple.

24. RESOLUTION 192-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD – NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – GRANT FY2019 TITLE II – 2023 SUMMER EXPANSION PROGRAM – MIDDLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT – On motion by Committeeman Gandy seconded by Committeeman Norris and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Middle Township Police Department has been awarded Office of Juvenile & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Grant Program, Federal Award #2019-JX-FX-0045 from the New Jersey State Department of Law and Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the grant, consisting of a total of \$7,067.20, awarded on 03/17/2023, is to provide positive youth development activities to at-risk youth during the summer months when they are not in school.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle is hereby authorizing the acceptance of such award; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

OJJDP MTPD 2023 SUMMER EXPANSION PROGRAM AWARD \$ 7,067.20

Match \$0.00

Subaward Number: #J-J:6-15-19

Subaward Period: 4/01/23-9/30/23

Subrecipient UEI: XVMRRH11E215

25. ENGINEERING REPORT:



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Prepared By: Vincent C. Orlando, P.E., P.P., L.L.A.

2021 Drainage Projects

- Construction started on 12/6/21
- All work completed with exception of the following.
 - Pamela Rd. – Re-construct asphalt gutter line to improve drainage of gutter at Second Ave.
 - Met with contractor on-site. Contractor will remove existing asphalt for free and re-construct using porous asphalt for \$6,500.00
 - Waiting for a warm day to begin construction

Norbury Landing Project

- Preconstruction Meeting held on 1/25/23
- Construction started on March 22, 2023

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

- Bids received 12/21/22
- Contract Awarded to CTX Construction
- Preconstruction Meeting held on March 22, 2023
- Approximate construction start date week of April 24, 2023.

Ham Avenue Sidewalk (Phase II) North Side between Hamman Avenue and Boyd Street

- Bids received 2/1/23
- Recommendation to award contract to Hackney Construction, Inc. 2/9/23
- Contract to be awarded at 3/6/23 meeting
- Contracts out for signatures.

Magnolia Avenue

- NJDOT Grant received 04/25/2022 for \$300,000.00
- Project consists of repaving from Magnolia Avenue to entrance drive into Acme Shopping Center
- Construction drawing and specifications completed.
- NJDOT Approved
- County Engineering division will bid and inspect site. EDA will provide administrative services for the Grant.

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Municipal DCA Grant to Reconstruct Existing Restrooms at Municipal Building

- Recommendation to reject bids
- Contract to be awarded to MJJ Construction at April 3, 2023 meeting.
- Construction start date is May 1, 2023.

2022 Road Improvement Project

- Concrete driveways completed
- Shoulder restoration to begin week of April 3, 2023

Goshen Basketball Courts

- Construction to begin in early Spring.

Church Street

- Grant received for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$221,075.00
- Schedule
 - Survey – Completed
 - Project currently under design.
 - NJDOT Approval – June 1, 2023
 - Construction – August 1, 2023

Oekie Wisting Park

- Re-Bid date 2/13/23
- Bid rejected.
- CTX to submit new price quote.

Avalon Fishing Pier

- Working with Public Works to install Cape May County placemaking items
- Developing sign details as required by Cape May County

FINAL/MIDDLE/GENERAL/PROJSTATUS/2023/4.3.23

26. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Ann Alulis, stated the sign for the Ockie Wisting Complex was behind trees and difficult to see. Asked if there was a way for the sign to be moved out towards the street.

Kimberly Osmundsen explained they could trim the trees but could not move the sign.

Wanda Matthews, Whitesboro, asked if there are any plans for public housing in the Township and if additional bus services could be provided along Route 9.

Mayor Donohue explained the bus services are handled through NJ Transit and request for additional services would have to be made with them.

He stated that there are no plans to construct public housing. There is an affordable housing plan in place to work with developers to provide affordable housing units in new developments. Explained any large housing developments are required to set aside 20% of their units as affordable housing.

John Lauricella, Cape May Court House, asked if there were state grants available to institute solar panels for municipal buildings.

Mayor Donohue explained they had looked into purchasing solar panels however the difficulty is the ability to find someone to accept the large amount of electricity back.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeeman Norris:

- *Discussed Easter Scramble and change in venue to the Goshen Complex.*
- *Spoke of fundraiser the previous week at Five Guys in Rio Grande for the Recreation Department*
- *Currently working on Drum Fish Tournament and Summer Concert Series. Sponsors are being sought for both. In addition, they are looking for food trucks and craft vendors for the Summer Concert Series*
- *Recognized Lisa and Annie on their new positions with special events*
- *Thanked Leon and Neil on their budget presentation*
- *Thanked Suzanne Schumann and her team on their work done to put together the Volunteer Board Dinner*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Stated a great job was done on the Volunteer Board Dinner. Discussed the various boards and many volunteers that step up to assist with these boards for the benefit of the municipality. Thanked all the volunteers for their time and dedication*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Commented on the efforts put forth by employees who assist putting together events, like the Volunteer Board Dinner, in addition to completing their everyday jobs. Explained the dinner had not been held since 2019 and as such three years of volunteers were recognized. He recognized volunteers of the years, Brian Murphy for 2020, Anthony Anderson for 2021 and Mark Saioni for 2022. Spoke of the Planning Board and Zoning Board abilities and willingness to adapt and continue to hold meetings throughout the shutdown. Stated in total there are 17 separate volunteer boards and many volunteers*
- *Stated Shred Day was scheduled for April 29th at Public Works*
- *Congratulated all involved in the success of the Easter Scramble*
- *Expressed they would continue to work on the budget and explained the different revenue streams that the islands have to help with their budgets that Middle Township does not have.*

Motion to adjourn meeting – 6:54 pm

1st: Committeeman Gandy 2nd: Committeeman Norris

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