



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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J. Miguel Rodrigues, President

Ald. Jude Jean-Francois

Ald. Andrew Green

Ald. Paul Johnson

Ald. Gerald Kleiner

Ald. Sparrow Tobin

Ald. Kevin Witt

Ald. Kate Wray

Ald. Joseph Masi

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard McCormack, City Clerk

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

ALL: -- and to the republic for which
is stands; one nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Please
remain standing as I ask for a moment of silence
for former Alderman City Clerk -- City Treasurer
and Volunteer Fireman, Russell "Chickie" Russo.
May he rest in peace. Thank you. Roll.

CLERK: Alderman Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Here.

CLERK: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Here.

CLERK: Alderman Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Here.

CLERK: Alderwoman Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Here.

CLERK: Alderman Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Here.

CLERK: Alderman Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Here.

CLERK: Alderman Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Here.

CLERK: Alderman Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Here.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Here.

CLERK: Quorum is present.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Approval of minutes?

CLERK: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Correspondence?

CLERK: We have a letter this evening.

"Dear Council President Rodrigues, the purpose of this letter is to express my extreme dissatisfaction with the dispatchers and taxi drivers of Syndicate and Robins Taxi in Middletown and for me to exercise my right of freedom of choice. When I lived in my apartment in Middletown a few years ago, I called the dispatcher for Syndicate for a cab to take me to a doctor's appointment about 25 minutes before my appointment time and she said it would be about five minutes. In essence, she refused to send me a taxi at all. Therefore, I called Robins Taxi, and they simply said no, they will not send me a cab. That day, I missed my doctor's PCP appointment. The sit -- came to the -- the situation came to a head when Syndicate took me to Best Buy and refused to pick me up, so I

called my cousin, Tony, who I don't depend on anymore for transportation. Also, the drivers of Syndicate would charge me an enormous, outrageous fee just to take me places around Middletown. I live on Social Security retirement. Once a Syndicate driver took me to three places, then he drove me to the Town of Wallkill and told me to give him \$80 or get out.

One Syndicate driver who I mistakenly thought was honorable and had integrity is Mike. His phone number is: --", I won't read that. "He took me to Montrose, VA a couple of times in 2022, and he told me if I ever needed a ride, to multiple places, call him, which I did for transportation to four places on Friday, September 20th. The first stop was the post office, where I just grabbed mail and packages and put them in my new zippered shopping bags I just received. While I was at Walmart, which was just before my last stop with him, someone opened the trunk and took out my zipped-up bags at that time, containing letters for me from John Hancock, regarding my life insurance policy. In addition, they also took a return-to-sender letter that I mailed to Paul Sangali, and a

letter from a government agency. I don't remember the agency's name. I also don't remember if there were other letters.

Also, the white female dispatcher for Syndicate is disgusting, unprofessional and a disgrace to the dispatch profession.

Furthermore, Robins Taxi refused to pick me up and take me anywhere on numerous occasions."

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Forward to the Police Chief and we'll do an investigation, look into it. Anything else?

CLERK: That is it for this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. The Mayor has a special presentation tonight.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: Yes, good evening, everyone. As you know, we've been doing several ribbon cuttings and so, a little while back we started engaging in recognizing some of our long-term businesses in the city, some that were retiring like Tony Boffa's, after several years in the city, Maria Bruni, Fuzion Barber Shop and so, we wanted to hold the -- wait for the -- probably the biggest one, at least, that I'm aware of, until the actual date of their

anniversary, and that would be Serpentine
Jewelers.

Just a little history on Serpentine
Jewelers. First, if you've been around
Middletown for a long time, you have to know Leon
and Mary Serpentine, two of the greatest people
you'll ever meet. I had the pleasure of meeting
them when I ran for Alderman, as a member of the
Common Council. I think I knew him before that,
but really started to engage with Leon as part of
the downtown business community. But a little
bit of history on Serpentine Jewelers. On
October 16, 1949, Leon and Mary Serpentine opened
their store. They started out as L C Serpentine
Jewelers, located at 7 South Street. Leon was a
member of the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S.
Army. In World War II, he started his career
doing instrument repair. After the war ended,
through the G.I. Bill of Rights, Leon attended
A.W. Thacker in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
specializing in watch repair and hand engraving.

On the day of the opening, in 1949,
there were 13 jewelry stores in downtown
Middletown, believe it or not, and it was
predicted that Leon would be out of business in

six months. The little store on South Street soon became too small for someone with big ideas and aspirations for his family. From 1950 to 1963, the jewelry store gradually grew as it moved from location to location. The first move was to 105 North Street, where Leon custom-built every showcase to show his treasurers. Move two was to the corner of West Main and James Street, a building that was torn down during urban renewal in the City of Middletown. At that time, the current police station was the home of the post office. Because the building was slated to be torn down, the store was moved to 8 North Street. And the last move was across the street at 23 North Street in 1963, when Leon purchased the former County National Bank building, again remodeling the entire store and building all the showcases and wall cases himself.

Prior to '63, Serpentini Jewelers also opened in Warwick, where his family of five lived from 1962 to 1970, at which time the family moved back to Middletown. And 1971 proved to be a pivotal year as Serpentini Jewelers opened their third location at the newly constructed Orange Plaza Mall, the first enclosed mall in Orange

County, while also keeping its commitment to downtown Middletown. At the time, Sears was about the mainstay in the city and the store was also closed and moved to Orange Plaza. One of the dreams of Leon was to have his entire family working in the business, something to help the business grow and prosper.

During the 1980s and 1990s, besides Leon and Mary, Linda and her husband, Weir, Richard and his wife, Donna, and Anita all worked in the stores. In the 1980s, the Gift Collection was opened in the newly constructed lower level of the Orange Plaza and was run by Linda and Anita until the mall management forced the closing of the store in the late 80s. Up until his death in 1989, Leon was an important figure in downtown Middletown, served in the Elks Club, the Lions Club, the Director of the Central Business District, which preceded the BID District in the '60s, and as a founding member of the Downtown Middletown Business Improvement Coalition, a forerunner of the BID, which is a vital part of the downtown business community today.

After Leon's passing in 1989, the

business was run by family members, with Richard becoming the President. In 1992, with the opening of the Galleria at Crystal Run, a decision was made to close the Orange Plaza store and move to the new mall where the store operated until 2002. The North Street store continued to operate for a short period after the Galleria opening, but the handwriting was on the wall and the store closed and it was no longer practical to keep that second location. In 2001, Mary and the second generation continued operating the business. 2002 was the end of the 10-year lease at the Galleria and a decision was made to close that store.

At that time, Richard and Donna made the decision to return to downtown with a smaller version of the jewelry store and continue the family business, now called Serpentine Jewelry and Watch Services, located at 44 West Main Street, ironically across the street from Leon's third location. After the passing of Donna in 2018, Richard is continuing the tradition started by Leon and Mary in 1949 and the original mission statement of offering fine jewelry, custom-crafted jewelry, expert jewelry and watch

repairs, while adhering to the principles of quality of product, ethical business practices, superior product knowledge and unexcelled customer service.

So, for all those reasons, and I know it's a little bit long, the biography of the Serpentini Jewelers, but we and the City wanted to recognize the 75 years of service not only to the City of Middletown, but the greater Middletown community and ask Richard if he could come up on behalf of the Serpentini family. And Richard, on behalf of the City of Middletown, Common Council, myself, we'd like to present you with this plaque for congratulations for 75 years of service and dedication to the City of Middletown community and say thank you very much.

RICHARD SERPENTINI: I'd like to thank the Mayor, who I know as Joe. Maria Bruni for putting this all together, Miguel Rodrigues who initiated the whole thing and all the members of the Common Council for acknowledging my family's achievements. As a child, I would watch my father repair watches and jewelry. After years of watching my father's hands perform intricate work, I got to the point where I would know how

those hands were going to move and what would come next. Finally, he would let me try to do what I had been endlessly observing and it was as if I had done it before, because my father's hands had become my hands.

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn a trade at a very young age and then have a lifetime to master those skills. But even more important than the physical skills were the life lessons my parents endlessly taught, with the most important being work ethics and the importance of your character. For their foresight and perseverance in guiding me through life, I say, thank you Leon and Mary Serpentini, my mom and dad, for the opportunities that you have allowed me to have. And I am proud to say that I have carried on your tradition and legacy to this 75th anniversary. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: Richard, we'd also like to present to Leon and Mary, posthumously, the key to the City of Middletown.

RICHARD SERPENTINI: Oh my God.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: And say

thank you to them and I'm sure they're watching.
Thank you so much.

RICHARD SERPENTINI: Thanks.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All
right. At this time, I'm going to go to public
hearings and grievances.

CLERK: We have the -- I'm sorry, we
have the open public hearing for the Orange Terra
subdivision, held open from the October 1, 2024
meeting.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay.
At this time, it's still open. Anyone from the
public would like to address the Council? Number
15.

MAN 1: You're right. This is the 15th
time I'm up here because of this project. Pretty
soon, I'll have to bill you folks for it. You
know, this thing is two-and-a-half years old.
You folks got to do something. We can't go on
like this, you know. When do you plan on voting
on this thing? I thought it was going to be
tonight, but apparently, it's not. It's going to
be more meetings? Do we have any idea when this
is going to come to a vote?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: So,

we're going to close the public hearing tonight. Open it for comments for two weeks and we're asking our corporation counsel to come up with a recommendation, our City corporation counsel. We just received today more information from the Applicant's engineer and we're asking our Commissioner, and our corporation counsel to review it.

MAN 1: I take it I'm sure you've heard all of my comments that I made previously?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: We have everything.

MAN 1: Keep it in mind. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you. Anyone else? Any members from the Council have any questions? Do I have a motion to close the public hearing?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: So moved.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Masi. Do I have a second? Alderman Jean-Francois. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Appearance closed. It's still open for two weeks for more comments and forward to the Commissioner

and our corporation counsel. All right. For the good of the City, anyone who would like to address the Council, please step forward, please state your name. You have three minutes.

JASON NIETZSCHMANN: All right. Good evening. Good evening, Council. My name is Jason Nietzsche, and I live in Middletown. And for the fifth consecutive meeting, community members have gathered here to urge you to pass a cease fire resolution. I would like to commemorate Gerry Kleiner for mentioning Israel's decision to detonate thousands of pagers in Lebanon which resulted in the deaths of two children and at least 40 other individuals. As Kleiner suggested, this would be considered an act of state terrorism if it was done on the other side.

In the past year, Israel has dropped the equivalent of over five atomic Hiroshima bombs on Gaza, a region that has the same land area as Las Vegas, but three times the population of Vegas. So, the toll is staggering. We've had more children killed in Gaza in the past year than globally in the past five years and so, with each passing meeting, the situation worsens. So,

we need a council member to champion this resolution. Not just on behalf of the thousands of Palestinians and Israeli hostages who have been indiscriminately bombed by Israel.

There are four demands in the cease fire resolution that calls on our federal and state elected officials to (1) implement an immediate cease fire, permanent cease fire, (2) support humanitarian aid, (3) is an arms embargo and redirecting those tax dollars that are going to their military, into our own community, our housing, our education, our health care, that's where our tax dollars should go, not funding a genocide, and (4) is condemning Israel's indiscriminate killing and collective punishment, as well as all forms of Islamophobia, xenophobia, anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian racism and antisemitism.

So, as you could see, there's nothing within these four demands that's scary or extreme or hidden and we're certainly not alone. Our neighboring cities have already taken a stance, and at this point, over 70 percent of Democrats support an arms embargo and a cease fire. Even Biden's administration announced today that they

will place an arms embargo on Israel if they don't stop the escalation in the next 30 days. So, let's not let Middletown continue to fall behind. We should write a chapter in our city's history that reflects compassion and courage, not silence in the face of adversity. I will be following up with all of you by email to collaborate on this and answer any questions that you have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you.

CAMILLA: Hi, my name is Camilla. I'm a Middletown resident. I also support the resolution for the cease fire. And tonight, I wanted to actually read from someone who is a Palestinian in Gaza. She says, "Hello. I'm Ola, a graduate student from the Faculty of Science, Al-Azhar University in Gaza, Palestine. I truly appreciate you taking a moment to read my story. As you're reading my message, myself and my family, my mother, father, three sisters and my little brother are fighting death in northern Gaza and trying to survive under all kinds of suffering, including, but not limited to, destruction, fear and instability, starvation,

thirst and poverty. For eight months until now, we have been struggling to get proper food after prices increased by 15 to 20 times, struggling to have clean water for use and drinking. We lacked security and stability as we were forced to evacuate our house and left everything behind. Then, we had to move at least three times since every new area we seek refuge to gets bombed.

Before October 7th, my days were filled with attending lectures, working and volunteering. I completed my Bachelor's Degree in mathematics, with a GPA of 96.01 percent with a grade of distinction with first class honors. Once I completed my graduate studies, I began looking for a job to cover the study expenses. I got my first contract as a mathematics teacher on August 30, 2023, at a school here in Gaza. I was very excited, happy and full of passion for this new chapter in my life as a student and teacher at the same time. It was one month, like a beautiful dream in which I began my work as a teacher to my students in the 7th grade. I was explaining mathematics using extracurricular activities.

However, since October 7th, my life

turned upside down. Darkness prevailed, all hopes and dreams quickly vanished. Our once peaceful neighborhood has been devastated by relentless bombings, leaving my home university and my workplace destroyed. Although there is nothing here but rubble and ash color, and a dark and gloomy future loom ahead. My family and I fight every day, holding onto a thin thread of hope that tomorrow might be better.

It is our taxpayer money that is helping to fund the bombs that are destroying Ola's home. It is our government that is aiding Israel in limiting and preventing humanitarian aid from sending food and water and support to her family. And I think we should do whatever we can to help that not be the case, which can start by passing the cease fire resolution. Thank you.

STEVE SWIFT: Good evening, Mayor. Good evening, Council. I'm Steve Swift from Bloomingburg. Well, I've been in sales for 47 years so, over that time I learned that if you want to sell to someone, first you have to understand where they're coming from. So, I'm thinking, probably -- I thought about the council members. Most of you, like me, prior to, you

know, a couple of years ago, getting your news from CNN, PBS, NBC, ABC, the usual networks. I wanted to just mention that tonight, you'll hear us testify and we'll say this is happening and that's happening and you're not seeing any of this stuff on CNN and PBS. There are two networks. I hope you'll just take a minute or two to just watch some time and then you can understand where we're coming from because you're going to see stuff there that you'll never see on PBS.

I made a visual because I'm a kind of visual kind of person, but it's democracy now and Al Jazeera. Now, Al Jazeera, that sounds, like, bad, right? But it's funded primarily by Qatar. They have an English version. But you're going to see things on there that you're not going to see on the other media. That's all. Just keep an open mind is all I'm asking. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Anyone else? Come on up.

ALEJANDRO: My name is Alejandro. I'm a member of the community. A year has gone by, and I ask myself, "How is it possible that we,

the people, are still begging for a cease fire to be signed by our local and federal governments?" Through the donations of Israeli interest groups to local and federal civil servants, governors, is a potential answer, I gave the benefit of the doubt that people couldn't possibly be that evil as to witness a highly --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Point of order. Point of order. If you want to make a point, that's fine. But don't start insulting us. You're saying we're evil?

ALEJANDRO: I didn't say you're evil. I didn't say you're evil. I said -- I said, "Through the donations of the Israeli interest groups, that local and federal civil servants --", anyone that's taking money from -- I don't know who's taking money. I'm just saying, in general, who is taking money from the Israeli lobby groups, it's one of two things. It's either evil or it's an ignorant situation. That you just don't -- you or anybody doesn't understand. I'm generalizing. I'm not pointing a finger, sir.

So, I write -- as I write -- so, if financial incentives are not at play, the only

possible explanation we have to dealing -- that we have and dealing with is ignorance. Which, I'd like to believe that the ignorance, is possibly, more than likely, the scenario as this country has invested in defense rather than on education for the past 80 years since the end of the second World War. We have over 800 bases globally. The United States accounts for nearly 40 percent of the global military spending and devotes a large share of its GDP to defense than most other countries. The U.S. military spending was greater than the next 10 biggest spenders in 2023. There's no need for this. We need to focus on our people at home.

And speaking of education, allow me to give you an ounce of education. This is not America where we stand. The U.S. of A. is a nation without a proper name. The United States of America is not a proper name. United is an adjective, a determinant of the noun, "states". It determines that the states are united. Okay. "Of" is a preposition denoting location, position and bearing. The states are in America, the continent from Argentina to Canada, okay. If you go anywhere in this hemisphere, this continent,

the vast majority of people will agree with this. We took the name of this continent to have an identity because "United Statesians" just doesn't sound right. And it's not right because we actually don't have a name. And how ironic that we took the name of the first nation's peoples, the land and as well as the names of the indentured servants and slaves that we used to build this hegemonic empire, and we don't have a proper name. The bastards we are. This is Turtle Island as our first nation peoples refer to it. Let us never forget that on this day that passed. That's my three minutes?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Yup.

ALEJANDRO: Listen, you have a moral compass that we have to move forward with. I don't have that power as you do. We need to figure out, as our former speaker said, we need to figure a way to have a cease fire. We need to stop funding --

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Point of order.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right.

ALEJANDRO: -- nations that are hemorrhaging --

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Point of order.

ALEJANDRO: -- our potential to be --

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Point of order.

ALEJANDRO: -- seeing the world as good people.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Moving on. Remarks of Mayor.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO:
(indiscernible).

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Remarks of department heads? Economic Development?

ALEJANDRO: (indiscernible).

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: We're done with public comments.

ALEJANDRO: It didn't end
(indiscernible).

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: It did. I did. We moved on to the agenda.

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARIA BRUNI: Good evening, everyone. Today we had a couple meetings, our Community Development Agency and our Industrial Development Agency. At those meetings, we prepared our '25 budget and our projected up to '28, which this

evening was had the CDA and today the IDA. So, that was completed. A few things that are coming up this week, we have this Friday, celebrating Meat Loaf at the Paramount Theater. This is going to be a spectacular show because it's featuring American Idol winner, Caleb Johnson. So, this is going to be an awesome show. Tickets are still available, middletownparamount.com or Ticketmaster.

Also, on Saturday, we have -- it's our final farmers' market and we're going to be doing downtown pumpkin patch, pumpkin giveaways, starting at 9 a.m. We're going to have some pumpkin painting, and I'd like to thank the Run for Downtown organization. They're donating all the pumpkins. We have a DJ and just come by and check it out. And also, come say thank you and bye to the farmers. We're looking forward to a great season next year, as well.

We're still looking for our tree, guys. Thank you to the folks that have reached out to us. We have certain specs. It has to be at least 40 feet high, easy access and also close to the city proximity. So, we still have a little bit of time but contact the Business Improvement

District office. You could email us. We're on social media. Also, you could contact here, City Hall, if anybody knows of a great tree that they're willing to donate so we can adore it at Degnan Square for our tree lighting ceremony. And I just want to congratulate Richard Serpentini and Serpentini's. Thank you and congratulations and thank you for still being part of our downtown community. And that's all I have.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for Maria? Thank you, Maria. Police Chief?

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Good evening. I do have a special guest I would like to introduce in a moment. First, just an item of business. As a reminder, as we enter into the Halloween season at the end of the month, and we don't have another meeting prior to such, that there is a curfew. It's a citywide curfew effective October 29th through November 1st, and that's for all persons 18 years and younger, not to be out without purpose into the community. First, offense is a warning, taking them home. Second offense could lead to an appearance

(indiscernible). So, just as a reminder to our community that we do put these regulations into effect to help keep the city safe during a time that is typically known for mischief. Other than that, I have nothing, unless you have questions for me, other than to introduce someone this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the Police Chief? Go ahead, (indiscernible).

MAN 2: What were the times on the --

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Yup. 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. October 29th through November 1st.

MAN 2: Thank you, sir.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: You're welcome. Any other questions?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All, good.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Stevenson - - so, before you this evening, many of you know Stevenson Monchery as a member of the community, very involved. He's been involved in numerous service organizations. His family is deeply involved and rooted in the community. He resides in the community. His wife works in the school

district. As a reminder, his son was a national champ in wrestling. He had him here several months ago. I've known Stevenson for probably seven or eight years now through different organizations that we've partnered with and worked with, collaboratively, in various roles.

And I actually reached out to Stevenson earlier this year, back in the spring, to ask him a question in regards to the service industry. At the time, he was working for Catholic Charities. When I first met him, he was working for Honor. And my question was, I was looking to hire a service coordinator for the Police Department. I explained what I was looking for to Stevenson. He listened to me attentively and a few hours later, he called me back and told me that he found the perfect fit for my position, and it was him. And I honestly couldn't be happier. Knowing Stevenson for the many years and working hand-in-hand with him, seeing his commitment to this community, commitment to his profession, I knew it was a perfect fit. My search ended right then and there. And today, I'm happy to introduce Stevenson as a member of the Middletown Police Department as a Service

Coordinator.

And what does that mean? Stevenson, with his knowledge and his background, he has an insight to all the different services that are out there and are afforded to the members of the community. Oftentimes when people need services, they are hit with obstacles, whether it's time of day, they don't meet the criteria, there's red tape to go through, so on and so forth. So, bringing him in and on board with us, he's able to navigate through that and he becomes a conduit from the person to the actual service.

He's been with us since July, the beginning of July, and he's been nothing but a blessing to our organization and to the community. He's fit in very well with our department. They've trusted him quickly, they take him out on the road, he has a flexible schedule. He's not bound by bookends of times of day or days of week. He is willing to work whatever hours and times that are needed to meet the needs of the community. So, I can't thank him enough for joining our team and I'm so happy and blessed to have him on our team. So, thank you. And I'd also be remiss if I didn't thank

Senator Skoufis because he is the person that is responsible for funding Stevenson's position, so I greatly appreciate his commitment to this and his continued funding, hopefully, to keep Stevenson with us. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Awesome. Thank you. PPW Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: Good evening, all. The reservoirs (indiscernible) 80 percent, so we've been having a very dry season, a very dry couple of months. So, we're mobilizing to try to pump from supplemental water sources. I did send you an email about this situation. Just a reminder to the public about leaves pickup. Please do not deposit any leaves on the streets because they are hazardous. We will start picking them up on November 4th.

So, if you have done anything, please put it back on your property and just keep our streets safe until we start going and picking them up. If you really have to dispose of them, you can put them in biodegradable bags or you can put them in the container, we can still come and pick them up. Just do not throw them on the

street. It's hazardous and it puts liability on you if anything is to happen. Even when the leaves -- when it's time to put the leaves on the street, keep them away from the intersection, keep them within three feet from the curb and not huge piles in there because some kids, they go play, believe it or not, within the leaf piles, by the time we get to them. So, just consider all these things.

So, another update is the traffic operation is moving very well. We were shooting to finish it this year, end of this year, but the weather is going to be rushing us, so it's going to get into next year by the spring, hopefully, early spring. Spring next year we'll be done with it. It's a very successful project as we hear from everybody around us. High Barney tank, like I told you last Common Council meeting, is now on-line, a very successful project, and we expect High Barney tank and Mountain Avenue tank to last for, hopefully, 100 years to come.

Before you tonight, a couple of resolutions about adjusting parking regulations on Dubois and Earle. Again, this thing happened because one resident requested something from the

Common Council to adjust the parking regulations. We went there, the Chief of Police and myself. We measured it and we found that there's really hazardous conditions there if we allow parking on both sides of the streets. We went down to Earle, and we went down to subsequent streets, and we found that it is a concern to allow parking on both sides of the streets.

The Mayor has been asking for a few years about the need to have an overall parking regulation evaluation throughout the city, because all these -- whatever has been around in there, it's time for us to take a fresh look at it. And I support that, and I'll be -- I think we already have the request before the Board of Estimate to have a study done by a consultant rather than us because, honestly, we don't have any time to do any of that stuff. A consultant will come in, make a recommendation to the Mayor, and to the Common Council on how to adjust parking, what street, what hours. We have cars that can be parked in there for an indefinite amount of time, without the sweeper having the ability to go in there and clean under them. So, there's got to be some restrictions, you know,

two hours every other day, alternate street, just like any other community, which we don't have at this time. So, I think that is very much needed, what the Mayor has been asking for and I'm behind it 100 percent and we're ready to take it on once the Board of Estimates approves to go for RFQs from consulting engineers.

The courts -- the bid opening for the courts, which is basically moving the court from City Hall to Federal Courthouse and establishing two courts within that one building, the former federal courthouse. The bids, they were opened on October 10th. Total bid is around \$5 million, which is within the budget for the project. And again, Senator Skoufis was very instrumental of giving us about, I believe, \$2.5 million. The Mayor has all the numbers because he's hands-on with that. \$3 million? \$3 million from Senator Skoufis, very much appreciated, which means the City will put up only \$2 million, which is a great success. This project, at some point, was going to be \$15 million and so on and so forth. And a lot of arguments happened with the court administration until we got to this level. So, hopefully, we'll be able to move with this

project very -- immediately, to get it constructed, get the court moved and everybody will be happy. Any questions for me?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for Jacob? Alderman Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: I was just wondering if you knew anything about what's going on in the Town of Wallkill, on East Main Street going out of the city? Because we've got a couple of complaints, and I have to explain to people. And that's the Town of Wallkill, it's not the City of Middletown. They've -- the roads have looked like they've been dug up and patched a little bit. Do you have any idea what they're doing?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: That's probably the gas line in there --

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: A gas line?

Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: -- that was installed. Yeah, probably a gas line. Right in front of the school?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Yeah, all the way down.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: Yeah, yeah. That's a gas main that was done. I don't know what their regulations are in the Town of Wallkill, but --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: So, we complain all the time to the Town of Wallkill and they say it's a county road and the ambulances going down --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: It is a county road, yes.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: -- it's very bumpy. I don't know if we could reach out to the County and make them try to see if they could help us out.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: I can. I can reach out to the county and request that they deal with it. You know, in Middletown, we have different regulations in there. As you know, on Beers Drive, in there, they're going to be milling. Wherever they install a gas main, we allow it to settle for the construction season and then once the trench has settled completely and we're happy with it, they can come in. Orange and Rockland, they mill half the road from the curb to the center line of the road and then repave it. But that's only a

special arrangement the city has with Orange and Rockland. I don't think many other communities have them. I could be wrong, but that's what we have. But I'll be happy to reach out to Orange County DPW about this.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you, Jacob. Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you, Commissioner. I just really quickly wanted to get back to the leaf pickup, and it's probably a question we might all get -- once you folks go through the 4th, 1st, 2nd and 3rd wards, you're going to come back around again, right?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: All right. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, we always do. Yeah.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Absolutely.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Anyone else? All right.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Yeah.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: I just wanted to make that clear also, that you are picking them up by ward, just like with bulk pickup, so -
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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: Yes.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: So -- and I think it's four feet out from the curb --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: Four feet, okay, not three? Okay.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: -- or three that's allowed. Yeah. But as we know, the leaves don't wait for our schedule, so there's -- a lot of people put leaves out early. And I don't know what we can do about that, but it is by ward and then after the last ward is picked up, then the following week you go back through the whole city?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: Yes, and I believe we have the ward organized in our brochure on the -- if you see it on our website --

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Right.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: -- where we're going to start from, because every year we rotate it, I believe. Don't quote me on that. I shouldn't have said that. Because usually we start in the Second Ward because that's the most amount of --

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: We're the third week this time.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: Yeah, yeah. But don't quote me on that, so -- but yes, we do go by ward, finish it ward by ward and then we go around one more time.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Okay.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Thank you, Jacob. City Clerk?

CLERK: Good evening, everybody. I just wanted to start this evening by thanking Andy Mills and Fred Isseks. Yesterday, they took the Mayor's Youth Council on a tour of Middletown's historic Hillside Cemetery. It was a great trip, and we also were sponsored by the Orange County Land Trust. They provided refreshments, so thank you to them.

Early voting will begin on October 26th at the Mulberry Senior House. Anybody in Orange

County can vote at the Senior House from October 26th through November 2nd for early voting. You can check for the times on either the city website or the Orange County Board of Elections website. They vary each day.

Also, just as a reminder, you still have until October -- I'm sorry, October 26th to register to vote. You can register on-line through the Board of Elections website or at the Board of Elections in Goshen. They have Saturday hours, from now through November 2nd for voting and for registration purposes until the 26th.

And finally, at the last Council meeting, the Council unanimously adopted a repeal of the Winter Street parking regulations. So, our residents no longer will have to worry about moving their cars between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. during the winter months of December 1st through March 15th. In the coming weeks, you'll be getting a mailing from the city indicating how the new laws will work and how you will be notified when your cars do need to be moved. While the restriction is lifted as a blanket restriction, there will be restrictions in times of snow and you'll be issued -- a snow alert will

be issued, and residents will have to move their cars during the duration of the snow alert. You can find information about that on our website at middletownny.gov, and we're looking forward to making sure everyone is notified about that.

And lastly, on the agenda this evening, there is a resolution moving the November 5th meeting to November 4th in recognition of Election Day.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Any questions for the City Clerk? Thank you. All right. Remarks of Alderman -- Alderman Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: I would just like to congratulate and thank the Serpentini family. I've known most of them over the 75 years. Are you going to say anything, Mayor? I've enjoyed doing business with you over those years and thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you very much. I'd also like to congratulate the Serpentini family. That was quite a history lesson we received there today. And kind of,

reflecting back on it, I remember those stores being -- you know, having grown up here and thank you so much for what you've done and it was nice to have you come out here tonight.

A couple of things, very quickly, I would encourage folk with the construction, tomorrow's a big day in the First Ward in the Windsor, Wickham, Sprote, Cottage, North Street area, up by the firehouse. I would just -- the District -- or the District, jeez, the city does a really good job advertising this and letting everybody know, like, the day before, on Facebook. So, like, the fact that there's going to be impacted tomorrow is already on the website today and available to be shared. So, we've been very transparent about this entire thing since it started and I would encourage folks to check out Facebook, as well as the website.

And finally, I just want to acknowledge the Middletown Youth Football kids coming to the varsity game last Thursday. I'd have to guess close to 100 kids.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: 139.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: 139 that had a chance to wear their uniforms and come out with

the team and came busting through the paper and had a chance to play at halftime. So, it was really nice to see so many families involved, and it seemed like the kids really enjoyed it. So, future Middies had a chance to maybe get out on that field for the first time. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Yeah, thank you very much. Congratulations to the Serpentini family. Most of my experience in Serpentini was in the Galleria, but I'm pretty sure I spent so much time in there, I could draw the store, from memory. Many a lollipop when I was little, I believe, I took over that counter. So, congratulations. We're glad you're here in Middletown and 75 years is no short amount of time, so, that's just such a great accomplishment. And our City Clerk did mention Hillside Cemetery and I just want to say that that is absolutely a gem if you have not been there, and especially this time of year. It is one of the most beautiful places we have in the city. A lot of history in there. So, take some time, if you haven't visited it before, and go

experience it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Thank you.

I, too, want to congratulate Serpentini and thank them for their many years of being great businesses in Middletown. And Stevenson is going to be a great addition to the police department and he's also going to help with the Middletown Warming Station when they have any issues or to help people that need that kind of guidance. So, I've known him for many years from Middletown Cares and he just is a great person. So, we're very lucky to have him.

Also, with the early voting, I want to remind people that, from October 26th to November 4th, I think the dates are, but during that time that they're doing early voting at Mulberry House, all the regular activities at Mulberry House are cancelled for those days. So, it will only be for early voting. So, there won't be the usual activities. So, people should be aware of that.

The warming station, it's cold out tonight. It tells us that it is going to be

opening for the season on November 24th. They have a lot of volunteers, but they still can use more. And the training sessions will be at 7 p.m. at the warming station on Thursday, October 17th, and on Tuesday, October 22nd. And I'm going to defer to the Yankee game for anything else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you. Alderwoman Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Good evening. My congratulations to the Serpentini family and thank you for the chocolate. I love chocolate. As for youth football, having worked in the building today and it is days after this event, all my little football players and cheerleaders wanted to talk about was how much fun they had being on that field. I said, "Good. I can't wait to watch you play when you're actually in the big game." So, I love when we partner our rec sports with our school sports and tie the older kids with the youngsters. I think it just generates an excitement that's very, very valuable.

As for leaves, I also love and hate this time of year. It means I don't have to mow

my lawn anymore, but it also means that I'm going to catch all the leaves I blew down the street on my front lawn, again. But, please, please, please, especially kids trying to get to bus stops safely, as it rains on these leaves, to please try to maintain your pile. I know you can't control the weather once you put them in the road, but you can control how far into the road they go because they can absolutely be very hazardous. And for that final loop that our DPW does, they work very hard. I respectfully ask that residents do not say, "You know what? I'm just going to put them all out on that last week, on Thursday." And I just think that we have a schedule. Please refer to it. Please try to stick to it. I understand more leaves will fall, but please don't leave that for the last minute. It puts a big strain on them and that's all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you.

I'll join my colleagues in thanking you for your contribution to our community all these years.

As far as East Main Street, when they did -- for

my property, when they did the sidewalk, I ended up with a significant dip at the end of the driveway. And when I called Wallkill, they said, "Well, that's not our section. That's Orange County", and I was not really successful in getting anybody to think about that. So, my business, in particular, we've had a lot of interesting visits today with people who can't there from here but that's progress. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes.

Good evening. Congratulations to the Serpentini family and when Maria passed the ball around, I got all excited. I said, "Well, they're in the jewelry business, so this (indiscernible)." So, I found out it was chocolate but thank you anyway. Stevenson is going to be a great addition to the Middletown family. He's a great role model, so I appreciate him coming to us, to the Middletown team. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: I'd just like to congratulate the Serpentini family on 75 years

of business.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: And I also would like to congratulate my friends, the Serpentini family for the business. I enjoy going in there in the afternoons and talking. We could spend hours talking about everything in Middletown and trying to get my wife to wear the jewelry that I buy all the time. So, we're always in there, at least four or five times a year. So, congratulations. You're a great guy and the business is great.

MAN 3: Did you say you buy?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Yeah, I do buy. I spend money there. It's been -- so -- all right. New business?

CLERK: Good evening. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, authorizing the acceptance of the Child Passenger Safety Program grant of \$3,429 from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, and Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, authorizing the acceptance of a \$16,720 grant for the police traffic services for the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin and seconded by Alderman Masi. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing the acceptance of a \$52,000 grant from Senator Skoufis' office for the Fire Department to purchase 12 sets of PPE.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin and

seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Abstain.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a transfer of \$30,000 from within the water treatment plant budget for overtime.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois
and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any
discussion? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored
by Alderman Johnson authorizing an increase in
the rate of pay for an employee.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson and
seconded by Alderman Masi. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored
by Alderman Wray authorizing a transfer of
\$15,000 for a citywide mailing announcing new
winter parking regulations.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Wray and
seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion?
Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored
by Alderman Kleiner authorizing a change in
Common Council meeting date from November 5th to

November 4, 2024, in observance of Election Day.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner and
seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion?
Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored
by Alderman Witt authorizing a temporary

borrowing from the general fund balance for capital projects.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt and seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored

by Alderman Masi authorizing a transfer of \$30,000 from the general fund balance to cover the remaining cost of the M&NJ Railroad Station on East Main Street.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi and seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing a public hearing on converting Prospect Street into a one-way street, heading west from North Street to Beacon Street.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing the dedication of portions of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Resolution sponsored by Jean-Francois and seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion?
Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing an amendment to City Code to create a new Chapter 365, Public Property Camping.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Wray. Any discussion? Alderman Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Thank you.
There's a part that I would have asked Alex if he had been here tonight, but there's part of this resolution that, towards the end says, "An exemption is if no other --", and I believe it says "housing" is available. Then it doesn't apply and I'm not sure how we'd define that. I'm not sure what the --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Chief?

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: So, the other housing could be the warming center, it could be Honor, it could be housing through DSS, independent living, any other options for housing. Not that the city has to provide the housing, it's just that there's other options out

there.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Okay. So, if -- but it says, if none of them are available. So, we would check with everyone and if they're not available?

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: It says that if there's an option for housing and they choose not to accept the housing, then this local code could be utilized. We don't actually have to go check to see if there's housing, we know the resources are there.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: All right. Okay. Thank you, Chief.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Anyone else? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing an amendment to City Code to change parking regulations on Dubois and Earle Streets.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin and seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: I just wanted to mention I asked our Fourth Ward alderman about the people on both of those streets, and they said they've spoken to almost everyone on the streets and they're all in agreement with this.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Correct.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: So, we didn't have a public hearing, but they did do their own

research. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Anyone
else? Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries. That's it for new
business, sir.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Mr. President,
be it resolved that the Common Council of the
City of Middletown, New York, hereby calls for
peace across the globe and demands the immediate
and unconditional release of all hostages.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: There's
a resolution on the floor by Alderman Masi. Do I
have a second?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Second.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Who was
that?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Johnson.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Johnson. Sorry about that. Any discussion?
Roll.

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Wray.

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ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay.

Audit?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Mr. President, I
move the accounts be ordered, the claims be
adjusted and the City Treasurer should be
authorized to assure warrants for their payment.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
(indiscernible) by Alderman Massi.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Second.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Roll

CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

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CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK: Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK: Carries.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Move
for adjournment? So ruled.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Sonya Ledanski Hyde, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sonya M. Ledanski Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Sonya" is written with a large, looped 'S'. The middle initial "M." is written in a smaller, more compact script. The last name "Ledanski" is written with several loops and a long tail that extends to the right. The surname "Hyde" is written in a similar cursive style, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Veritext Legal Solutions
330 Old Country Road
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Date: December 9, 2024



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 3.1. Nothing this evening.
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS
5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY
 - 5.1. Community Recognition: 75th Anniversary of Serpentine Jewelers
6. REMARKS OF THE MAYOR
7. REMARKS OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND GRIEVANCES
 - 8.1. Orange Terrace Subdivision (Held open from 10/1/2024)
9. PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS
10. REMARKS OF THE ALDERMAN AND REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - 203- Authorization to Accept Child Passenger Safety Program Grant of \$3,429 from the
24 New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
 - 204- Authorization to accept a \$16,720 Grant for Police Traffic Services from the New
24 York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

- 205- Authorization to Accept a \$52,000 Grant from Senator Skoufis for the Fire
24 Department to purchase 12 sets of PPE
- 206- Authorization to transfer \$30,000 within the WTP Budget for Overtime
24
- 209- Authorization to Increase Rate of Pay- Susan Cummings
24
- 208- Authorization to Transfer \$15,000 for City Wide Mailing Announcing New Winter
24 Parking Regulations
- 209- Authorization to Change a Common Council Meeting Date from November 5 to
24 November 4 2024 in Observance of Election Day
- 210- Authorization to Establish a Temporary Borrowing from the General Fund Balance
24 for Capital Projects
- 211- Authorization to transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund Balance to cover the
24 remaining cost of the M&NJ Railroad Station on East Main Street
- 212- Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on Converting Prospect Street into a One-
24 Way Street heading west from North Street to Beacon Street
- 213- Authorization to Dedicate Portions of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street
24
- 214- Authorization to Amend City Code to Create a new Chapter 365, Public Property
24 Camping
- 215- Authorization to Amend City Code to Change Parking Regulations on DuBois and
24 Earle Streets
- 216- Resolution Calling for Peace Across the Globe and the Immediate Release of
24 Hostages

13. LOCAL LAWS

14. AUDIT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

- 14.1. Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the
Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

15. ADJOURNMENT



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No:

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Orange Terrace Subdivision (Held open from 10/1/2024)

Close the public hearing and written comments for two more weeks.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	Notice of Public Hearing Orange Terrace Subdivision
2.	Orange Terrace Subdivision PH Proof of Publication

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 16 James Street, Middletown, NY, on or as near to 6:00 P.M. as possible, to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard on the application of Orange Terrace Properties, seeking a 4-lot subdivision located at Orange Terrace, Middletown. Section 33, Block 4, Lots 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13.

Any and all persons wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to speak either for or against the proposed 4-lot subdivision.

The complete proposed application and map of the property for the 4-lot subdivision are available in the office of the Common Council Clerk, City Hall, 16 James Street, room 12, and on the City Website.

For any person unable to participate at the time of the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to rmccormack@middletownny.gov

By the order of the Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk of the Common Council

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MARIAH VERHAGEN
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded by: Alderman Masi
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 204-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

10/17/24

Authorization to accept a \$16,720 Grant for Police Traffic Services from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept a \$16,720 grant award from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the use in the "Police Traffic Services" program effective October 1, 2024.

The purpose of this award is to increase seat belt usage and reduce aggressive, speeding, distracted, and other dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury or death from traffic crashes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to increase the Traffic Services budget line A.3124.103 in the amount of \$16,720

Prepared by:
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

Attachments:

1.	image47563
2.	PTS GRANT 2025



Department of Motor Vehicles

(518) 474-0972
Fax: (518) 473-6946

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 6 EMPIRE STATE PLAZA • ALBANY, NY 12228

September 27, 2024

Jacqueline Welch
Sergeant
Middletown City Police Department
2 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940-5710

Re: PTS-2025-Middletown City PD -00110-(036)
Police Traffic Services
T007218
CFDA #: 20.600
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

Dear Sergeant Jacqueline Welch:

On behalf of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, I am pleased to notify you that the Middletown City Police Department has been awarded a total of \$16,720 to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program. Our goal is to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury and death from traffic crashes. A breakdown of your grant award amount is as follows:

Category	Award Amount
Seat Belt Mobilization Enforcement	\$6,160
Regular PTS Enforcement	\$10,560
Other Than Personal Services	\$0
Grand Total	\$16,720

Before incurring any project related expenses, login to eGrants to review your approved budget as it may have been reduced or otherwise changed from what was requested. Crucial documents regarding your grant, the claims process, equipment, and other grant related topics can be found by visiting <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/highway-safety-grant-program#grant-award>.

Attached to this email are the contract and a signatory page with instructions. Please follow the instructions to facilitate the prompt processing of your contract. The contract will only be effective after the Signature page has been signed by the County, City, Town, or Village, and notarized, then returned to, **and** signed by, the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

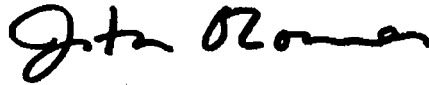
Please note the following requirement:

Payment for claims submitted under this grant award shall be rendered electronically in accordance with the Office of the State Comptroller's procedures and practices governing electronic payment unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the head of the State Agency, in his or her sole discretion after the Contractor establishes extenuating circumstances requiring payment by paper check.

TrafficSafety.ny.gov

Thank you for participating in this very important statewide enforcement program. I wish you success in your efforts. If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee at (518) 474-5111.

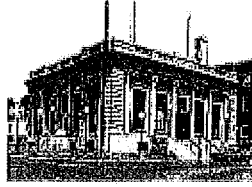
Sincerely,

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Justin O'Connor
Director

JMO:bp
Enclosure
cc: Leonora Liz

JOHN EWANCIW
CHIEF OF POLICE



TELEPHONE
845-343-3151
FAX NUMBER
845-346-4140

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2 JAMES STREET
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940
ESTABLISHED 1888

October 4, 2024

Honorable Joseph M. DeStefano
Mayor- City of Middletown
City Hall
Members of the City of Middletown Common Council
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

RE: Police Traffic Services 2025-Middletown City PD-00110-(036)

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members of the Council:

We are requesting permission to accept an award in the amount of \$16,720 given to us by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the use in the "Police Traffic Services" program effective October 1, 2024.

The purpose of this award is to increase seat belt usage and reduce aggressive, speeding, distracted and other dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury or death from traffic crashes.

Please prepare a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign the attached contract. Upon approval, I am asking that the funding be deposited into our existing Traffic Services budget line A.3124.103.

Very truly yours,

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John Ewanciw
Chief of Police

JE:ccd

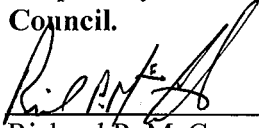


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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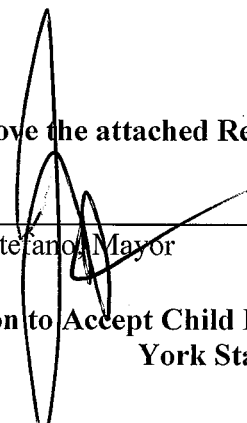
By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 203-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 10/17/24

Authorization to Accept Child Passenger Safety Program Grant of \$3,429 from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a \$3,429 grant award from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to participate in the statewide "Child Passenger Safety" program effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

This grant money is awarded to increase the proper use and installation of child safety seats in New York State and to cover the re-certification fees for our certified car seat Technicians/Officers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to increase the Child Passenger Safety budget line A.3189.450 in the amount of \$3,249

Prepared by:
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

Attachments:

1.	CPS-2025-Middletown City PD -00093-(036)
2.	ChildPassengerSafety 2024 2025

JUSTIN O'CONNOR
Director



**Department of
Motor Vehicles**

(518) 474-0972
Fax: (518) 473-6946

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
6 EMPIRE STATE PLAZA • ALBANY, NY 12228

September 24, 2024

Jacqueline Welch
Sergeant
Middletown City Police Department
2 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940-5710

Re: CPS-2025-Middletown City PD -00093-(036)
Child Passenger Safety Program
SA00002986
CFDA #: 20.616
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

Dear Sergeant Jacqueline Welch:

On behalf of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, I am pleased to notify you that the Middletown City Police Department has been awarded \$3,429 to participate in the statewide "Child Passenger Safety" program. Our goal is to increase the proper use and installation of child safety seats in New York State.

Before incurring any project related expenses, login to eGrants to review your approved budget as it may have been reduced or otherwise changed from what was requested. Crucial documents regarding your grant, the claims process, equipment, and other grant related topics can be found by visiting <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/highway-safety-grant-program#grant-award>.

Thank you for participating in this very important statewide program. I wish you success in your efforts. If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee at (518) 474-5111.

Sincerely,

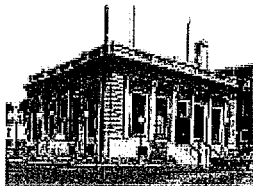
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JOHN EWANCIW
CHIEF OF POLICE



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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2 JAMES STREET
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September 26, 2024

Mayor Joseph DeStefano
Members of the Common Council
And Board of Estimate
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

RE: CPS 2025-Middletown PD-00093-(036)
CFDA# 20.616
Child Passenger Safety Program

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members,

The City of Middletown Police Department has been awarded \$3,429 to participate in the statewide "Child Passenger Safety" program effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

This grant money was given in an effort to increase the proper use and the installation of child safety seats in New York State, and to cover the cost of recertification fees for our certified car seat Technicians/Officers.

Upon approval, I am kindly requesting that this funding be added to the Child Passenger Safety budget line A.3189.450.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw
Chief of Police

JE:ccd



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
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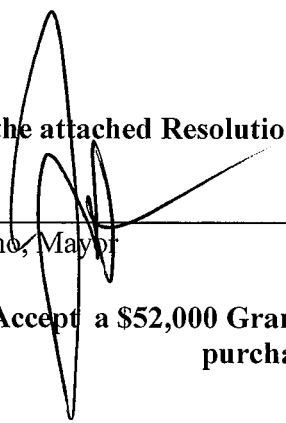
By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 205-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green			X	
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

10/17/24

Authorization to Accept a \$52,000 Grant from Senator Skoufis for the Fire Department to purchase 12 sets of PPE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a \$52,000 grant award from New York State Senator James Skoufis for the Fire Department to purchase twelve sets of PPE.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the required paperwork for the grant.

Prepared by:
Andrew Green, Alderman

Attachments:

1.	Diligence Letter 27567
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DASNY

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

LISA GOMEZ
Chair

ROBERT J. RODRIGUEZ
President & CEO

September 27, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Joseph DeStefano
Mayor
City of Middletown
16 James St
Middletown, New York 10940

Re: *Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program ("CREST")
Purchase of 12 Sets of Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Department
Project ID: 27567*

Dear Joseph DeStefano:

As you know, the State has awarded the City of Middletown ("Grantee") a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program ("CREST") grant for the above-referenced project in the amount of \$52,000.00 (the "Grant").

This letter outlines the documentation you will need to complete and return to DASNY in order to start the Grant Administration process.

- *Please return the completed documentation electronically, as described below within thirty (30) days. **If you are not able to meet this timeframe, please send an email to callcenter@dasny.org with your requested timeline for submission.***
- *If the information is not returned in a timely manner, or documentation is incomplete, your Grant will be delayed as DASNY generally reserves the right to request updated documentation throughout the administrative process to ensure the required reviews are based on accurate information.*
- *If there are any changes to the contact information for the primary contact for your organization, the authorized officer contact information, or change in your organizational address – please email (callcenter@dasny.org).*

Please also read the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as it relates to the following requested documents and other questions that you may have regarding the Grant Process.

ALBANY (HEADQUARTERS): 515 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207 | 518-257-3000
BUFFALO: 6047 Transit Road, Suite 103 East Amherst, NY 14051 | 716-884-9780
NEW YORK CITY: 28 Liberty Street, Fl 55, New York, NY 10005 | 212-273-5000
ROCHESTER: 3495 Winton Place, Building C, Suite 1, Rochester, NY 14623 | 585-450-8400

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The following documents must be completed and returned to DASNY so the required reviews can be conducted and State approvals obtained:

- ☐ Completed Grantee Certification signed by two (2) authorized officers;
- ☐ Completed Project Certification signed by an authorized officer;
- ☐ The Grantee Questionnaire (GQ) requested by DASNY expires after one (1) year;
 - o The GQ on file has expired or is about to expire or your organization is new to DASNY. Please provide the names, titles and email addresses of two authorized officers so that a GQ may be sent out by the Processor that will be assigned to review your paperwork:

Authorized Officer #1: Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Ext: _____

Authorized Officer #2: Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Ext: _____
- ☐ Evidence of Site Control;
 - o Certificate of Municipal Site Control
- ☐ Financial documentation
 - o Financial Review Checklist
 - o Financial Review Template (Tab 1 and Tab 2 of attached excel)
 - o Quotes/Estimates and/or invoices from vendors on company letterhead, or estimate provided on letterhead by licensed professional, dated within 1 year of submission. **Note:** There should be supporting documentation for each line item on budget.

If your organization is a not-for-profit please also see the 'Prior to Final Approval' section in attached FAQs for information regarding the prequalification requirement through NY State Financial System (SFS).

Grantees are also advised that grant-funded projects are subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA). Information regarding the SEQRA and SHPA process is included in the FAQs.

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed documentation please either call (518) 257-3177 or email callcenter@dasny.org and a member of the Call Center Team will assist.

Sincerely,

Grants Administration

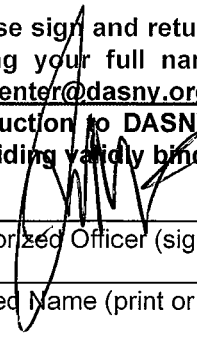
**GRANTEE CERTIFICATION
City of Middletown**

Purchase of 12 Sets of Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Department
Project ID: 27567

WE HEREBY WARRANT, REPRESENT AND CERTIFY TO DASNY that:

- The City of Middletown (the "Grantee") has applied for a ("CREST") Grant in the amount of \$52,000.00 (the "Grant"). This Grant will be used for the Purchase of 12 Sets of Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Department (the "Project"). We understand that the Grant funds may be used only for certain community improvement purposes as set forth in the enabling legislation and that the Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA) to be executed in connection with this Grant contains a provision that states that Grant funds may not be used to finance a program or Project that will in any way promote or facilitate religious worship, instruction or proselytizing. We have been informed that this provision exists to ensure compliance with Federal and State law. Therefore, as Authorized Officers of the Grantee, we hereby certify the following in connection with the Project to be financed by the Grant:
 - no religious purpose shall be advanced or promoted by the Project or program funded by the Grant;
 - the Project or program will provide no religious instruction or counseling, conduct no religious worship or services, engage in no religious proselytizing, and exert no other religious influence in the provision of services or the use of facilities or furnishings assisted in any way by public funds;
 - the Project or program shall be open to all without regard to religion; and
 - the Grantee shall take affirmative steps to ensure that information is widely disseminated with respect to the following aspects of the Project or program:
 - the Project or program is publicly funded;
 - the Project or program is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation; and
 - the Project or program beneficiaries are not limited to any particular sect or group.
 - the Grantee shall exercise care to make sure the facilities and/or services to be supported in whole or in part by Grant proceeds are available and accessible to all members of the public by ensuring Project location(s) and/or service areas are in proximity to public transportation; sufficient parking; and by choosing Project location(s) and/or service areas that do not restrict use to a certain subset of the population defined by religion;
- We understand that the State of New York, DASNY and other entities that may be involved in the Grant process are relying on the above information in making the determination whether to award the Grant to the Grantee.
- By signing this document, we certify that we are authorized officers for the Grantee and have the authority to submit this Certification.

Please sign and return this document to DASNY by either signing pen to paper and sending the pdf OR by typing your full name into signature line(s) below as indicated. **Please return these documents to callcenter@dasny.org from the Grantee's organizational email address and retain the original copies for production to DASNY if requested. By providing electronic signature(s), the Grantee's designee will be providing validly binding legal documents, just the same as a pen-and-paper signature.**



Authorized Officer (sign or type)

Printed Name (print or type)

Title (print or type)

Dated

Authorized Officer (sign or type)

Printed Name (print or type)

Title (print or type)

Dated

**PROJECT CERTIFICATE OF THE
City of Middletown**
Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (the "CREST")
For the Purchase of 12 Sets of Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Department
(Project ID: 27567)

I, the undersigned, an Authorized Officer of City of Middletown (the "Grantee"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that:

- All contractors and vendors retained to perform services in connection with the Purchase of 12 Sets of Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Department (the "Project") shall be authorized to do business in the State of New York and shall possess and maintain all professional licenses and/or certifications required to perform the tasks undertaken in connection with the Project.
- To the extent that CREST Grant proceeds are used to reimburse the Grantee for the cost of any portion of the Project noted above, the Grantee certifies that no other external funding source, including but not limited to, State or Federal restructuring loans, State or Federal grants, or grants, loans, or other funding from any other public or private source (currently or within the last six (6) years), will be used for substantially the same Project costs at the same location as described in the Preliminary Application or Project Information Sheet provided to DASNY.
- Tax credits will not be applied to the same Project costs as Grant Proceeds, and any tax credits or prior tax-exempt bonds outstanding applied to Project or Project location have been fully disclosed to DASNY.
- If the Project includes vehicle purchase(s), removable equipment, or furnishings including but not limited to, computer hardware and software, air conditioning units, lab equipment, security cameras, office furniture and telephone systems, the Grantee has or will develop, implement, and maintain an inventory system for tracking such items, and items will be installed, stored, or secured on property owned by and/or under the control of the Grantee; the Grantee has or will develop, implement, and maintain a usage policy for items in compliance with all State and Federal regulations or privacy laws, including use, retention, storage, or deletion of any data, images, or videos stemming from Grant funded purchase of such items if applicable.
- The Grantee has informed DASNY via the Preliminary Application, Project Information Sheet, or other correspondence if Grantee is a state related entity, or if the Project location is owned by a state related entity. Furthermore, if the status of the Grantee or Project location changes, the Grantee will inform DASNY of any changes that would impact the tax-exempt status of the Grant.
- The Grantee acknowledges that Grant proceeds cannot be utilized to pay for:
 - Deposits advance payments, or progress payments until work is completed, or goods received by Grantee;
 - to pay down long term debt;
 - internal labor costs;
 - rental or leased equipment, or equipment with an anticipated useful life of less than three (3) years;
 - stockpiled materials;
 - recurring software costs, including licensing or maintenance fees;
 - materials and/or services provided by another entity other than a licensed contractor or vendor.
- The Grantee will maintain accurate books and records through Project completion/payout of the Grant as well as for six (6) years from the date the Project is completed and will make those books and records available to DASNY, its agents, officers and employees during the Grantee's business hours upon reasonable request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By signing these documents, I certify that I am an authorized officer for the Grantee.

Please sign and return this document to DASNY by either signing pen to paper and sending the pdf OR by typing your full name into signature line(s) below as indicated. Please return these documents to callcenter@dasny.org from the Grantee's organizational email address and retain the original copies for production to DASNY if requested. By providing electronic signature(s), the Grantee's designee will be providing validly binding legal documents, just the same as a pen-and-paper signature.

By (sign or type): _____

Name (print or type): _____

Title (print or type) _____

We, the undersigned, an Authorized Officer of the City of Middletown and the Municipal Attorney for City of Middletown under the penalties of perjury, hereby certify, warrant, represent and confirm to the DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ("DASNY"), the following:

- 1) The City of Middletown is a municipal corporation constituting a county, town, city or village within the meaning of §2 of Article 1 of the General Municipal Law.
- 2) The City of Middletown has applied for a Grant and acknowledges that Grant funds may be used only for certain purposes as set forth in the Grant's enabling legislation.
- 3) The Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA) to be entered into by and between the City of Middletown and DASNY shall require the Grantee to certify that City of Middletown has the requisite control over the Project Site.
- 4) The Grant project will be located at the following **Project Site**:

Name: *Middletown Central Firehouse*
Street Address: *81 E Main St*
Town / Village *Middletown*
County: *Orange*

- 5) The fee title of the Project Site is owned by the Grantee (**choose one**):

- ☐ Pursuant to deed identifying the Grantee as the fee owner, which deed was recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of _____.
- ☐ Pursuant to Executive or Legislative action granting title. **Provide citation:** _____
- ☐ As referenced by a copy of the most recent tax bill provided by the tax assessor's office which indicates ownership of the Project Site is vested in the Grantee, **attached hereto**.
- ☐ The Project Site will be located within a right of way or easement under the jurisdiction of the Grantee.

- 6) The Grant project to be constructed, built, reconstructed and/or operated and located on the Project Site is permitted by, does not and will not conflict with, or result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under any deed restriction, encumbrance, restrictive covenant, agreement, easement and/or other lien. The Grant project shall comply in all respects with any and all applicable governmental laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

7) Grantee further warrants and represents:

- a. There are no actions pending or threatened which may affect title to the Project Site or which may affect Grantee's ability to complete the Grant project;
- b. There are no judgments filed against the Grantee or any liens filed against the Project Site or any portion thereto; and
- c. There are no facts or circumstances which could affect title to the Project Site that have not been set forth herein.

8) We understand and agree that it is the Grantee's responsibility to comply with all deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, encumbrances, easements and other liens and any applicable laws, rules, regulations or ordinances concerning the Project Site.

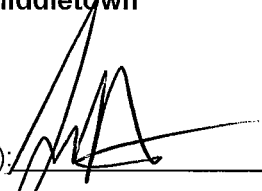
9) We understand that the State of New York, DASNY and other entities that may be involved in the Grant process are relying on the above representations in making the determination whether to award a Grant to the Grantee and as an inducement to enter into the Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA).

10) We have the authority to submit this certification on behalf of the Grantee.

Please sign and return this document to DASNY by either signing pen to paper and sending the pdf OR by typing your full name into signature line(s) below as indicated. **Please return these documents to callcenter@dasny.org from the Grantee's organizational email address and retain the original copies for production to DASNY if requested. By providing electronic signature(s), the Grantee's designee will be providing validly binding legal documents, just the same as a pen-and-paper signature.**

Grantee: City of Middletown

By:

Name (sign or type):  _____

Name (print or type): _____

Title: Authorized Officer

Dated: _____

By:

Name (sign or type): _____

Name (print or type): _____

Title: Municipal Attorney

Dated: _____

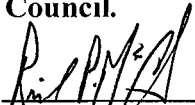


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

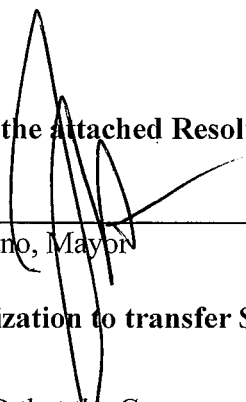
By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 206-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.


Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

10/17/24

Authorization to transfer \$30,000 within the WTP Budget for Overtime

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$30,000, in the following manner, to cover projected overtime at the Filter Plant for the remainder of this year.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Pers. Svcs. - Purification WTP- F.8330.103	F.8330.100 Overtime - Purification WTP	\$30,000

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	BOE MEMO- TRANSFER WTP OT
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 26, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues,
Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Members of the
Common Council

Cc: Leonora Liz, Treasurer and Richard McCormack, City Clerk

From: Jacob S. Tawil, P.E.- Commissioner of Public Works 

Re: Transfer of Funds- WTP Overtime Account

We are respectfully requesting a transfer of funds from the Personal Service line, F.8330.100, into the WTP Overtime account, F.8330.103, to cover projected overtime at the Filter Plant for the remainder of this year.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
F.8330.100 Pers. Svcs. – Purification WTP	\$30,000.00	F.8330.103 Overtime – Purification WTP

Thank you.

JT/kg

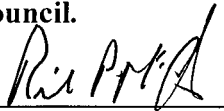


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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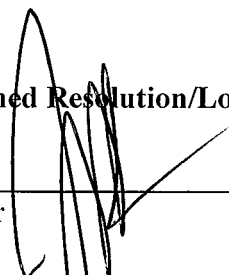
By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Masi
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 207-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Tobin	X			
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Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 10/17/24

Authorization to Increase Rate of Pay- Susan Cummings

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes an increase the hourly rate of pay for part-time employee Susan Cummings from \$16.27 to \$19.38/hour for the remainder of the 2024 year and an hourly rate of \$20.00/hour for the year of 2025 making her annual salary \$19,200.

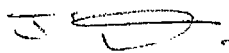
Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	BOE MEMO- CUMMINGS
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 8, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor DeStefano, Members of the Board of Estimate
and Apportionment, Members of the Common Council
Cc: Leonora Liz, Treasurer and Richard McCormack, City Clerk
From: Jacob Tawil, Commissioner of Public Works 
Re: Increase Rate of Pay for Part Time Employee- Susan Cummings

We are respectfully requesting authorization to increase the hourly rate of pay for part time employee Susan Cummings from \$16.27 to \$19.38/hour for the remainder of the 2024 year and an hourly rate of \$20.00/hour for the year of 2025 making her annual salary \$19,200.

Ms. Cummings is an extremely dedicated employee who has been with the City for 24 years. A request for a higher rate of pay would be warranted but due to her special circumstance, she is unable to make more than the amount I am hereby requesting at this time. No transfer of funds is needed at this time.

Thank you.

JT/kg



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderwoman Wray
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 208-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

10/17/24

Authorization to Transfer \$15,000 for City Wide Mailing Announcing New Winter Parking Regulations

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$15,000 in the following manner to cover a City-wide mailing (Printing & Postage), announcing the new regulations for Winter Street parking.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.1900.915	\$15,000	A.1010.490
Liability Insur - Claims		Clerk - Printing

This is an estimate; any leftover funds will be returned to the source of funding.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None

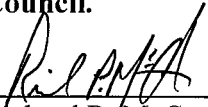


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Kleiner
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 209-24

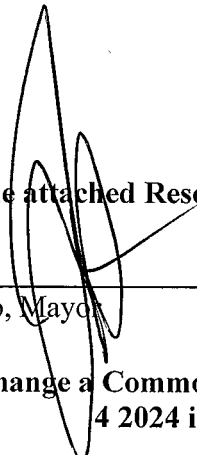
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Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.



Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

10/17/24

Authorization to Change a Common Council Meeting Date from November 5 to November 4 2024 in Observance of Election Day

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the movement of the Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Common Council meeting to Monday, November 4, 2024, in observance of Election Day.

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:

None

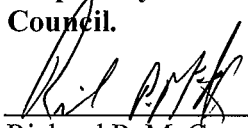


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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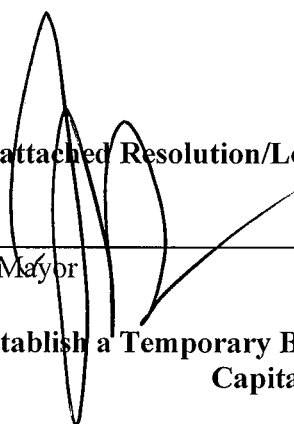
By: Alderman Witt
Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 210-24

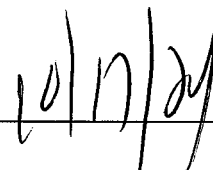
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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 

Authorization to Establish a Temporary Borrowing from the General Fund Balance for Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a temporary borrowing from the General Fund Balance to cover the remaining costs of \$750,000 of various projects (see attachment) as follows:

1. Temporary borrowing of \$750,000, of which \$750,000 will be reimbursable by a grant awarded by Assemblywomen Aileen Gunther
2. A BAN Borrowing \$500,000 toward the cost of the Splash Pad at Maple Hill is already borrowed in 2023.

Total estimated project cost: \$1,243,000

Prepared by:
Leonora Liz, Treasurer

Attachments:

1.	DOC101024-001
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Fax: (845) 343-1101

10/8/2024

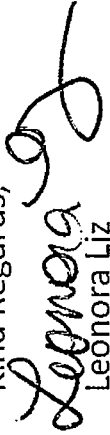
To: Board of Estimate

Requesting authorization to establish a commitment from the General Fund Balance to cover the remaining costs of \$761,000 of various projects (see attachment) as follows:

- Temporary borrowing of \$750,000, of which \$750,000 will be reimbursable by a grant awarded by Assemblywomen Aileen Gunther
- BAN Borrowing \$500,000 toward the cost of the Splash Pad at Maple Hill. Please note this funding is already borrowed in 2023.

Total estimated project cost: \$1,243,000

Kind Regards,


Leonora Liz

Total Cost	Detail
\$766,618.60	Splash Pad Instalation
\$36,297.00	Spot Lights Projector
\$3,430.39	
\$87,986.43	Network video/camera system Access control system Panic System Mass Notification System Designer Project/Program Manager Yearly monitoring
\$138,517.04	Network video/camera system Access control system Panic System Mass Notification System Designer Project/Program Manager Yearly monitoring
\$88,321.91	City Hall Access Control System: City Hall Security Camera System:
\$14,825.06	Adding a security camera to cover the area between Roberts St & Orchard St
\$107,100.00	Rotolo Services for Fire Police and Police Evidence Buildings Purchase of 3 garage doors Garage Door installation Windows
\$1,243,096.43	



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

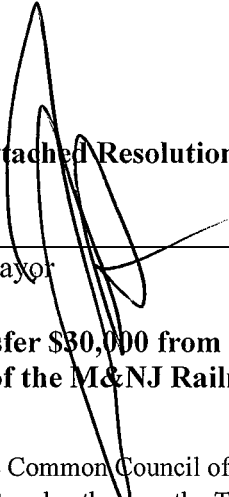
By: Alderman Masi
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 211-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.


Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

10/17/24

Authorization to transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund Balance to cover the remaining cost of the M&NJ Railroad Station on East Main Street

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$30,000 in the following manner, for the purchase and renovation of the M&NJ Railroad Station on East Main Street.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
GENERAL FUND	\$30,000	H.7989.201
BALANCE		2024 Middletown & NJ Rail Station Renovation

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes an increase in the project budget from \$500,000 to \$530,000.

The original project breakdown is as follows:

Acquisition	26932	\$	180,000.00
Renovation costs	26932	\$	320,000.00

Prepared by:

Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

Attachments:

1.	RAILROAD QUOTE
2.	#26932 EM RR Reso

DMR Construction

Darrin Simpson
665 A Mullock Road
Port Jervis, NY 12771

Proposal: 2464

Date: 9/5/2024

City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

For: MN&J Railroad Bldg.

DMR Construction will furnish all materials and perform all labor necessary to complete the following:

Contractors recommendation is as follows:

Contractor to remove all existing roofing. Siding, doors and windows. We will then repair any damaged wood on a time and material based on \$100.00 per hour rate. 2 - 6x6 Columns to be repaired to match existing. We will the install Board & Batten cement board siding, Architectural style shingles, new windows and doors.

This proposal does not include and concrete work or interior. It is based soley on the exterior mentioned above. Pricing is based off of outside walk through and is subject to change when a final scope of work completed.

All of the above work to be completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner according to standard practices for the for the sum of: **\$350,000.00**

Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications involving extra cost of material or labor will only be executed upon written orders for same, and will become an extra charge over the sum mentioned in this contract. All agreements must be made in writing. All permits and or special community request must be done by owner or written request for contractor to supply.

Respectfully submitted by: *Darrin Simpson*



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: May 21, 2024
Index No: 89-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green				X
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

10/17/24

Authorization to Accept a \$500,000 CREST Grant award for the Middletown & New Jersey Railroad Station

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the acceptance of \$500,000 in CREST funding through Assemblywomen Gunther's Office for the purchase and renovation of the Middletown and New Jersey Rail Station, located 140 East Main Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor as representative and sole signatory for the agreement,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and authorizes the Treasurer to establish the following line in the capital budget and to transfer \$500,000, in the following manner, as a temporary borrowing

to be repaid once funding is reimbursed for expenses.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	H.7989.201 Middletown & NJ Rail Station Expenses	\$500,000

Prepared by:
Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

Attachments:

1.	East Main RR Funding BOE 2024
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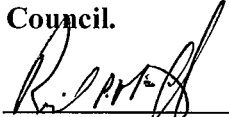


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

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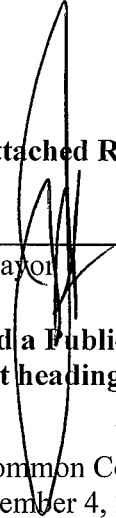
By: Alderman Green
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 212-24

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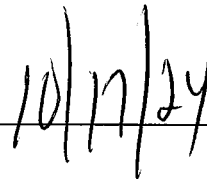

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date



Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on Converting Prospect Street into a One-Way Street heading west from North Street to Beacon Street

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at or as near to 7:30 PM as possible, on a proposal to convert Prospect Street to a one-way street heading west from North Street to Beacon Street. The rest of Prospect Street remains the same.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None

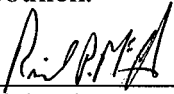


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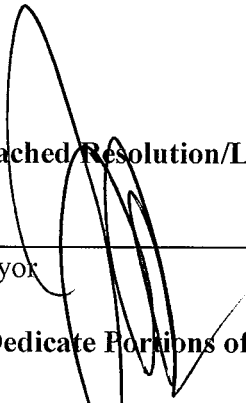
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Seconded by: Alderman Tobin
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 213-24

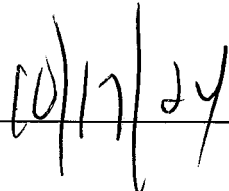
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Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 

Authorization to Dedicate Portions of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street

WHEREAS, ADC Middletown, LLC previously received City of Middletown approval for the project identified as Miamisburg Development (Magnolia Park), with the approved plans, prepared by Lanc & Tully Engineering & Surveying PC, filed in the office of the Orange County Clerk on January 12, 2009 as Filed Map No. 1-09, attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Magnolia Park Project includes the construction of new streets, identified as Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street, as depicted on the approved plan, to be dedicated as public streets; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Magnolia Park Road was previously offered for dedication to the City of Middletown, and accepted by the City through resolution adopted November 21, 2023, and ADC Middletown, LLC now offers for dedication the remaining portion of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street; and

WHEREAS, the construction of such portion of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street, including all underground and above-ground utilities and public improvements as depicted on the approved plans, has been completed in compliance with the requirements of the City of Middletown and in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for the Magnolia Park Project; and

WHEREAS, ADC Middletown, LLC has submitted its Engineering Certification of completed street construction, certifying that all public improvements have been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for the Magnolia Park Project; and

WHEREAS, as-built plans for such portion of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street, as required by the City of Middletown, have been submitted by ADC Middletown, LLC, and have been reviewed and accepted by the City of Middletown Commissioner of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the construction of such portion of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street has been inspected and approved by the City of Middletown Commissioner of Public Works or his representative; and

WHEREAS, all requirements for the dedication and acceptance of public streets by the City of Middletown have been satisfied by ADC Middletown, LLC regarding such portion of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street; and

WHEREAS, the approved Magnolia Park Project plans further provide for the construction of off-street parking on Lots 159, 160, and 162 located on and along Magnolia Park Road; and

WHEREAS, such off-street parking facilities for Lots 159, 160, and 162 have been constructed in accordance with the approved Magnolia Park Project plans and specifications and in accordance with the prevailing and required practices and regulations required by the City of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown requires the execution of a Off-Street Parking Maintenance Agreement for the maintenance, cleaning, repair, and/or replacement of such off-street parking facilities in order to insure the ongoing and intended performance of such off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, intersection of Magnolia Park Rd. and Anothony Street will be a two way stop intersection; and

WHEREAS, Street parking on Magnolia Park Road will be permitted on the south-east side of Magnolia Park Road for one hundred fifty-four (154) feet starting at a point fifty (50) feet to the south-west of Lot 91; on the north-west side of Magnolia Park Road for three hundred fifty-four (354) feet starting at a point to the south-west corner of Lot 70; and on the south side of Magnolia Park Road starting at a point on the south side of the road four hundred (400) feet in from the intersection of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street and then running south-east for three hundred seventy (370) feet to a point thirty (30) feet prior to stop sign on Magnolia Park Road at the intersection with Anthony Street. Parking shall not occur along any other portions of Magnolia Park Road that is being offered as part of this dedication, within twenty (20) feet from the edge of a crosswalk, in front of driveways (per City Code), in front of off street parking stalls, and per City Code for City winter parking restrictions.

WHEREAS, the form and content of such required Off-Street Parking Maintenance Agreement is attached hereto as Schedule “B”; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Middletown does hereby accept the dedication of a portion of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street, and all public improvements associated therewith, as described in the Schedule “C” hereto, on the following conditions:

1. The final form of the deed to such portion of Magnolia Park Road and Anthony Street, and any other document relevant to the dedication thereof, shall be subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
1. ADC Middletown, LLC must provide the City with bonds in compliance with Middletown City Code Section 420-6(U) by November 12, 2024, or at a later date, if approved by the Commissioner of Public Works or the Corporation Counsel.
1. ADC Middletown, LLC must provide the City with a policy of title insurance in compliance with Middletown Code Section 420-6(Y) by _____, 2024, or at a later date, if approved by the Commissioner of Public Works or the Corporation Counsel.
2. The City will not perform any maintenance services until approval of the title insurance reports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to execute the City of Middletown Off-Street Parking Maintenance Agreement on behalf of the City of Middletown for the Magnolia Park Project, in form and content as attached hereto as Schedule “B”.

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	bargain and sale deed
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**BARGAIN AND SALE DEED
WITH COVENANT AGAINST GRANTOR'S ACTS**

THIS INDENTURE, made the ____ day of _____, two thousand twenty-four,

BETWEEN ADC Middletown, LLC, a New York limited liability company with offices at 2 Magnolia Park Road, Middletown, New York 10940, party of the first part, and City of Middletown, a municipal corporation having an office at City Hall, 16 James Street, Middletown, New York 10940,

WITNESSETH, that the party of the first part, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), lawful money of the United States, and other good and valuable consideration, paid by the party of the second part, does hereby grant and release unto the party of the second part, the heirs or successors and assigns of the party of the second part forever,

ALL those parcels of land situate in the City of Middletown, County of Orange, and State of New York, bounded and described on Schedule "A" attached hereto.

BEING a portion of the same premises recorded in the Orange County Clerk's Office at Filed Map No. 1-09.

The above-described premises are conveyed subject to all easements, covenants and restrictions of record, to the extent that they are presently in force and effect.

TOGETHER with all right, title and interest, if any, of the party of the first part in and to any streets and roads abutting the above-described premises to the center lines thereof,

TOGETHER with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the party of the first part in and to said premises,

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the premises herein granted unto the party of the second part, the heirs or successors and assigns of the party of the second part forever.

AND the party of the first part covenants that the party of the first part has not done or suffered anything whereby the said premises have been encumbered in any way whatever, except as aforesaid.

AND the party of the first part, in compliance with Section 13 of the Lien Law, covenants that the party of the first part will receive the consideration for this conveyance and will hold the right to receive such consideration as a trust fund to be applied first for the purpose of paying the cost of the improvement and will apply the same first to the payment of the cost of the improvement before using any part of the total of the same for any other purpose.

THE word "party" shall be construed as if it read "parties" whenever the sense of this indenture so requires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has duly executed this Deed the day and year first above written.

IN PRESENCE OF:

ADC MIDDLETOWN, LLC,

By: _____
Dan Gueron, Manager

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF)

On the _____ day of _____, 2024, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared DAN GUERON, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(is), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Record and Return:

Schedule A

August 5, 2024

Description of MAGNOLIA PARK ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

All that plot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron rod set on the southerly side of Cedar Hill Drive, said point being in the division line between Lot 100 on the south, and Cedar Hill Drive on the north, and running; thence

1. On a curve to the left, having a radius of 75.00', an arc length of 20.79', a central angle of $15^{\circ}-52'-52''$, and a chord of 20.72', on a course of S. $40^{\circ}-56'-26''$ W. to a nail set; thence
2. S. $33^{\circ}-00'-00''$ W. 209.49' to an iron rod set; thence
3. On a curve to the right, having a radius of 125.00', an arc length of 56.19', a central angle of $25^{\circ}-45'-18''$, and a chord of 55.72', on a course of S $45^{\circ}-52'-39''$ W. to a point; thence
4. S. $58^{\circ}-45'-18''$ W. 308.52' to an iron rod set; thence
5. On a curve to the left, with a radius of 75.00', an arc length of 14.07', a central angle of $10^{\circ}-45'-01''$, and a chord of 14.05', on a course of S. $53^{\circ}-22'-48''$ W. to a point; thence
6. S. $48^{\circ}-00'-18''$ W. 331.45' to a nail set; thence
7. On a curve to the left, having a radius of 150.00', an arc length of 235.37', a central angle of $89^{\circ}-54'-18''$, and a chord of 211.96', on a course of S. $03^{\circ}-03'-09''$ W. to an x-cut set on retaining wall; thence
8. S. $41^{\circ}-54'-00''$ E. 404.81' to an iron rod set; thence
9. On a curve to the left, having a radius of 75.00', an arc length of 19.63', a central angle of $14^{\circ}-59'-40''$, and a chord of 19.57', on a course of S. $49^{\circ}-23'-50''$ E. to a point; thence
10. S. $56^{\circ}-53'-40''$ E. 27.14' to a point in Anthony Street; thence
11. Along Anthony Street, S. $33^{\circ}-00'-00''$ W. 35.81' to a point; thence
12. N. $41^{\circ}-54'-00''$ W. 108.76' to a point; thence
13. S. $33^{\circ}-00'-00''$ W. 25.90' to a point; thence
14. N. $41^{\circ}-54'-00''$ W. 357.75' to an iron rod set; thence
15. On a curve to the right, having a radius of 200.00', an arc length of 313.83', a central angle of $89^{\circ}-54'-18''$, and a chord length of 282.61', on a course of N. $03^{\circ}-03'-09''$ E. to an iron rod set; thence
16. N $48^{\circ}-00'-18''$ E. 331.45' to a point; thence
17. On a curve to the right, with a radius of 125.00', an arc length of 23.45', a central angle of $10^{\circ}-45'-01''$, and a chord length of 23.42', on a course of N. $53^{\circ}-22'-48''$ E. to an iron rod set; thence
18. N. $58^{\circ}-45'-18''$ E. 308.52' to an iron rod set; thence
19. On a curve to the left, having a radius of 75.00', an arc length of 33.71', a central angle of $25^{\circ}-45'-18''$, and a chord of 33.43', on a course of N. $45^{\circ}-52'-39''$ E. to an iron rod set; thence

Page 2

Magnolia Park Road ROW

- 20. N. 33°-00'-00" E. 230.02' to a point on the southwesterly side of Cedar Hill Drive;
thence**
- 21. Along the southwesterly side of Cedar Hill Drive, S. 57°-00'-00" E. 52.86' to the
BEGINNING POINT.**

CONTAINING: 1.857 Acres

August 5, 2024

**Description of
LANDS TO BE DEDICATED TO THE
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
ANTHONY STREET**

All that plot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Cedar Hill Drive, said point being in the division line between Lot 101 on the south, and Cedar Hill Drive on the north, and running; thence

- 1. Along the southwesterly side of Cedar Hill Drive, S. 57°-00'-00" E. 0.97' to a point on the westerly side of Anthony Street; thence**
- 2. Along the westerly side of Anthony Street, S. 33°-00'-00" W. 1198.17' to a point on the northerly side of Magnolia Park Road; thence**
- 3. Along the northerly side of Anthony Street, N. 56°-53'-40" W. 3.18' to a point; thence**
- 4. N. 33°-06'-20" E. 1198.16' to the BEGINNING POINT.**

CONTAINING: 2,486 Square Feet or 0.057 Acres

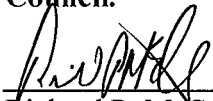


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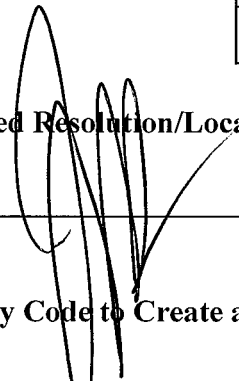
By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderwoman Wray
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 214-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.


Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 10/17/24

Authorization to Amend City Code to Create a new Chapter 365, Public Property Camping

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Police Chief and Corporation Counsel have recommended restrictions on camping on public property in light of recent caselaw development and the increased number of people seeking to use public property in various States for camping purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT Resolved, and be it Ordained, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York, as follows:

Section 1 - The Code of the City of Middletown, N.Y., is hereby amended by creating a new Chapter 365, Public Property Camping, to read as follows:

Chapter 365. Public Property Camping.

Section 365-1. Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms,

phrases, words, and their derivations, shall have the meaning given herein.

AVAILABLE OVERNIGHT SHELTER: A public or private shelter with overnight space, open to an individual or family unit experiencing homelessness at no charge. If an individual cannot utilize the overnight shelter due to voluntary actions such as intoxication, drug use, unruly behavior, or violation of shelter rules, the overnight shelter space shall be considered available.

CAMP OR CAMPING:

- A. Setting up or remaining in or at a site for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a temporary or permanent place of dwelling, lodging, residence or living accommodation; or
- B. Sleeping or otherwise being in or adjacent to a tent or sleeping bag, or atop and/or covered by materials such as bedroll, blanket, cardboard, newspapers, or the like, or inside some form of temporary shelter; or
- C. Sleeping out of doors; or
- D. Cooking over an open flame or fire out of doors; or
- E. Bathing in public for purposes of personal hygiene, except in facilities provided for such purposes; or
- F. Utilizing a tent or other temporary structure for the storage of personal belongings.

CAMPSITE: Any place where any bedding, sleeping bag, or other sleeping matter, or any stove or fire is established or maintained, or where personal belongings are stored, whether such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack, or other structure, or vehicle or part thereof.

TEMPORARY SHELTER: Any RV, camper, tent, tarp, trailer, lean-to, vehicle or vehicle part, or other structure of any material.

Section 365-2. It is unlawful and a violation of this Chapter for any person to camp, or to establish or maintain a campsite, in or on any public property.

Section 365-3. The prohibition of Section 365-2 shall not apply to:

- A. Person receiving prior written permission from the City; or
- B. Sleeping or cooking in a public park on a temporary basis, during normal hours of operation, in conjunction with the recreational use of such park; or
- C. If there is no available overnight shelter.

Section 213-4. Penalties.

A person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty, upon conviction, of an offense punishable by a fine not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. Severability. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by the valid judgment or decree of a court

of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 215-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

10/17/24

Date

Authorization to Amend City Code to Change Parking Regulations on DuBois and Earle Streets

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby amends the City Code to change parking regulations on Dubois and Earle Streets to permit parking on the Westerly side of both Dubois and Earle Streets with no restrictions, 20 feet from each corner and prohibit parking on the Easterly side of Dubois and Earle Streets.

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

None

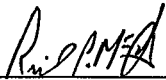


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By: None
Seconded by: None
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
Index No: 216-24

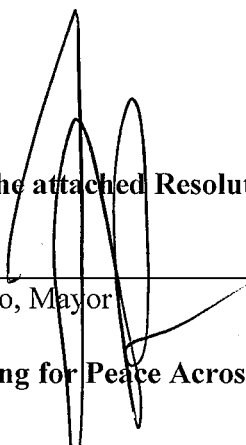
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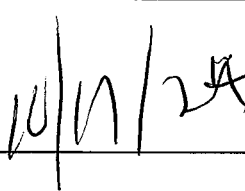
Richard P. McCormack
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Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.



Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor



Date

Resolution Calling for Peace Across the Globe and the Immediate Release of Hostages

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York hereby calls for peace across the globe and demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

Prepared by:
Joe Masi, Alderman

Attachments:

None

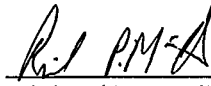


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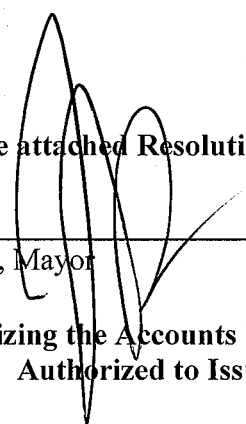
By: Alderman Masi
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: October 15, 2024
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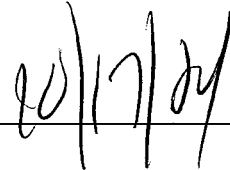

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Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.


Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date



Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None