



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT MINUTES
MAY 1, 2025**

Roll Call

Present: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

Absent:

Approval of Minutes

Accept the Minutes of 4/10/25

Motion by: Alderman Masi **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

New Business

Senior Center budget transfer and amendments requests and approvals*The Senior Citizen Department, Mulberry House Senior Center, respectfully requests the Board of Estimate to approve:*

- 1. A resolution to accept Amendment #7 for 2025 additional funding of \$25,635.00 from Orange County Office for the Aging for 2024-2025 Goldenarea Transportation within Senior Department Operating Budget and also review and accept amendments and additional requests to include Worker's Compensation Certificate and Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance as well as required documents attached requesting Mayor's signature of amendments and required documents.*
- 2. Also requesting to authorize the Treasurer to add the funding to the Other Gov't Aid GA.4089. for outstanding expense of transportation program in 2025.*
- 3. Request to discuss and approve options for Elizabeth Mustion, Recreational Leader*

(Yoga instructor) to continue at Mulberry House Senior Center

Proposal #1: include Mrs. Mustion to Senior Center Personnel Line 6772.100 at the rate of \$25.00 per hour , request to allow ½ hour set up and ½ hour break down on Wednesdays 8:15am-10:15 am for a total of \$50 per class calculated for the remainder of 2025 Budget year (34 weeks) calculates to a request \$1,700.00 from personnel line.

Proposal # 2: Mrs. Mustion will be included in the Senior Center Contractual Services line 6772.400 she would provide Certificate of Liability Insurance and implement a fee for \$5.00 per person and charge to City of \$25.00 per hour of service.

- 4. Request to add Mitchell Saler to personnel Line 6772.100 at rate of \$25.00 per hour as recreational Specialist (Art Instructor) Thursdays 9:30am-12:30 pm at 36 weeks of remaining 2025 Budget year calculates to \$2,700.00.*

Amended Resolution to approve Proposal 1 for a total of 1:45 minutes to allow for set up and break down time

Motion by: Alderman Masi **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Authorization to transfer within the 2025 DPW Budget to cover cost of vehicles

purchasedBE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$2,333.30 in the following manner;

<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
<i>A.1620.200</i>	<i>A.1490.201</i>	<i>\$2,333.30</i>

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Alderman Masi

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Authorization to accept the \$275,000 in CREST through Senator Skoufis's Office

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a \$275,000 grant award from CREST funding through Senator Skoufis' Office for Renovation of Senior Center Bathroom and Purchase and Installation of Security Cameras in Various Locations

Project ID: 28303 and approve and endorse Mayor DeStefano as the authorized representative and sole signatory and to authorize the Treasurer to establish the capital lines.

.Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Alderman Masi

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Review of Active Employee Exemption Status and Salary Change Per NYS Law

Requesting the review/approval of the selected employees' exemptions status and salary change per New York State. See attachment for list of employees.

Effective retroactive, with the exception of the Program Coordinator, effective date May 6, 2025.

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Authorize the sale of 404 North Street (vacant-owned parcel) subject to the criteria of an RFP bid

Good Fortune LLC is requesting to purchase the property.

Frank Siena is requesting to purchase the property.

Refer to Economic Development to prepare RFP Bid proposal. no resolution.

None

None

None

Authorization to approve the final Budget overdrafts for 2024

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 within the City Wide Budget the final list of overdrafts for Fiscal year 2024

Motion by: Alderman Masi **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Authorization to approve the proposal to fund and commence the Indigot Source Water Feasibility Study

Jacob Tawil has reported the progress made since the Indigot agreement that was signed between the Mayor and County Executive Neuhaus back in 2016.

The agreement provides for rights for the City to develop Indigot Water Source as a permanent water source on a County land, for the City to supplement water sources and supply water to NYS Rt17M, Towns of Goshen and Wawayanda. The County will get some financial benefits from water produced and sold from this resource, but most important County benefit would be to support economic development in the area and creating jobs.

This source development comes at significant cost, where the Mayor and County Executive tried very hard and finally succeeded in obtaining funding for the referenced CDM Smith Study from Orange County IDA in the amount of \$514,215.00, and \$100,000 from each of Orange County and City of Middletown. Total funded cost of the Study, for Groundwater exploration is \$714,215.

IDA contribution will be reimbursed from future water revenues from Indigot water source.

Please refer to the attached email to OCIDA dated 2/24/2025 and CDM Smith referenced Proposal dated 2/21/2025 for more details.

Please note that the 2/21/2025 CDM Smith Study proposal is for both Groundwater supply wells and Surface Reservoir Development feasibility at a cost of \$1,094,100.

OCIDA were not provided with adequate research to show that a surface reservoir can be constructed and approved by DEC and ACOE, hence they only funded the groundwater exploration phase.

The initial phases of the study will focus on gathering required information in order to meet with DEC and ascertain if reservoir construction could be approved or if it would not be permitted by law or statute.

The Mayor has authorized to place before the BOE and the Common Council this request for approval of CDM Smith 2/21/2025 attached proposal and as further explained in our 2/24/2025 email to OCIDA, copy is attached.

City share of \$100,000 will be funded from Water Fund Balance.

<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
<i>WATER FUND BALANCE</i>	<i>H.8397.200</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
	<i>INDIGOT SOURCE WATER</i>	
	<i>FEASIBILITY STUDY</i>	

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Alderman Masi

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Water/Sewer/Lawn Maintenance Adjustment

10 William - Water/ Sewer

Motion by: Council President Rodrigues **Seconded by:** Alderman Masi

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Do a meter check- a catch-up.

18 Woodrose - Water/Sewer

Reduce to 40,000 gal.

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

16 Carey - Water/Sewer

Reduce to 22,000 gal.

Motion by: Council President Rodrigues **Seconded by:** Mayor DeStefano
AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Adjournment

@ 4:16 PM

Motion by: Council President Rodrigues **Seconded by:** Alderman Masi
AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None