



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
November 18, 2025 Minutes  
City Hall  
16 James Street  
Middletown, New York 10940

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: -- to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stand, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderwoman Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Green? Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Quorum is  
present.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Approval of minutes?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: So move.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: I have  
a motion by Alderman Masi. Do I have a second?  
Alderman Witt? All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Correspondence?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Yes. We have  
a correspondence this evening from the mayor. I  
propose that the City of Middletown adopt the  
same sliding scale senior exemption levels as  
Orange County, specifically adjust the city  
senior exemption sliding scale to 50 percent and  
down to 5 percent, increase the income  
eligibility range to 29,000 for a 50 percent  
exemption up to \$37,399 for a 5 percent  
exemption. Aligning with the County ensures

consistency, fairness, and greater financial relief for eligible senior homeowners within the city.

Rationale. Financial relief for seniors. Many Middletown seniors are living on fixed or limited incomes. Raising the exemption thresholds will provide meaningful tax relief and help seniors remain in their homes.

Regional consistency. Matching Orange County's levels simplifies eligibility for residents and reduces confusion among taxpayers who navigate both county and city exemptions.

Cost of living considerations. The current city thresholds have not kept pace with inflation of regional or regional cost-of-living increases. Updating them reflects present-day economic realities.

Support for aging in place. Providing additional tax relief supports the city's border goals of ensuring that older residents can remain active, stable members of our community. I request that the common council review this proposal and schedule it for discussion at the next available committee or council meeting. If supported, the counsel may introduce a local law

to amend the city code accordingly, including the required public-hearing process.

Raising the senior exemption to match Orange County is a fair and necessary step to support Middletown seniors. I recommend that the council advance this proposal for consideration and adoption. Please let me know if you require additional financial impact analysis, draft language for the local law, or comparative data from neighboring municipalities.

Respectfully submitted, Mayor Joseph DeStefano.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay. We'll forward it to the committee and we'll address it in our next meeting. Any correspondence? Is that it?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: That's it for this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay. For the good of the city, do we have any speakers?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kevin Gomez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay. Thank you.

KEVIN GOMEZ: Good evening. I just

want to say that as we get ready for the Thanksgiving season to express as a resident of our city my appreciation for two public servants who will be leaving the council, my Alderman Gerry Kleiner and 4th Ward Alderman Sparrow Tobin. I mean, two true and good faithful servants.

Alderman Kleiner, a voice of conscience for our democracy, and Alderman Tobin for dedicated to all the endeavors before him. So thank God for both of your service and for being exemplary members of the council, as are all members of the council, but thank you and best wishes in all future endeavors.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay. Anyone else? All right. Remarks of the mayor.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Leonora is going to do the budget highlight presentation. In regards to the senior exemption, I give credit to our City Assessor Marianne Feely. She came up with the suggestion.

I do have the comparisons with other cities and towns throughout the county. I know Alderman Witt responded with an email today with some questions, and all of you were included on

that. Hopefully that answered most of your questions. Other than that, I have nothing, and other -- and enjoy Thanksgiving. We're not going to have another meeting Thanksgiving, are we?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Nope. Next one is December.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: No, Joe.

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: Time's up.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: So have a happy Thanksgiving.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the mayor?

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Okay.

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

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: What about Leonora?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: I don't see -- relax. It's city treasurer.

LEONORA LIZ: Good evening, everyone. In front of you, you have the 2026 budget highlight presentation. One of the resolutions tonight is to approve and adopt the 2026 budget. Here we have some comparatives. You have the -- this is only for the general fund. The

operations 2025, it was 8,155,000. For 2026, we're proposing 8,382,000. Special items for 2025, a million 502, for 2026, a million 898. Personnel services, 20,443,000; 2026, 20,428,000.

The employee benefits budget for 2025 was 17,051. For 2026, we're proposing 18,220,000. Debt service, 3.2 million for 2028 -- 2000 -- oh, excuse me, 2025. For 2026, we're looking at 3,800,000. So overall, the budget increase for 2026 is 52,728,000. So far, we have about 210 employees to date.

The next slideshow, this is a highlight of our employee benefits. It reflects a portion of our budget, which is 34 and 55 percent of the budget. So for 2025, the total was 17,051. It was 33 percent, 34 percent. For 2026, it's 18,219. So you'll see it's fairly comparative to this year's budget.

This slideshow speaks on our revenue, which is the tax cap. So for 2026, the tax levy is within the tax cap. In 2025 -- for 2025, the -- this is just an estimated for 2026. 2025, the tax cap per rate per 1,000 was 98.34. 2026, we're estimating about 100.35. That might go down slightly. The county has not proposed their

budget yet. So once those totals are finalized, I will be able to update those totals.

Estimated average household in 2025, 3,142. For 2026, we're estimating 3,176. That's a \$32.71 difference. So one percent difference. The water/sewer rate per 1,000 gallons, the proposed rate is \$18.72. It's a \$.46 difference from 2025. So that's a 2.5 percent increase.

The 2025 tax levy is \$23,936,554. For 2026, we're proposing \$24,557,093. So essentially, for the most part it's in comparative to this year's around the same with minor increases. About a four percent increase. Any questions in regards to the budget? I know the mayor mentioned a lot of the different things in the last meeting.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for Leonora?

LEONORA LIZ: All right. So I just lastly want to thank the department heads and their staff and my finance staff that assist with the budget. This is a bit of a lengthy process and takes a lot of leg work to get it all into one document. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Great

job. Okay. Economic development?

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: Good evening, everyone. The tree is here. I'm sure you all seen it. It's amazing. I want to thank my team for fielding the calls and going on the tree searches and stuff. And then especially I want to thank everybody that worked on it this weekend to get it here.

Jacob, your department, Ross and his crew, were amazing. And it was just amazing getting the tree here and transporting it. We had donated services. Zach's Tree Care did the tree cutting. Freedom Crane was the crane operator. Helped the tree onto the truck that transported it, Regional Truck. And then this Saturday, Harry Rotolo and Son and the IBE Local 363 will be decorating the tree with LED lights.

And of course, next Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is the big Christmas tree lighting and ceremony and parade, our 28th year. 28 years now that we've been holding this event. It is a true Middletown and downtown tradition. And again, thank you to everybody that makes this possible.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. in Degnan

Square. The parade steps off at 6:30 down on North Street in the area of Garcia's Market. We have about the same amount of participants, if not a little bit more, participating in the parade, and it's just -- the man of the hour, Santa, will be here lifted to the tree by the fire department and get those lights turned on and start the holiday season in downtown Middletown.

And with that, resolution -- support resolution, let's just go into the 4th of July, July 1st next year. Look forward to your support on that so we could get that contract in and get some extra fireworks for a 2026 event. That's all I have for tonight.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for Maria? Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: Yes. Hi, Maria. There is a special screening of Teenage -- the movie that was produced here in Middletown by Dr. Fred Isseks and others. Do you know about that?

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: Yes. Absolutely. We've been working with Fred Isseks and the group. Teenage Wasteland was produced by

Fred Isseks, the teacher at Middletown High School, and his film department. And that movie has been going throughout the whole country. Sundance -- it won a Sundance Film Festival -- a bunch of film festivals. And the Middletown premiere is going to be right here at the Paramount Theater December 5th.

We're -- we have complimentary tickets. You could go online and go to the QR code and get tickets. I know Kevin, the school district has been helping with promoting. I believe Eileen told me we have almost 300 tickets already out for this --

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: Wow.

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: -- screening. And there's going to be a Q&A that evening with Fred and some other guests. So come see that movie. It's locally. You know, there's -- his students are in it, produced it, and it's going to be a great event.

Your two seconds of -- well, I hear the mayor utters two seconds of a shot at him at a planning board meeting but -- in the movie, so, yeah. So come on out and see that. That's December 5th. Friday, December 5th.

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: Thank you.

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: Yep.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay.

DPW Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: Good evening, all. I will start off with the -- you know, every council meeting I start off with Alderman Masi about the reservoir levels and how much storage we have remaining. And this tradition has started when Alderman Council President Moson was asking the question every council meeting -- or Judge Moson, I should say, Council President Judge, and then especially during dry weather conditions.

And now Alderman Masi, he asked me to update entire council and our residents about the condition of our reservoirs. So that's why every meeting I open -- especially in dry weather, I open it with Alderman Masi, here is how much we have in storage.

So right now we have 73 percent of our reservoirs are full right now. We're way under in terms of our rain, our precipitation events. Based on an average since June, we've been below average and we're paying the price for it because

our reservoirs are dropping. So we are on standby to start skimming from Indigo in case the need arises at some point. We are ready for that. So just to let you know if it does happen.

The leaves pickup, the street department are doing great job with the leaves -- with picking up the leaves throughout from our streets. Have done Third, Fourth Ward, and now they are finishing up the First Ward, and we expect them to be in the Second Ward tomorrow or the day after.

So we've been going visiting the Second Ward anyway because usually they are the highest producers because of where they are of leaves. So we've been picking up periodically whenever they have any issues in the street. You know, there's too much leaves, we jump, and we go pick it up, and then continue.

Construction projects. The roofs for the street department garage is completed. Well, actually, it will be completed tomorrow. They've been working throughout the week, the contractor, to finish it to beat the weather. The water department, we have asbestos in there so they will start the asbestos abatement next week and

then we will continue with the roof replacement after that. So, again, they're going to be going seven days a week as well, the contractor.

The courthouse is moving very well, the construction. We have some issues in there that the court administration or their representative, they kept adding to the project, adding some costs to the project. And their IT people also, they come in and they start adding some stuff or changing stuff, changing walls. And we're waiting for some answers from them. So if we don't get the answers in a timely manner, which is very soon, there's going to be some delays in the project.

So otherwise, we expect to be on time to finish this project by the end of this year. After that, there is furnishing issue in there and the -- we're trying to resolve how the furnishing -- who's going to pay for it because the city never intended to pay for the furnishing of the new courthouse. It was always our understanding that they will be paying for it, they will get their own designers, they will get their own furniture, and they will pay for it, not us. Not the city. So that's an item to be

resolved yet. And it's not a small amount of money. It's about -- I believe it's about quarter of a million dollar.

The parking garage construction is moving finally forward. Some of -- some slope stability behind the new retaining wall, we had to cut that to slope a little bit more in there more than what we intended to. So the contractor will have to replace some material behind the new retaining wall, and that's only for slope stability and it is needed.

Yeah, so that's moving forward after long delay caused by Orange and Rockland. It was very disappointing how we had to jump through hoops with Orange and Rockland to get it done. I know some of Orange and Rockland, they listen to us, so it's rather disappointing. But other than that --

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Orange and Rockland is always disappointing us.

COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: No. Other than that, they work with us. Their bosses, honestly, they do try their very best to work with us all the time, whether it's paving or what have you. But this one I was disappointed.

Speed humps, we installed with the mayor, consultation with the mayor and visiting with some people. We installed two more speed humps at Magnolia Park. They were installed last week. And we checked on them. They're functioning very well.

Item Number 6 is the watershed protection. We're almost at the end of our \$6 million grant for watershed purchasing around the Shawangunk Kill. And we have one -- we have two more properties we are in negotiations with at this time and hopefully we'll get them done before May next year because that will be the end of the grants that we have.

Now, part of the requirement, as everybody knows, the DEC, they want this property to be forever green. And if there are any structures in there, they have to be demolished by the city once we purchase them. So the horse farm right by the Kinch Reservoir, it's -- it was very high-yielding of nutrients that were going to the water and will promote algae growth and would promote problems for us and pollution in our water because we take most of our water from Kinch Reservoir.

And so it was a priority for us to purchase that farm, the horse farm, and we did. And now we had to take the buildings down. The contractor told Brian Smith, our deputy commissioner, that he will charge around \$1 million to demolish all these structures in there; barns and buildings and grooming house and everything they had in there.

So the water and sewer department, they've done it themselves. They rented an excavator. I'm just telling people what we go through in here in order to save money rather than taking the easy way out, getting the contractor here, go do it, and here is the money. And the money is not funded by the grant. It has to be funded by the city.

So we've done this work. Our water and sewer department did this work for about \$70,000 versus \$1 million that a contractor would have charged us for it. So that's tremendous, and we've done that in many, many other occasions where the -- our guys stepped up and they saved the city hundreds of thousands of dollars. And probably over the years it's millions by doing the work themselves.

With that, Tim McCarey of McCarey's Landscaping, he stepped up and he donated all the hydroseeding for that farm. So whatever land we disturbed, it has to be hydroseeded and -- so that we will have some vegetation growing in there and we will not have silt and sediment go into the stream, which will be counter-productive for us. So we thank Tim McCarey very much for his generosity in helping us out with this.

The other item is the -- last night, you know about the water main break that took place. And this is the major loop in the low-pressure system. Low-pressure system is about two-thirds of the City of Middletown, which is we have a 12-inch line that goes around the city in a loop in there, and that is the line that broke. And that's why Alderman Jude in there he had some problems with the low pressure.

The police department had so many complaints and calls about low pressure, water not available, and all that stuff. So I encourage people -- Jeff -- Lieutenant Jeff Thoelen from the police department, he jumped in and he issued another Nixle. So that -- another message out, so to alert people that, yes, we

know about the slow water pressure. You know, please, you know, just bear with us because they were overwhelmed at the police department with phone calls.

So we did send a message earlier. The police department jumped in and they helped us out, and they sent another message during the break, and that quieted people down. So I encourage people to go on our website, and I'm sure Rick will do that public notice again and advise people how to register for that text message. It's very convenient. Then you know exactly what is going on in the city, whether it is emergency, whether it is festivity, whatever it is. Any construction activities, gas leaks, whatever it is, please do register for that. It's very helpful.

And the ornamental lights. Part of the traffic operation in there, we had to cut some work out. Part of it was to replace ornamental lights through the -- throughout the city of Middletown. It was for about \$800,000. So we had to cut some work out of that grant -- out of that contract, which we did. And Maria and Katelyn, they were able to get a grant from the

state for about either 250 or -- 250 or 400?

What?

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: 500.

COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: \$500,000 in there. And we purchased -- we put it out for bid. We purchased the lights that they wanted, and they are now installed. Harry Rotolo came in and installed them. Of course we're going to pay him for it. But that work has been completed too, and that was part of the traffic operation project, part of the original design that we had to cut out because -- to save some money.

And Maria and Katelyn, they were able to get a grant in there that will get the new lights and now all brand-new lights throughout downtown and throughout the district.

I have some pictures to show you, but I'll show you next time because I think I talked for too long, and Alderman -- council president will start -- I'll start losing him.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: I didn't say anything.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any

questions for Jacob?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: I didn't even --

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

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: I didn't text anything.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Senior director?

DIRECTOR JULISA SIERRA: Everybody, I just want to say that the senior center is up and moving and very busy. We were very busy this week. We actually just had our first holiday trip today, and we will be having our international Thanksgiving feast on Thursday. So we will be serving over 100 seniors in the community. They will be dining with us.

If any of you would like to stop by, you're more than welcome. We do all of the cooking. And I've been told I cook good, so come on down and partake with us. And I just want to thank you all and wish you all a happy Thanksgiving as well with your families. We have a lot to be thankful for, a lot to be grateful for, and it's a good opportunity to go through those thoughts and really weed out all the

negativity and put positivity and really care for one another. So I think that's a perfect time to do that.

Also, we have a newsletter. I just wanted to show you all what we put out every month. In this newsletter, we have all the information, not only what's happening in our senior center, but also what's happening in the community. So I encourage all the seniors that haven't done so to enroll. It's a free subscription. You don't have to be a senior. You could also enroll yourselves so you know what we're doing, what's going on, and what's new to come.

We have already a tentative list for next year of trips and travels, some overnight, which I won't be going on, and some on daytrips. So there's a lot of opportunity for seniors. We also are welcoming two new programs to the senior center.

We will beginning -- beginning December 10th, we're starting a pet therapy. It's in collaboration with the Orange County Office for the Aging. And that will consist with a friend pet Cora, a dog, and she will be offering some

pet therapy along with Mr. Hal Marcus will be presenting a topic to help seniors with coping grief, ailments. Cold weather keeps a lot of people inbound, so we're trying to promote people to come out and feel better and stay healthy. And we will also be introducing mindful meditation.

It's a little bit different than yoga. It's more of like breathing techniques and also topics to help with any different things that we're going through. So we're up and moving, and we're staying busy, and the senior department is on the growth. That's all I have for tonight.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the senior director? Okay. Thank you.

DIRECTOR JULISA SIERRA: Okay.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Police chief.

DIRECTOR JULISA SIERRA: Thank you.

CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Good evening. Just a few items. This past weekend into this week, we partnered with the school district. So I want to thank them for their partnership once again. We used some of our anti-violence SNUG

grant money to sponsor anti-violence assemblies throughout the high school and the middle schools. We actually hired a gentleman. He owns a company, and he's actually raised here in Middletown. Grew up in Middletown, went to Middletown schools, George Vega.

So when we met with him, we realized that he has a connection to Middletown, and we're hoping that his experience, his life story could resonate with some of our youth and hopefully point them in a better direction for those that need to go in a better direction. So I want to thank George and the school for allowing us to partner with them and bringing that great message into the school.

This past Monday we had five new hires start, so I'd like to thank the police commission and everyone that supported that. Joining our department this past Monday was Hugo Rodriguez Espinosa, Jonathan Weinrich, Victoria Garity, and Michael Warden. So we welcome them. Two of them are certified police officers already, so they're going to start their field training, and the other three started the police academy on Monday. Actually, they started last Monday. They started

at the police academy this Monday.

Also, last week at the police commission meeting, the police commission did promote Sergeant Regino to Lieutenant Regino, and Police Officer Rob Monaco to Sergeant Rob Monaco. So I think them for their support, and I congratulate both of them.

Other than that, I'd like to wish everyone and their family a happy Thanksgiving. And unless you have questions for me...

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the police chief? All right. Thank you, Chief. Recreation, superintendent of recreation.

RAELYN BERTHOLF: Good evening. Just want to go over some of the programs that we're offering now that fall is ending and we're starting to push into winter. Our free programs, we have teen open gym, youth open gym, music for littles, story time, and sensory time. Our youth paid programs, we have art classes, basketball clinics, boxing clinic, cheerleading clinic, soccer clinics.

New programs, strength, and conditioning. And we are registering for our

winter break program for the two weeks that the kids have no school. We're going to run a camp one week, and then the next week. Adult paid programming, we have Get Fit with Coach Darilyn, soccer, volleyball, knockout workout, boxing club, and pickleball.

Program that we have for everyone just went up is a gingerbread house contest. Groups of threes for \$20 and there's going to be trivia involved to get more icing and candies to decorate your gingerbread house. So we're looking forward to have intergenerational coming together to do the gingerbread house contest.

We just had our two successful bus trips, one to Disney on Ice and the other one to the Radio City Rockettes. And this past Saturday we had a boxing expo. It was incredible. A lot of our -- the majority of our boxers don't compete. They just go to train. So they all got an opportunity to show their families and friends who came their skill and their craft, what they've been working on.

So it was incredible to see all the youth there who just train Monday through Thursday, two hours, and no one actually gets to

see what they do, that they got to showcase that at the boxing expo. So that was a great event. Any questions?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for Raelyn? All right. Thank you. City clerk.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for our city clerk? Alderman Kleiner.

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: Thank you. Would you tell us a little bit about the outage today and the -- it was a nationwide outage, or what? Did the -- you said the website was down and...

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Yeah. So this morning around 7:30, Cloudflare, which is an intermediary between the -- where the website initiates from and where it goes to was down. Other platforms such as ChatGPT, Twitter, X, whatever you want to call it now, was also down. City of Newburgh website was down. Nothing that the city can control.

Cloudflare was back up by 10, but they did experience some intermittent problems for the

rest of the day. But they -- according to news reports, they were not hacked. It was a latent bug that they were not able to find during testing.

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: Okay.

Thank you.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Anyone else? All right. Public hearings and grievances?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. NO petitions and complaints. Remarks of alderman. Alderman Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderwoman Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: I have something this evening. Our constituents meeting will be -- for the Second Ward will be December 8th. And I'm going to say at this meeting and next meeting because Chief Ewanciw has graciously consented to come to the meeting, and a lot of questions that were asked, I think only he and maybe the traffic officer can answer. So we look forward to that.

I want to thank the Elks Club. The Veterans Day ceremony was very nice. They mayor spoke, and they do that every year. It's in the Second Ward, so we thank them for that.

I also want to mention that the warming station opened on November 1st this year, and it's been damn cold. So -- and the wind's been miserable at night. So I'm really glad that they did that, and I thank them for that. The training dates that -- for getting volunteers

starting a 7 p.m. tomorrow, November 19th at 7 p.m. That'll be at the Mulberry House warming station, December 1st, December 9th, and then January 6th and 26th. I will repeat those later, but if there's any chance you could volunteer, those are the nights to go and see what it's all about.

I want to thank ahead of time the people who donated to the emergency food relief. I want to thank Senator Skoufis for the grant for next year's night out. And basically, I just want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay. Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you. Just one thing. I would like to invite our community and members of this council to watch or see the -- our annual thing that we've done with the Recreation and Parks Committee and connected to the department where Raelyn presents kind of a year-end review and talks about what's coming and what's unique. And we've got a little taste of it tonight.

President Rodrigues was in favor of

this a couple of years ago, and now this will be the third year. So it's worth watching because you get to see all the great things that are happening here. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Gerry, with that delay this morning, Rick finally taught me how to remote-start my car. I couldn't. So I had to walk here to work. Anyway, number one, for all the voters that went out and did vote, thank you very much. Your voice was heard and we'll move forward from here.

Number two, I'd like to introduce Local Law Number 4. It's required that the local law must be formally introduced and aged. It will be on the agenda for consideration and possible adoption at our next meeting, which I believe is December 2nd. And finally, happy Thanksgiving to everyone, and I hope you all have a wonderful time. Thank you.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Okay. New business.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Good evening. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi

authorizing a transfer within the 2025 budget to cover an overage in special programs and personnel services.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded by Alderman Witt. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green? I'm sorry. Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries. Old habits die. Hard. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a \$1,000 transfer in the 2025 Street Department budget.

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing the acceptance of Stop DWI enforcement funding from the County of Orange for the second enforcement period.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin. Seconded by Alderman Witt. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries. A resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt in accepting the -- an appropriation of insurance recovery funds for the replacement of a police department vehicle.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt. Seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries. A  
resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner  
authorizing an agreement with the County of  
Orange for the 2025/2026 Stop DWI High Visibility  
Engagement Program.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner.  
Seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any  
discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-  
Francois?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye. Oh,  
sorry.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Oh, I didn't  
hear you. I'm sorry.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: I said  
aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Aye.  
Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray accepting \$10,000 from Senator Skoufis for the National Night Out operating expenses.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray.

Seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson  
accepting donations from Andrew Green, Anna  
Aguirre, Sarah Biaso, Howard Avery, and Ronald  
Saunders for the Emergency Food Assistance  
Program.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

Seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing a \$33,000 transfer within the 2025 Paramount budget.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing a \$1,665 transfer within the 2025 Community Development budget.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt. Seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi adopting  
the 2026 general water and sewer budget.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded  
by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Resolution

carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman

Kleiner authorizing a local match funding

required for the DASNY Downtown Alleyway Project.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner.

Seconded by Alderman Masi. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray  
authorizing transfers within the 2025 police  
department budget.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray.

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing an agreement with Frontier for internet services.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

Seconded by Alderwoman Wray. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing the adoption of the City of Middletown's Family Medical Leave Family FMLA policy.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois.

Seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin requesting the County of Orange to exempt properties of the City of Middletown from certain county real estate taxes.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin. Seconded  
by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-  
Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing  
an agreement related to financial transactions  
and other related arrangements for the O&W  
building project.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded  
by Alderman Witt. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-  
Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson  
authorizing the re-levy of 2024 delinquent water  
and sewer bills onto the 2026 real property tax

bills.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray

authorizing the re-levy of 2024 miscellaneous delinquent bills onto the 2026 real property tax bills.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray.

Seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion?

Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERWOMAN GERALD KLEINER: I just wanted to thank Leonora Liz and her department for all the work they did financially, and I didn't say it, but for the budget resolution and everything. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay.

Anyone else?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Agreed.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois  
approving the 2026 Young Explosives Fireworks  
Exhibition Agreement.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois.  
Seconded by Alderwoman Wray. Any discussion?  
Boom. I mean, roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-  
Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner  
authorizing a public hearing on the zoning change  
at 137 Linden Avenue.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner.

Seconded by Alderwoman Wray. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-  
Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing the acceptance of a \$1,140 donation for the Middletown Fire Department.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Local  
laws.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: We have Local  
Law Number 3 of 2025, a local increasing the term  
of office of the director of the Office of  
Economic and Community Development.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay.  
And second law. Alderman Masi?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Oh, pick me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: You  
have another one? You want to (indiscernible).

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: You want to read

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: I thought it was introduced already.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Do you want to put the title? Or how do you want to --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Just introduce it.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: It was introduced already, Miguel.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Under local laws it should be introduced.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Okay.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Yeah.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: So, you have it?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Local Law Number 4 of 2025?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Local Law Number 4 of 2025. You want me to read it?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: It says 3.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: This is the --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: This is the introduction.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: 4.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: This is the

one from the floor.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Just the introduction.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Just the introduction.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: A local law increasing the salaries of the mayor, president of the common council, and aldermen on the common council.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay. Thank you. Audit?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Mr. President, I move the accounts be audited, the claim fee adjusted, and the city treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Move

for adjournment.

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: So move.

(Adjourned)

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.



*Sonya M. Ledanski Hyde*

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Veritext Legal Solutions

330 Old Country Road

Suite 300

Mineola, NY 11501

Date: December 1, 2025



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 3.1. Accept the Minutes of November 3, 2025
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS
  - 4.1. Request from the Mayor: Senior Exemptions
5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY
6. REMARKS OF THE MAYOR
7. REMARKS OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND GRIEVANCES
9. PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS
10. REMARKS OF THE ALDERMAN AND REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
  - 300- Resolution Authorizing a Transfer within 2025 Budget to Cover Overage in Special  
25 Programs Personal Services
  - 301- Resolution Authorizing a \$1000 Transfer in the 2025 Street Department Budget  
25
  - 302- Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance of Stop-Dwi Enforcement Funding From  
25 the County of Orange for the Second Enforcement Period

- 303- Authorizing Acceptance and Appropriation of Insurance Recovery Funds For the  
25 Replacement of a Police Department Vehicle
- 304- Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with The County of Orange for the 2025–  
25 2026 Stop-DWI High Visibility Engagement Program
- 305- Resolution Accepting \$10,000 From Senator Skoufis For National Night Out  
25 Operating Expenses
- 306- Resolution Accepting Donations from Andrew Green, Anna Aguirre, Sarah Biaso,  
25 Howard Avery and Ronald Saunders for The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- 307- Resolution Authorizing a \$33,000 Transfer within 2025 Paramount Budget  
25
- 308- Resolution Authorizing a \$1,665 Transfer within the 2025 Community  
25 Development Budget
- 309- Resolution Adopting the 2026 General, Water and Sewer Budget  
25
- 310- Resolution Authorizing Local Match Funding Required for The DASNY  
25 Downtown Alleyway Project
- 311- Resolution Authorizing Transfers within the 2025 Police Budget  
25
- 312- Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Frontier for Internet Services  
25
- 313- Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the City of Middletown's Family Medical  
25 Leave (FMLA) Policy
- 314- Resolution Requesting the County of Orange to Exempt Properties of the City of  
25 Middletown from Certain County Real Estate Taxes
- 315- Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Related to Financial Transaction and Other  
25 Related Arrangements for the O&W Building Project
- 316- Resolution Authorizing the Re-Levy Of 2024 Delinquent Water and Sewer Bills  
25 onto The 2026 Real Property Tax Bills
- 317- Resolution Authorizing the Re-Levy Of 2024 Miscellaneous Delinquent Bills onto  
25 The 2026 Real Property Tax Bills
- 318- Resolution Approving The 2026 Young Explosives Fireworks Exhibition  
25 Agreement
- 319- Resolution Authorizing a Public Hearing on a Zoning Change at 137 Linden Ave  
25
- 320- Resolution Accepting a \$1,140 Donation for the Middletown Fire Department

13. LOCAL LAWS

LL3- Introduction of Local Law #3 of 2025: A Local Law Increasing the Term of Office  
25 of The Director of The Office of Economic and Community Development

LL4- Introduction of Local Law # 4 of 2025: A Local Law Increasing the Salaries of The  
25 Mayor, President of The Common Council, And All Aldermen on The Common  
Council

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 Witt  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 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

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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Accept the Minutes of November 3, 2025**

Accept the Minutes of November 3, 2025

Prepared by:  
 Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1.	11.03.25 CC Minutes
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## Proposal

I propose that the City of Middletown adopt the **same sliding-scale senior exemption levels as Orange County**, specifically:

- Adjust the City's senior exemption sliding scale to **50% down to 5%**
- Increase the income eligibility range to:
  - **\$29,000 for a 50% exemption**
  - **Up to \$37,399 for a 5% exemption**

Aligning with the County ensures consistency, fairness, and greater financial relief for eligible senior homeowners within the City.

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## Rationale

1. **Financial Relief for Seniors**  
Many Middletown seniors are living on fixed or limited incomes. Raising the exemption thresholds will provide meaningful tax relief and help seniors remain in their homes.
  2. **Regional Consistency**  
Matching Orange County's levels simplifies eligibility for residents and reduces confusion among taxpayers who navigate both county and city exemptions.
  3. **Cost-of-Living Considerations**  
The current city thresholds have not kept pace with inflation or regional cost-of-living increases. Updating them reflects present-day economic realities.
  4. **Support for Aging in Place**  
Providing additional tax relief supports the City's broader goals of ensuring that older residents can remain active, stable members of our community.
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## Next Steps

- I request that the Common Council review this proposal and schedule it for discussion at the next available committee or council meeting.
  - If supported, the Council may introduce a local law to amend the City Code accordingly, including the required public hearing process.
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## Conclusion

Raising the senior exemption to match Orange County is a fair and necessary step to support Middletown's seniors. I recommend that the Council advance this proposal for consideration and adoption.

Please let me know if you require additional financial impact analysis, draft language for the local law, or comparative data from neighboring municipalities.

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*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Mayor Joseph DeStefano**



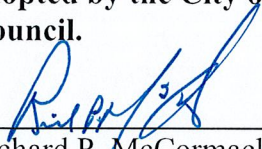
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED


By: Alderman Johnson  
 Seconded by: Alderman Tobin  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 306-25

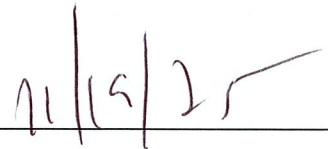
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Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green				X
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	8			X

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 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Resolution Accepting Donations from Andrew Green, Anna Aguirre, Sarah Biaso, Howard Avery and Ronald Saunders for The Emergency Food Assistance Program**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Middletown has received donations totaling six hundred and thirty dollars (**\$630**) in support of the Emergency Food Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to purchase food gift cards for individuals and families experiencing financial hardship due to the government shutdown and delays in SNAP benefit distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to deposit these donations into the proper revenue line and increase the corresponding expense line to allow for the purchase of said gift cards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and hereby authorizes

the acceptance of **\$630** in donations to be deposited into revenue line **2705.00 – Gifts and Donations**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that expense line 7020.00 – Use of Recreation Donations** shall be increased accordingly to allow for the purchase of food gift cards for the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Prepared by:  
Raelynn Bertholf, Supt of Recreation and Parks

**Attachments:**

None

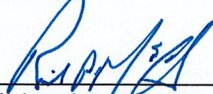


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderwoman Wray  
 Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 305-25

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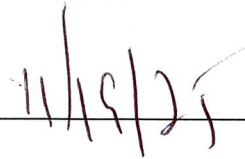
  
 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



**Resolution Accepting \$10,000 From Senator Skoufis For National Night Out Operating Expenses**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Middletown Police Department has been awarded **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** sponsored by Senator Skoufis' office; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are designated to support operating expenses for the City's **National Night Out Against Crime** event; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding is to be placed into the City's **DCJS/Skoufis expense grant line** for use during the **2026** fiscal year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment**, and hereby authorizes the acceptance of the **\$10,000** award sponsored by Senator Skoufis for National Night Out

operating expenses.

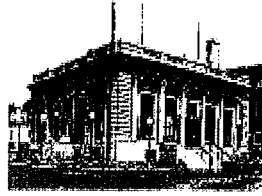
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that said funds shall be deposited into the DCJS/Skoufis expense grant line for expenditure in 2026 as intended.**

Prepared by:  
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

1.	SKOUFIS GRANT FOR 10000 NNO for 2026
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JOHN EWANCIW  
CHIEF OF POLICE



TELEPHONE  
845-343-3151  
FAX NUMBER  
845-343-2660

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2 JAMES STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940  
ESTABLISHED 1888

November 12, 2025

Honorable Joseph DeStefano  
Mayor - City of Middletown  
Board of Estimate and Apportionment  
City Hall  
16 James Street  
Middletown, New York 10940

Dear Mayor DeStefano and members of the BOE,

The City of Middletown Police Department has been awarded \$10,000 sponsored by Senator Skoufis' office. The funding will be used for operating expenses for our National Night Out Against Crime event.

I am requesting to have a resolution prepared allowing us to accept this funding, DCJS/Skoufis expense grant line for use in 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw  
Chief of Police

JE:ccd




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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Tobin  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 320-25

**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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

*11/19/25*

**Resolution Accepting a \$1,140 Donation for the Middletown Fire Department**

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and hereby accepts a check in the amount of \$1,140.00 from Latitude Digital on behalf of Ford Motor Company, representing proceeds from the test-drive fundraiser held in September; and

Be it further resolved that the 2025 General Fund Budget be amended as follows:

Action	Account #	Description	Amount
Increase	A.3410.492	Firefighter Recognition	\$1,140.00

Be it further resolved that said funds shall be deposited into the above-referenced account.

Prepared by:  
Andrew Green, Secretary

**Attachments:**

1.	Check Approval MFD
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81 East Main Street  
Middletown, NY 10940  
www.MiddletownFireDept.com



Phone: 845-344-5003  
Fax: 845-344-5031  
Facebook.com/MiddletownFireDepartment

Robert Brady  
Chief Engineer  
City of Middletown Fire Department  
81 East Main Street  
Middletown, NY 10940

November 18, 2025

Board of Estimate  
City of Middletown  
16 James Street  
Middletown, NY 10940

The Fire Department respectfully requests the Board of Estimate recommend and the Common Council approve a resolution to accept a check from Latitude Digital on behalf of Ford Motor Company for \$1,140.00 as a result of the test-drive fundraiser held in September. We request the monies be accepted into the account as follows:

<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>A.3410.492 FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION</b>	<b>\$1,140</b>

Sincerely,

Robert Brady  
Chief Engineer  
City of Middletown Fire Department  
E: MFDChiefBrady@MiddletownNY.gov  
C: (845) 742-1228

Robert Brady, Fire Chief  
Randy MacLean, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief • Nick Elia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief • Kevin Predmore, Sr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief  
Andrew Green, Secretary, William R. Kelder, Treasurer  
Monhagen Eagle Excelsior McQuoid Phoenix Ontario Waalkill IAFF Local 1027



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Kleiner  
Seconded by: Alderwoman Wray  
Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
Index No: 319-25

**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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

11/19/25

**Resolution Authorizing a Public Hearing on a Zoning Change at 137 Linden Ave**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at or as near to 7:30 PM as possible in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 16 James Street, Middletown, NY, to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard regarding a proposed zoning change for 137 Linden Avenue.**

Copies of the proposed zoning change legislation are available on the City website and in the **Office of the City Clerk, 16 James Street, Middletown, NY.**

Prepared by:

**Attachments:**

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois  
 Seconded by: Alderwoman Wray  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 318-25

**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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

11/19/25

**Resolution Approving The 2026 Young Explosives Fireworks Exhibition Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and hereby approves the Young Explosives Fireworks Exhibition Agreement for the 2026 fireworks display, and authorizes the Mayor to execute the 2026 agreement on behalf of the City.**

The **2026 fireworks display** will be held on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026**, at **Fancher Davidge Park**, and funding for this event **has been budgeted**.

Upon consultation with Corporation Counsel **Mr. Smith**, this service is deemed a **professional service**, and therefore procurement requirements have been met.

Prepared by:

Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

**Attachments:**

1.	Board of Estimate Fireworks 2026
2.	Young Explosive Agreement

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
Office of Economic & Community Development

November 18, 2025

City of Middletown  
Board of Estimate  
16 James Street  
Middletown, New York 10940

**RE: 2026 Fireworks Display**

Dear Members:

I am requesting the approval of Young Explosives Fireworks Exhibition agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2026 agreement.

The 2026 fireworks display will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at Fancher Davidge Park. This is a budgeted item.

Upon consultation with our corporation counsel Mr. Smith this service is deemed as a professional service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director  
Economic & Community Development

**YOUNG EXPLOSIVES CORPORATION**  
Fireworks Exhibition Agreement

This agreement made this 17th day of November, 2025 by and between Young Explosives Corporation of Rochester, NY, hereafter designated **Young**, and

City of Middletown  
16 James Street  
Middletown NY 10940

hereafter designated the **customer**, providing for the sale of and an exhibition of fireworks to be located at  
Fancher-Davidge Park 158-170 Lake Ave. Middletown, NY

on the date of Wednesday July 1, 2026 in a location to be designated by the customer and approved by Young.

Young and customer are collectively referred to as the "Parties".

The Parties hereto mutually agree, one with the other, as follows:

**1. Exhibition of Fireworks Display**

Young agrees to furnish an exhibition of fireworks substantially in accordance with the program set forth and agreed upon at the time of the signing of this Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto (the "Fireworks Display"). The Fireworks Display shall be of first quality and properly made. Young shall supply a sufficient number of technicians to execute the Fireworks Display in a safe and artistic manner. Young guarantees that the Fireworks Display will be performed pursuant to industry standards and in accordance with specifications outlined in this Agreement and in any approved addendums signed by Young and the customer. Young reserves the right to substitute products of equal or greater value if necessary to fulfill this Agreement.

**2. Spectator Control**

The customer agrees to furnish at its own expense sufficient area for the display, including a minimum area spectator set back at all points from the discharge area, which is satisfactory to Young. The customer further agrees at its own expense to set up rope lines or similar dividers between the public and the display area and agrees to furnish ample police protection to prevent spectators from entering the display area to protect Young's property and for the assembly, firing and dismantling of the exhibition without interference from the public. The customer shall defend, indemnify and hold Young harmless for any liability because of the customer's negligent breach of this Section 2.

**3. Permits**

The customer agrees to procure and pay for all necessary permits and licenses which may be required by the municipal authorities. Young will apply for and obtain necessary permits and licenses on behalf of the Customer if noted in Section 11 of this Agreement or if requested in writing by the customer. In that event, customer will pay in advance to Young the amount needed to pay for the permits and licenses. Permit and licensing fees are non-refundable unless refunded by the licensing authority. Customer assumes the responsibility for seeking a refund when applicable.

**4. Insurance**

- a) Young agrees to procure liability insurance for \$ 2,000,000.00 coverage and zero deductibility on behalf of the customer. The insurance cost is included in the payable sum shown on this agreement.
- b) Young will provide Workers' Compensation and Disability for the fireworks technicians.

**5. Postponement or Cancellation**

- a) In the event that weather is such that Young, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines that the Fireworks Display would be impossible, impractical or would unnecessarily increase the risk of damage or danger to person and/or property, the Parties agree to immediately hold a postponement meeting at which time an attempt to reschedule the Fireworks Display shall be discussed with a view toward reaching a mutually satisfactory postponement time and/or date. In the event the customer and Young reach a mutually satisfactory postponement time and/or date which is within 7 days of the original display date, Young agrees that the postponement shall be made with *no extra charge*. If a satisfactory postponement cannot be reached, then this Agreement shall terminate and the customer will remain responsible for the actual expenses incurred by Young which shall include the cost of insurance and the cost for special work and for nonrefundable fees outlined in this Agreement. Young may retain from any deposit or invoice the customer the amount necessary to reimburse it for expenses incurred on behalf of the customer when applicable.
- b) If the customer cancels the exhibition, Young reserves the right to bill the customer for travel expenses incurred, labor performed, the cost of the insurance and the cost for special work and for nonrefundable fees outlined in this Agreement.
- c) If the customer cancels the exhibition before Young's technicians have been dispatched to the site, there will be *no charge*. However, customer is responsible for the actual expenses incurred by Young which shall include the cost of insurance and the cost for special work and for nonrefundable fees outlined in this Agreement. Young may retain from any deposit or invoice the customer the amount necessary to reimburse it for expenses incurred on behalf of the customer when applicable.
- d) In the event that the customer chooses to cancel this Agreement, it shall do so by written notice delivered personally to an authorized representative of Young or sent by regular or certified mail, or by national overnight courier service, or by facsimile

addressed to Young Explosives Corp. P.O. Box 18653, Rochester, NY 14618 or such address as Young may from time to time specify by written notice to the customer. Any such notice shall be deemed to be delivered, given and received for all purposes as of the date (i) actually received, if delivered personally or sent by facsimile; or (ii) one day after it is sent, if sent by overnight courier; or (iii) three days after the same was deposited in a regularly maintained receptacle for the deposit of United States mail, if sent by first class mail, postage and charges prepaid; or (iv) on which the same was deposited in a regularly maintained receptacle for the deposit of United States mail, if sent by certified mail, postage and charges prepaid.

**6. Terms of Payment**

a) The customer agrees to pay Young, or his agent, the total sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars for the Fireworks Display plus the cost of insurance set, the cost of special work, and the cost of nonrefundable fees outlined in this Agreement to the extent not otherwise paid. Full payment shall be due as follows; check the box that applies:

Night of the Exhibition, or  on See Section (e), 20 26.

b) In the event of customer's failure to pay when due all sums due Young under this Agreement, Young shall be entitled to collect from customer its reasonable cost of collection, including interest and reasonable attorney's fees. In addition, the customer agrees to pay interest at the rate of 1 1/2 % per month on any delinquent balance which is not paid until paid in full.

**7. Counterpart Execution; Electronic Signatures**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all of the Parties had signed the same document. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement. Facsimile and electronic signatures shall be deemed original signatures for all purposes of this Agreement.

**8. Headings**

Section and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and are not intended to describe, interpret, define or limit the scope, extent or intent of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

**9. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement for the Fireworks Display constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no other understandings, whether oral or written, regarding the subject matter hereof.

**10. Amendments; New York Law**

This Agreement cannot be modified or rescinded except by a written instrument signed by the Parties. The laws of the State of New York shall govern the validity of this Agreement, the construction of its terms, and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the Parties.

**11. Miscellaneous**

**(a) Customer Contact Name(s) and Information**

1. Name: Maria Bruni

2. Name: Andres Witkowski (Fire Inspector)

Home/Work: 845-346-4170 W

Home/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: 845-344-7515

Cell: (845) 741-6116

Email: mbruni@middletownny.gov

Email: awitkowski@middletownny.gov

**(b) Contact Night of Display**

Name: Maria Bruni

**(c) Send Invoice to:**

Name: Maria Bruni

Cell: 845-344-7515

P.O. #: SPLIT PAY INVOICE

Time of Display: 9:30 call per Maria  AM  PM

Email: mbruni@middletownny.gov

**(d) Insurance Information**

Please list all parties to be listed as additional insured. Young will extend coverage to the entities listed below as additional insured. **Customer is responsible for providing all information needed for full insurance coverage.**

City of Middletown, NY

**(e) Customer Requests**

List special requests, such as ground pieces, shells, finale, quantity or time requirements. List any other special requests such as salutes at certain times (i.e., if the display is a surprise for someone), etc.

Send permit documents to; Andrew Witkowski (Fire Inspector) awitkowski@middletownny.gov

**SPLIT PAYMENTS**

\$8,500. due 2/1/26 & balance of \$8,500 due 7/1/26 night of exhibition

YEC to send invoice 30 days prior for BOTH payment due dates

**(f) Permits**

Customer to apply for the Permit(s) and provide Young with a copy 14 days prior to event

Young to apply for the Permit(s) on Customer's behalf:

Customer to pay the amount of \_\_\_\_\_. Includes permit cost and fees. (Permit costs subject to change by the municipality)

ADD the above permit costs to the display price on the front of contract.

INCLUDE the above permit costs in the display price on the front of the contract.

Total sum \$ 17,000.00 Dollars

The parties sign below:

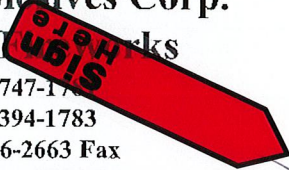
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**Display**

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Robert A. Kesel

Young Explosives Corp.

Executive Sales Director

Title

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Customer

Mayor

Title

Joseph M. DeStefano

(Please Print Name)

**This contract qualifies for the  
10% in ADDITIONAL  
FIREWORKS  
if contract is signed and received in  
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November 21, 2025 by 2:00pm.  
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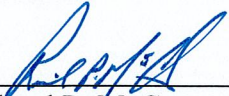


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderwoman Wray  
 Seconded by: Alderman Tobin  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 317-25

**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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/19/25

**Resolution Authorizing the Re-L Levy Of 2024 Miscellaneous Delinquent Bills onto The 2026 Real Property Tax Bills**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and is hereby authorized to re-levy the 2024 miscellaneous delinquent bills onto the 2026 real property tax bills in the following amount:**

- **Unpaid Miscellaneous Bills: 86 parcels — \$28,993.51**

Prepared by:  
 Leonora Liz, Treasurer

**Attachments:**

1.	Leonora Liz BOE request re-levy misc 2025
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# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

## City Of Middletown

Leonora Liz  
Treasurer

16 James Street  
Middletown, NY 10940  
Tel: (845) 346-4150  
Fax: (845) 343-1101

November 2025

To: The Board of Estimate

From: Leonora Liz, Treasurer

I am requesting from the Board of Estimate authorization to re-levy 2024 Miscellaneous delinquent bills into the 2025 real property tax bills in the following amounts:

Unpaid Miscellaneous Bills: 86 Parcels = \$28,993.51

Sincerely,

Leonora Liz




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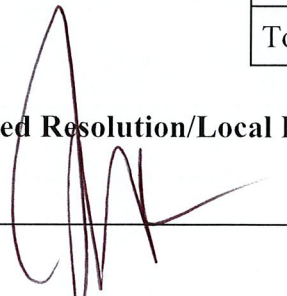
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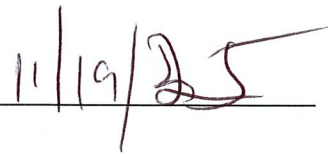
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 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Resolution Authorizing the Re-Levy Of 2024 Delinquent Water and Sewer Bills onto The 2026 Real Property Tax Bills**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and hereby authorizes the re-levy of 2024 delinquent water and sewer charges onto the 2026 real property tax bills, as permitted by law, in the following amounts:**

- **Unpaid Sewer:** 524 parcels — \$291,712.75
- **Unpaid Water:** 526 parcels — \$410,694.79

Prepared by:

Leonora Liz, Treasurer

**Attachments:**

1.	Leonora Liz BOE request re-levy water and sewer 2025
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# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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November 2025

To: The Board of Estimate

From: Leonora Liz, Treasurer

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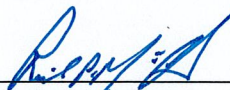


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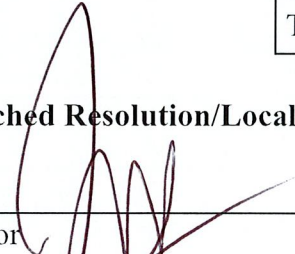
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 Seconded by: Alderman Witt  
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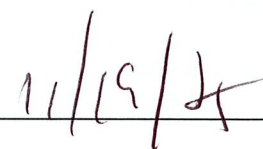
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Total	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Related to Financial Transaction and Other Related Arrangements for the O&W Building Project**

WHEREAS, Middletown O&W Local Development Corporation, a New York not-for-profit corporation (“LDC”), Middletown O&W Station Managing Member, LLC, a New York limited liability company (“Managing Member”), Middletown O&W Station, LLC, a New York limited liability company (“Landlord”), and Middletown O&W Station Prime Tenant, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the “Prime Tenant”, and together with the Managing Member, the Landlord, and the LDC, the “Transaction Parties,” and each, a “Transaction Party”) intend to enter into certain financing transactions and related arrangements in connection with the rehabilitation, development and construction of the historic O&W Railway into a 26,400 square foot multi-service community, childhood education, and support services center (the “Project”), located at 2 Low Avenue f/k/a 2-20 Low Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940 (the “Property”);

WHEREAS, certain Transaction Parties desire to enter into a federal New Markets Tax Credit

transaction (the “NMTC Transaction”) pursuant to which Landlord would accept loans in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$11,720,000 (the “QLICI Loan”), which will be used to partially finance the Project;

WHEREAS, certain Transaction Parties desire to enter into a federal and state historic tax credit financing transaction (the “HTC Transaction”) with NTCIC NY Historic Preservation Fund, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“HTC Investor”), as the federal historic tax credit investor and the state historic tax credit investor, to partially finance the Project, whereby the Landlord intends to redevelop the Property in such manner to qualify for the tax credits allowable under Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code and State HTC Act (as defined in the Prime Tenant OA) in connection with the “certified rehabilitation” of a “certified historic structure” (collectively, the “Historic Tax Credits”);

WHEREAS, as a condition to closing the NMTC Transaction and the HTC Transaction, certain financing parties require that the City of Middletown (the “City”) make and provide certain guarantees and indemnities, and perform certain other actions as described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council (the “Council”) of the City has determined that the City will receive substantial direct and indirect benefits from the NMTC Transaction and the HTC Transaction and certain other transactions related thereto (as further described herein), and hereby approves and adopts the following resolutions.

### **New Markets Tax Credit Transactions**

WHEREAS, in connection with the NMTC Transaction, DV-O&W Station QEI, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Investment Fund”), desires to make a “qualified equity investment” (as such term is defined in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code) (the “QEIs”) in each of (i) NTCIC Sub-CDE (as defined below) pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of NTCIC Sub-CDE, and (ii) ESNMC Sub-CDE (as defined below) pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of ESNMC Sub-CDE, and the QLICI Lenders (as defined below) desire to accept the QEIs;

WHEREAS, in connection with the NMTC Transaction, NTCIC-O&W, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“NTCIC Sub-CDE”) and ESNMC Subsidiary CDE XIX, LLC, a New York limited liability company (“ESNMC Sub-CDE”, and together with NTCIC Sub-CDE, the “QLICI Lenders”, and each, a “QLICI Lender”), desire to make the QLICI loan to the Landlord, and Landlord desires to accept the QLICI Loan, pursuant to that certain Loan and Security Agreement (“QLICI Loan Agreement”), by and among the QLICI Lenders and the Landlord;

WHEREAS, in connection with the NMTC Transaction, to induce the QLICI Lenders to make the QLICI Loans, and to induce the Investment Fund to make the QEIs, the City desires to enter into (i) that certain Environmental Indemnity Agreement (the “Environmental Indemnity”), by and among Landlord, the City and LDC, as indemnitors (the “Indemnitors”), for the benefit of the QLICI Lenders, pursuant to which the Indemnitors will indemnify and hold the QLICI Lenders harmless against and from certain environmental obligations for which the QLICI Lenders may incur liability; (ii) that certain Guaranty of Payment, Performance and Completion (the “Guaranty”), by the City and LDC, for the benefit of the QLICI Lenders, pursuant to which

the City will guaranty the payment and performance of certain obligations of the Landlord, as borrower, due under the QLICI Loan Agreement, (iii) that certain Community Benefits Agreement (“Community Benefits Agreement”), by and among the City, the Landlord, and the QLICI Lenders; and (iv) that certain QALICB Recapture Indemnity by Landlord, LDC, and the City for the benefit of Valley National Bank, a national banking association (the “QALICB Indemnity”);

WHEREAS, in connection with the NMTC Transaction, the City intends to enter into that certain Assignment and Assumption of Construction Contracts (“Assignment of Contracts”), pursuant to which the City shall assign to Landlord all of the City’s rights, title an interest in and to the Contracts, as that term is defined in the Assignment of Contracts, and in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to enter into the Environmental Indemnity, the Guaranty, the Community Benefits Agreement, the Assignment of Contracts, and the QALICB Indemnity, and perform its obligations thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City is authorized to enter into, and to exercise its rights and perform its obligations under the Environmental Indemnity, the Guaranty, the Community Benefits Agreement, the Assignment of Contracts, and the QALICB Indemnity; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any duly elected or appointed officer, manager, or member, as applicable (collectively, the “Authorized Representatives”, and each, an “Authorized Representative”), including, without limitation, Joseph M. DeStefano, as Mayor of the City, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed for and on behalf of the City to (i) execute and deliver, in connection with the QEIs, QLICI Loan and the NMTC Transaction, the Guaranty, the Environmental Indemnity, the Community Benefits Agreement, the Assignment of Contracts, the QALICB Indemnity, and any and all other security agreements, promissory notes, pledges or assignments of any collateral, indemnities, certificates, affidavits, financing statements, flow of funds memoranda, applications, notices, community benefits agreements, subordination agreements, and any other instruments, agreements or certificates of any kind or nature whatsoever relating thereto to which each is a respective party, and (ii) take, from time to time, any other actions which they shall, in their discretion, determine to be appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by the resolutions hereinabove adopted, all as negotiated and agreed upon by them and as they approve as being in the best interests of the City, and the execution and delivery of any such document or instrument or the taking of any such action by them shall constitute conclusive evidence that the terms and conditions contained in said documents or instruments have been determined to be appropriate by them on behalf of the City and shall be conclusive evidence of their authority so to do.

**Historic Tax Credit Transactions**

WHEREAS, in connection with the HTC Transaction, (i) Prime Tenant will lease the Property from HTC Landlord pursuant to the terms of that certain HTC Lease (“HTC Lease”), by and between Prime Tenant and Landlord, whereby Landlord has agreed to pass through the Historic Tax Credits arising from Landlord’s rehabilitation of the Property to Prime Tenant under Section 50 of the Code and the State HTC Act; and (ii) the HTC Investor will be admitted as the investor member of Prime Tenant and will contribute a capital contribution of approximately \$10,191,573 (“HTC Equity”), pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Prime Tenant (“Prime Tenant OA”); (iii) the City will enter into that

certain Development Agreement, ("Development Agreement"), by and between Landlord and the City; and (iv) Landlord will enter into that certain Bridge Loan Agreement ("Bridge Loan Agreement"), by and between Landlord and Lincoln Savings Bank, an Iowa state banking corporation ("LSB"), pursuant to which LSB agrees to lend to Landlord the Loan Proceeds, as that term is defined in the Bridge Loan Agreement, for the purposes of and subject to all of the terms contained therein, and the City shall enter into that certain Repayment and Completion Guaranty (the "Bridge Loan Guaranty") for the benefit of LSB, pursuant to which the City shall guaranty certain obligations due by Landlord under the Bridge Loan Agreement;

WHEREAS, to induce the HTC Investor to enter into the HTC Transaction, contribute the HTC Equity, and become investor member of the Prime Tenant pursuant to the Prime Tenant OA, the City desires to enter into (i) that certain Guaranty (the "HTC Guaranty") in favor of HTC Investor, pursuant to which the City will guaranty the payment and performance of certain obligations of (i) the Managing Member due under the Master Tenant OA and that certain Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Landlord, (ii) the City, due under the Development Agreement as Developer, and (iii) Prime Tenant and Landlord due under the HTC Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to take action as required to facilitate the HTC Transaction, including without limitation, entering into the Development Agreement, the HTC Guaranty, and the Bridge Loan Guaranty, and performing its obligations thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in connection with the HTC Transaction, the City, as applicable, is authorized to enter into, execute and/or deliver, and exercise its rights and to perform its obligations under the Development Agreement, the HTC Guaranty, the Bridge Loan Guaranty, and any and all agreements, documents, guaranties, assignments, certificates, and other instruments to which the City is, or will be, a party, as are contemplated or required by the HTC Guaranty or Development Agreement, or as any Authorized Representative deems necessary or desirable in connection with the HTC Transaction; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Representatives be, and hereby are, authorized and directed, on behalf of the City to (i) execute and deliver, perform under, file or cause to be filed, as applicable or necessary, the HTC Guaranty and the Development Agreement, and any and all other agreements, documents, certificates, and other instruments any Authorized Representative deems necessary or advisable in order to carry into effect the intent of the foregoing resolutions or to comply with or perform under the documents approved or authorized by the foregoing, and (ii) take from time to time any other actions which any Authorized Representative deems necessary or advisable in order to carry into effect the intent of the foregoing resolutions or to comply with or perform under the documents approved or authorized by the foregoing, all as negotiated and agreed upon by them and as they approve as being in the best interests of the City, and the execution and delivery of, or performance under, any such document or instrument or the taking of any such action by them shall constitute conclusive evidence that the terms and conditions contained in said documents or instruments have been determined to be appropriate by them on behalf of the City and shall be conclusive evidence of their authority so to do.

### **Ground Lease, RECAP Lease, Capital Agreement, and Funding**

WHEREAS, the City is the fee owner of the Property, and in connection with the Project, desires to lease the Property to Landlord pursuant to that certain Lease between the City and Landlord (the "Ground Lease");

WHEREAS, the City is party to that certain Lease Agreement (the “RECAP Lease”), dated September 26, 2025, by and between the City and Regional Economic Community Action Program Inc., a New York non-profit corporation (“RECAP”), and in connection with the HTC Transaction, the City desires to (i) amend and restate the RECAP Lease in its entirety, pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Lease Agreement between the City and RECAP, as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time (the “A&R RECAP Lease”); and (ii) assign the A&R RECAP Lease to the Prime Tenant;

WHEREAS, the City is party to that certain Agreement between the City and RECAP (the “Capital Agreement”), concerning capital expenditures for the Project, and the City desires to amend and restate the Capital Agreement in its entirety pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Agreement between the City and RECAP, as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time (the “A&R Capital Agreement”);

WHEREAS, to allow for the successful completion of the Project and potential funding of contingent obligations of the City, the Council has agreed to authorize additional funding for the Project up to ten percent (10%) of the Project’s expected budget, the utilization of which may be authorized by the City as the City shall deem necessary, in its sole discretion (the “Additional Funding”); and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it to be in the best interest of the City to (i) enter into the Ground Lease, (ii) amend and restate the Capital Agreement and enter into the A&R Capital Agreement; (iii) amend and restate the RECAP Lease and enter into the A&R RECAP Lease; and (iv) authorize the Additional Funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City be, and hereby is, authorized to (i) enter into the Ground Lease, (ii) amend and restate the Capital Agreement and enter into the A&R Capital Agreement; (iii) amend and restate the RECAP Lease and enter into the A&R RECAP Lease; (iv) assign the A&R RECAP Lease to the Prime Tenant pursuant to that certain Assignment of Amended and Restated Lease Agreement among Prime Tenant, the City, and RECAP; and (v) utilize the Additional Funding when and as the City shall deem necessary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Representatives be, and hereby are, authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City to (i) execute and deliver, perform under, file or cause to be filed, as applicable or necessary, in connection with the transactions contemplated by the resolutions hereinabove adopted, the Ground Lease, the RECAP Lease, as amended and restated, the Capital Lease, as amended and restated, and any and all other instruments, agreements, documents amendments or certificates of any kind or nature whatsoever; and (ii) take from time to time any other actions which they shall in their discretion determine to be appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by the resolutions hereinabove adopted, all as negotiated and agreed upon by them and as they approve as being in the best interests of the City, and the execution and delivery of any such document or instrument or the taking of any such action by them shall constitute conclusive evidence that the terms and conditions contained in said documents or instruments have been determined to be appropriate by them on behalf of the City and shall be conclusive evidence of their authority so to do.

## **General Resolutions**

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Representatives be, and each of them individually hereby is, authorized and empowered for and on behalf of the City, to (i) take or cause to be taken any and all such further actions, perform such other acts and to prepare, execute and deliver, or cause to be prepared, executed and delivered, and where necessary or appropriate file or cause to be filed with the appropriate governmental authorities all such other instruments and documents, including but not limited to all certificates, contracts, bonds, agreements, documents, instruments, receipts or other papers, (ii) incur and pay or cause to be paid all fees and expenses and (iii) engage such persons, all as such Authorized Representatives shall in their judgment determine to be necessary or appropriate to carry out fully the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions (including, without limitation, the consummation and performance of all transactions and other acts thereby contemplated or incident thereto), and any such document executed or act performed by them or any of them shall be conclusive evidence of their or his/her authority so to do;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions previously taken by the City or any Authorized Representative in connection with the transactions and matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions are hereby adopted, ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Appointment and hereby approves and adopts the aforementioned resolutions and any form of specific resolution to carry into effect the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolutions, or covering authority included in matters authorized in the foregoing resolutions is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference, and the respective Secretary of the City, or the person responsible for maintaining the records of the City, is hereby authorized and directed to insert a copy thereof in the minute books of the City following the record of this action and to certify the same as having been duly adopted hereby.

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

**Attachments:**

None




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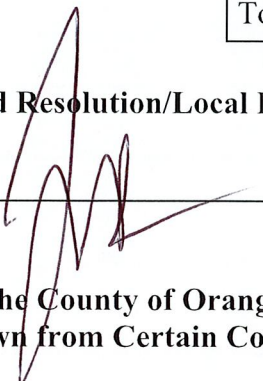
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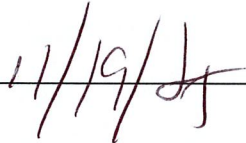
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 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date 11/19/25

**Resolution Requesting the County of Orange to Exempt Properties of the City of Middletown from Certain County Real Estate Taxes**

Whereas, the City of Middletown wishes to request the County of Orange to exempt the City of Middletown from certain real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as a part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon for fiscal year 2026.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby request the County of Orange, NY, to exempt properties of the City of Middletown, NY from certain County real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon and located within the Towns of Mount Hope and Wallkill for the fiscal year 2026, respectively, as follows:

<b><u>Town of Walkill</u></b>		
49-1-85.41	999-1-21	999-1-22
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999-1-20.1	49-1-32	49-1-62.2
64-1-4.1	69-1-1.2	64-1-47.322

<b><u>Town of Mount Hope</u></b>		
12-1-23	14-1-44.1	14-1-76
14-1-95	14-1-127.2	17-1-19
16-1-32.22	16-1-74	16-1-37.2
16-1-36.211	16-1-71.1	16-1-35

Prepared by:

**Attachments:**

1.	Water System Properties
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# County Legislature

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Kevin W. Hines, Chairman

Jean M. Ramppen, Clerk

255 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl

Goshen, NY 10924

Tel: (845) 291-4800 ☎ Fax: (845) 378-2375

October 1, 2025

Hon. Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

City of Middletown

16 James Street

Middletown, New York 10940

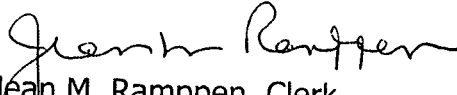
Dear Mayor DeStefano:

Your agreement with the County of Orange providing for the exemption from county taxation on certain real property located in the Towns of Wallkill and Mount Hope for use of your city water system will expire on December 31, 2026.

If you wish the County Legislature to exempt these properties for the year 2027 please notify this office with a copy of a resolution (which states the exemption year) adopted by your city council by December 15, 2025.

A schedule of the properties that were exempt for 2026 is enclosed for your information. Please compare it to the resolution you will be adopting this year.

Very truly yours,

  
Jean M. Ramppen, Clerk  
Orange County Legislature

cc: City Clerk

## SCHEDULE A

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TAX PARCEL NO.</u>
City of Middletown	Town of Wallkill	999-1-21
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		49-1-32
		49-1-62.2
		64 -1-4.1
		69-1-1.2
		64-1-47.322
49-1-85.41		
City of Middletown	Town of Mount Hope	12-1-23
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		16-1-74
		16-1-35
		16-1-37.2
		16-1-36.211
		16-1-71.1
City of Newburgh	Town of New Windsor	4-1-38
		4-1-35
		4-3-1.1
		4-1-12.2
		4-1-9.21
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**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

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 Seconded by: Alderman Tobin  
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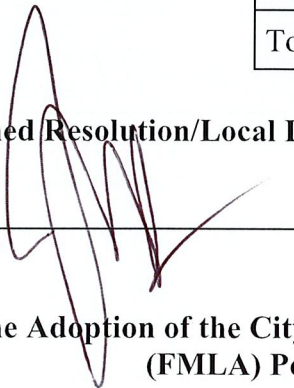
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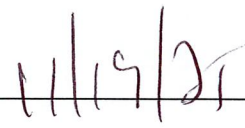
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Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor



Date



**Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the City of Middletown's Family Medical Leave (FMLA) Policy**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby adopts the City of Middletown Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy as submitted.**

Prepared by:

**Attachments:**

1.	City of Middletown Employee FMLA Policy FINAL
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DATE OF ADOPTION:



CITY OF  
**Middletown**  
— NEW YORK —

Family Medical Leave Act  
(FMLA) Policy

## **Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy**

### **Purpose**

The City of Middletown provides eligible employees with job-protected leave in accordance with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993, as amended. The purpose of this policy is to outline employee rights, responsibilities, and procedures for requesting and administering FMLA leave.

### **Eligibility**

Employees are eligible for FMLA leave if they:

- Have been employed by the City of Middletown for at least 12 months (not necessarily consecutive); and
- Have worked at least 1,250 hours during the 12-month period immediately preceding the start of the leave.

### **Qualifying Reasons for Leave**

Eligible employees may take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month measurement period for the following reasons:

- Birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care.
- To care for a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition.
- For the employee's own serious health condition that makes them unable to perform the essential functions of their job.
- For qualifying exigencies related to a family member's active duty military service.

Employees may also be entitled to up to 26 workweeks of leave in a single 12-month period to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness.

### **Measurement Period**

The City of Middletown uses a "date of disability to anniversary" to determine the 12-month measurement period for taking FMLA leave.

- The 12-month is measured forward from the first date an employee takes FMLA leave.
- The next 12-month period begins on the anniversary of that date.

This means the employee's FMLA entitlement renews on the anniversary of the original start of the leave.

### **Substitution of Paid Leave**

Employees are required to use any accrued paid leave (sick, vacation, or personal time) concurrently with FMLA leave, in accordance with City policies. Once accrued leave is exhausted, any remaining FMLA leave will be unpaid. Employees covered under a collective

bargaining agreement CBA shall refer to their respective CBA for additional details on the use of paid time off, accruals, and other leave entitlements that may apply during FMLA leave.

### **Benefits During Leave**

- The City will continue to provide group health insurance coverage under the same terms as if the employee were actively working.
- Employees must continue to pay their portion of the health insurance premium. Failure to make timely payments may result in a lapse in coverage.
- Other benefits will continue or pause in accordance with applicable City policies.
- Employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement should refer to their respective CBA for details on the continuation of benefits during FMLA leave.

### ***Note on Retirement Service Credit:***

*Pursuant to the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) periods of unpaid FMLA leave will not count toward service credit in (NYSLRS). Only time in which the employee receives regular pay or uses paid leave accruals will be credited toward retirement service. Employees are encouraged to contact the New York State Retirement System or the Human Resources Department for specific questions about how their leave may affect retirement benefits.*

### **Job Protection and Return to Work**

Upon return from FMLA leave, an employee will be restored to their same or equivalent position with the same pay, benefits, and working conditions, unless the employee would not otherwise have been employed (e.g., layoff or position elimination).

Employees returning from leave for their own serious health condition must submit to the City a fitness-for-duty certification from their health care provider before resuming work.

### **Notice and Certification Requirements**

- Employee Notice: When the need for leave is foreseeable, employees must submit a written request for FMLA at least 30 days' in advance of the request to leave. If 30 days' written notice is not possible, written notice must be given as soon as practicable. All requests for FMLA must be submitted to the Human Resources Department.
- Medical Certification: The City requires the employee to submit a completed Certification from their Health Care Provider to support the need for FMLA leave. Failure to provide certification may result in delay or denial of the employee's request for FMLA leave. A copy of the Certification from their Health Care Provider can be obtained from the City of Middletown
- Recertification: The City may require periodic recertification of the employee's FMLA request in accordance with FMLA regulations.
- The City reserves the right to request a second opinion from a healthcare provider at the City's expense, if necessary.

- Employees who are approved for FMLA leave are required to report to their Department Head and the Human Resources Department any changes regarding their FMLA leave, expected return date and any changes in their eligibility for FMLA leave.

### **Intermittent or Reduced Schedule Leave**

FMLA leave may be taken intermittently or on a reduced schedule basis when medically necessary and approved. The employee must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave to minimize disruption to City operations.

Reporting of absence: Employees approved for FMLA leave who call in that they are not reporting to work must identify if the leave is due to their approved FMLA.

### **Recordkeeping**

All medical certifications and FMLA-related documentation will be maintained in a confidential medical file, separate from personnel files, in compliance with the FMLA and HIPAA regulations.

### **Coordination with Other Laws**

This policy shall be administered in accordance with the FMLA and any applicable New York State laws, and collective bargaining agreements.

### **Questions**

Employees with questions regarding FMLA eligibility, leave entitlement, or procedures should contact the City of Middletown Human Resources Department.



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By: Alderman Johnson  
 Seconded by: Alderwoman Wray  
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Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Frontier for Internet Services**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes a 36 month agreement with Frontier, for internet services in the amount of \$650.00 annually

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Prepared by:  
 Leonora Liz, Treasurer

**Attachments:**

1.	Frontier CITY OF MIDDLETOWN - 650 pdf
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# Dedicated Internet Access (DIA)

## Schedule

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This is Schedule Number S-5550203219 to the Frontier Services Agreement dated 01/17/2017 ("FSA") by and between CITY OF MIDDLETOWN ("Customer") and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. on behalf of itself and its affiliates ("Frontier"). Customer orders and Frontier agrees to provide the Services and Equipment identified in the Schedule below.

Primary Service Location: 16 James St Middletown, New York Schedule Date: 10/10/2025  
 Schedule Type/Purpose: Order for New Services Service Term: 36 Month(s)

Services Provided					
Service Address	Service Description	Partnered	Quantity	Charges	
				Total NRC	Total MRC
16 James St, Middletown, New York, 10940-5724	DIA (Dedicated Internet Access)/500 Mbps/Silver	No	1	\$0.00	\$650.00
16 James St, Middletown, New York, 10940-5724	IP//29 = 5 IPs	No	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal:				\$0.00	\$650.00

**1. Service Description.**

- a. **Dedicated Internet Access ("DIA").** DIA is an internet connection, delivered via Ethernet from Customer Service Location to the Frontier IP network then to the public Internet which provides reliable, dedicated and scalable bandwidth. Physical termination shall conform to applicable rules and regulations with respect to Minimum Point of Entry (MPoE) and demarcation point. If Customer requests extensions beyond the MPoE, such extension(s) shall be subject to Frontier's cabling service policies and Frontier's charges related thereto per separate Frontier Cabling Service and Fee Schedule.
- b. **Partnered and/or Type II** service is a delivery method where a Frontier third-party Service provider is used to deliver the local access to Customer ("Partner Provider").
- c. **Overhead.** Ethernet technology, which is what the Frontier Dedicated Internet circuits utilize, requires packets to have headers, a checksum, interframe gaps and preambles. Those components ensure that the data packets get sent to the right place and end up in the right order and each use a small amount of bytes, commonly known as "overhead." Overhead is the gap between the subscribed bandwidth speed and usable bandwidth speed. Additionally, actual data transmission or throughput may be lower than the connection speed due to internet congestion, server or router speeds, protocol overheads, and other factors which cannot be controlled by Frontier.

**2. Pre-installation cancellation fees, FOC Notice, Partnered Access Costs and Special Construction.**

- a. **Pre-installation cancellation fees.** Cancellation relating to newly identified costs and expenses: If Customer cancels any Service or Equipment prior to delivery of any Equipment or installation of the Service or Equipment due to Customer's determination that Customer is not able or willing to incur the costs and expenses of Frontier identified Customer required pre-installation requirements (other than previously identified NRC or CIAC set forth in this Schedule), then notwithstanding any provision of the FSA, Customer shall not be required to pay the FSA Section 4(a) cancellation charge.
- b. **Cancellation after FOC Notice.** Frontier will provide Customer with notice (the "FOC Notice") of the project completion date (the "FOC Date") as soon as possible in light of the requested services and customer's location. If Customer cancels more than ten (10) business days after the issuance of the FOC Notice, then, notwithstanding any provision of the FSA, Customer shall pay a processing fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) and the total costs and expenditures of Frontier in connection with establishing the Service and / or providing the Equipment prior to Frontier's receipt of notice of cancellation including but not limited to any construction and engineering costs and Equipment restocking fees.
- c. **Partnered Access costs.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the FSA or this Service Schedule, if Customer cancels any Service or Equipment prior to delivery of any Equipment or installation of the Service or Equipment for any reason, then Customer shall reimburse Frontier for any costs and/or expenditures related to Partnered Access for which Frontier is obligated in connection with establishing the Service via Partnered Access including but not limited to any Partnered Access fees, charges, costs or early termination fees charged to Frontier.

**d. Special Construction.**



## Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) Schedule

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**i. General.** All Services are subject to availability and Frontier Network limitations. The rates identified in this Schedule are estimated based on standard installation costs and Services may not be available at all Service Locations at the rates identified. If Frontier determines, in its reasonable discretion, that the costs of provisioning Service to any Service Location are materially higher than normal, Frontier will notify Customer of the additional costs associated with provision of the Services and request Customer's acceptance of such costs as a condition to proceeding ("Special Construction").

**ii. Frontier assistance with Special Construction.** Frontier may determine, on a project-by-project basis, whether and the extent to which, if any, Frontier may provide additional assistance with respect to Special Construction. If Frontier determines in its sole discretion that Frontier will provide financial assistance, Frontier will notify Customer of such assistance and related conditions or requirements with respect to the Special Construction project.

**iii. Customer Special Construction costs.** Upon notification that Special Construction costs are required; Customer will have ten (10) business days to notify Frontier of Customer's acceptance of such costs. If the Customer does not agree to the Special Construction costs within ten (10) business days, the Customer shall be deemed to have cancelled the Service Schedule and notwithstanding any provision of the FSA, Customer shall not be required to pay the FSA Section 4(a) cancellation charge. If the Customer agrees to the Special Construction costs, Frontier and Customer will execute a replacement Schedule.

**3. Obligations of Customer.** Customer is responsible to ensure appropriate processes and protocols are in place for rate shaping to the amount of throughput ordered. Customer acknowledges that failure to comply with this responsibility may negatively impact Service performance. Customer shall provide and maintain an email distribution contact list with correct telephone and email information for service escalation that indicates who to contact, at what priority level, and the precedent of the contact order, and for any service modifications. Customer shall identify points of contact with decision-making and approval authority. Customer must be present during installation and provide a Customer project manager and complete all sign-off documentation.

Customer will not use, or permit use of the DIA Solution in a manner which is (i) illegal; or (ii) infringes the patent, copyright, trademark, confidential information or intellectual property rights of a third-party; collectively "Unauthorized Use". Frontier reserves the right to immediately terminate, modify or suspend Customer's DIA Solution if it is determined by Frontier in its sole discretion that Customer has used the DIA Solution for any Unauthorized Use. Customer will defend and indemnify Frontier and its affiliates with respect to claims arising from Customer's or third parties' Unauthorized Use.

**4. After Hours/Holiday Labor Hours.** If Customer desires coordinated turn up services ("After Hours") during non-business hours, defined below, then the After-Hours services shall be provided at the rate of \$175.00 per hour. Non-business hours include: (1) weeknights between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. local time; (2) weekends, including Saturday and/or Sunday and (3) the Frontier designated holidays (New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

Such After-Hours services may be subject to change, based upon Frontier's reasonable determination of increases in actual costs to provide such After-Hours services, determined in accordance with generally accepted commercial accounting practices, and consistent with After Hours service charges for projects comparable to the project outlined in this Schedule

**5. Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Security.** Customer shall comply, and shall cause all Service users to comply, with Frontier's Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP"), which Frontier may modify at any time. The current AUP is available for review at the following address, subject to change: [http://www.frontier.com/policies/commercial\\_aup/](http://www.frontier.com/policies/commercial_aup/). Customer is responsible for maintaining awareness of the current AUP and adhering to the AUP as it may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with the AUP is grounds for immediate suspension or termination of Frontier Internet Service, notwithstanding any notice requirement provisions of the FSA. Customer is responsible for the security of its own networks, equipment, hardware, software and software applications. Abuse that occurs as a result of Customer's systems or account being compromised or as a result of activities of third parties permitted by Customer may result in suspension of Customer's accounts or Internet access by Frontier. Customer will defend and indemnify Frontier and its affiliates with respect to claims arising from Customer's or third parties' usage of Frontier Internet access through Customer's hardware or software.

**6. Producer Price Index Adjustment.** Unless otherwise prohibited by tariff, regulation or applicable law, Frontier shall, once per year in July, increase the above MRC for each service by the annual increase in the Producer Price Index for Total Final Demand as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ("PPI-FD"). The adjustment will be based on the percentage increase, if any, in PPI-FD for the most recent yearly period ending April 30th compared to the prior 12 month period ending April 30<sup>th</sup> and shall not exceed 9.5% in any year. The increase, if any, will be reflected as either an increase in the base MRC or as a separately stated item and occur for the first time in July of the calendar year after service installation.

**7. Service Level Agreement.** The Dedicated Internet Access Service Level Agreement for Dedicated Internet Access is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.



# Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) Schedule

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This Schedule is not effective, and pricing, dates and terms are subject to change until signed by both parties. This Schedule and any of the provisions hereof may not be modified in any manner except by mutual written agreement. The above rates do not include any taxes, fees or surcharges applicable to the Service. This Schedule, and all terms and conditions of the FSA, is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the Services described herein, and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and undertakings written or oral with respect to the subject matter hereof.

**Frontier Communications of America, Inc.**

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**

Signature: *Jennifer MacDonald*  
Printed Name: Jennifer MacDonald  
Title: Director, Enterprise  
Date: 11.21.25

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
Printed Name: Joseph M. DeStefano  
Title: Mayor  
Date: 11.19.2025



# Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) Schedule

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## EXHIBIT 1 Service Level Agreement

This Dedicated Internet Access Service Level Agreement (“SLA”) applies to a Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) Schedule, executed by and between CITY OF MIDDLETOWN (“Customer”) and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (“Frontier”). The terms of this SLA apply exclusively to the Dedicated Internet Access network elements directly within Frontier’s management responsibility and control (“DIA Service”), including Partnered delivered service.

### 1. Operational Objectives

A. **Availability:** Circuit Availability is the ability to exchange data packets with the nearest Frontier Internet Point of Presence (“POP”) or DIA Customer egress port (Z location) via the ingress port (A location). “Service Outage” occurs when packet transport is unavailable or when the output signal is outside the limits of this service guarantee. Availability is measured by the number of minutes during a calendar month that the Service is operational, divided by the total minutes in that calendar month. Calculation is based on the stop-clock method beginning at the date and time of the Customer-initiated trouble ticket and ends when Frontier restores SLA-compliant circuit operation. Frontier’s Service Availability commitment and applicable Service credit are outlined in **Table 1A**, subject to Sections 3 and 4 below.

Table 1A: Dedicated Internet Access		
Circuit Availability (CA)	MRC Service Credit	
Availability	99.99%	Below 99.99% Service Credit 30% MRC

B. **Mean Time to Repair (MTTR):** MTTR is a monthly calculation of the average duration of time between Trouble Ticket initiation (in accordance with Section 2B) and Frontier’s reinstatement of the DIA Service to meet the Availability performance objective. The MTTR objectives, and credits applicable to a failure to meet such objectives, are outlined in **Table 1B**, subject to Sections 3 and 4 below.

Table 1B: Dedicated Internet Access		
Mean Time To Repair	MRC Service Credit	
MTTR	4 Hours	25 % MRC above 4 hrs. 50% MRC above 6 hrs.

C. To the extent applicable, the Customer is entitled to one Service Credit per Service Outage (i.e., for either the higher of Circuit Availability credit or Mean Time to Repair credit, if applicable). If applicable, the On-Time Provisioning credit would be in addition to the Service Outage credit.

### 2. Service Outage Reporting Procedure.

- A. Frontier will maintain a point-of-contact for Customer to report a Service Outage, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- B. When DIA Service is impacted from a Service Outage, Customer must contact Frontier’s commercial customer support center (also known as the “NOC”) at 1-(888) 637-9620 to identify the Service Outage and initiate an investigation of the cause (“Trouble Ticket”). Responsibility for Trouble Ticket initiation rests solely with Customer. Once the Trouble Ticket has been opened, the appropriate Frontier departments will initiate diagnostic testing and isolation activities to determine the source. In the event of a Service Outage, Frontier and Customer will cooperate to restore the Service. If the cause of a Service Outage is a failure of Frontier’s equipment or facilities, Frontier will be responsible for the repair. If the degradation is caused by a factor outside the control of Frontier, Frontier will cooperate with Customer to conduct testing and repair activities at Customer’s cost and at Frontier’s standard technician rates.
- C. A Service Outage begins when a Trouble Ticket is initiated and ends when the affected DIA Service is Available; provided that if the Customer reports a problem with a Service but declines to allow Frontier access for testing and repair, the Service will be considered to be impaired, but will not be deemed a Service Outage subject to these terms.
- D. If Frontier dispatches a field technician to perform diagnostic troubleshooting and the failure was caused by the acts or omissions of Customer or its employees, affiliates, contractors, agents, representatives, or invitees; then Customer will pay Frontier for all related time and material costs at Frontier’s standard rates.

### 3. Credit Request and Eligibility.

A. In the event of a Service Outage, Customer may be entitled to a credit against the applicable DIA Service MRC if (i) Customer initiated a Trouble Ticket; (ii) the Service Outage was caused by a failure of Frontier’s equipment, facilities or personnel; (iii) the Service Outage warrants a credit based on the terms of Section 1; and (iv) Customer requests the credit within thirty (30) days of last day of the calendar month in which the Service Outage occurred.



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- B. Credits do not apply to Service Outages caused, in whole or in part, by one or more of the following: (i) the acts or omissions of Customer or its employees, affiliates, contractors, agents, representatives or invitees; (ii) failure of power; (iii) the failure or malfunction of non-Frontier equipment or systems; (iv) circumstances or causes beyond the control of Frontier or its representatives; (v) a Planned Service Interruption; (vi) Emergency Maintenance or (vii) interruptions resulting from Force Majeure events as defined in Customer's FSA. In addition, Customer will not be issued credits for a Service Outage during any period in which Frontier is not provided with access to the Service location or any Frontier network element, or while Customer is testing and/or verifying that the problem has been resolved. "Planned Service Interruption" means any Service Outage caused by scheduled maintenance, planned enhancements or upgrades to the Frontier network; provided that Frontier will endeavor to provide at least five (5) business days' notice prior to any such activity if it will impact the Services provided to Customer. "Emergency Maintenance" means maintenance which, if not performed promptly, could result in a serious degradation or loss of service over the Frontier network.
  - C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, all credit allowances will be limited to maximum of 50% of the MRC for the impacted DIA Service, per month. For cascading failures, only the primary or causal failure is used in determining Service Outage and associated consequences. Only one service level component metric can be used for determining Service credits. In the event of the failure of the Service to meet multiple metrics in a one-month period, the highest Service credit will apply, not the sum of multiple Service credits. For example, If Customer's Service Outage triggers both operational objectives (i.e., Circuit Availability and Mean Time to Repair), Customer will receive the highest available Service Credit, but not both.
  - D. This SLA guarantees service performance of Frontier's Dedicated Internet Access services only. This SLA does not cover TDM services [DS1, NxDS1, or DS3 services] or other voice or data services provided by Frontier. This SLA does not apply to services provided over third-party non-partner facilities, through a carrier hotel, or over Frontier facilities which terminate through a meet point circuit with a third-party non-partner carrier.
  - E. The final determination of whether Frontier has or has not met SLA metrics will be based on Frontier's methodology for assessment of compliant performance. Service Outage credits are calculated based on the duration of the Service Outage, regardless of whether such Service Outage is the result of failure of the Service to meet one or more performance metric.
  - F. Credit allowances, if any, will be deducted from the charges payable by Customer hereunder and will be expressly indicated on a subsequent bill to Customer. Credits provided pursuant to this SLA shall be Customer's sole remedy with regard to Service Outages.
4. **Chronic Outage:** An individual DIA Service qualifies for "Chronic Outage" status if such service fails to meet the Availability objectives, and one or more of the following: (a) a single Trouble Ticket extends for longer than 24 hours, (b) more than 3 Trouble Tickets extend for more than 8 hours, during a rolling 6-month period, or (c) 15 separate Trouble Tickets of any duration within a calendar month. If a DIA Service reaches Chronic Outage status, then Customer may terminate the affected DIA Service without penalty; provided that Customer must exercise such right within ten (10) days of the DIA Service reaching Chronic Outage status and provide a minimum of 15 days prior written notice to Frontier of the intent to exercise such termination right.

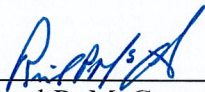


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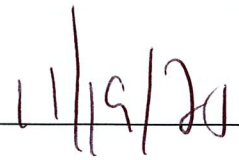
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Total	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Resolution Authorizing Transfers within the 2025 Police Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and hereby authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$21,761.40 in the following manner:

FROM (Account / Description)	AMOUNT	TO (Account / Description)	PURPOSE
A.3120.100 – Personal Services	\$3,893.40	A.3120.201 – Vehicles/Equipment	To combine with the \$11,106.60 insurance recovery for the purchase of a replacement (used) police vehicle totaling \$15,000.
A.3120.100 –	\$2,500	A.3120.501 –	To cover shortages for December

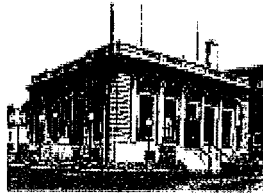
<b>Personal Services</b>		<b>Community Outreach</b>	community outreach events.
<b>A.3120.100 – Personal Services</b>	<b>\$1,368</b>	<b>A.3120.200 – Equipment</b>	For the purchase of a DJI Avata 2 drone.
<b>A.3120.100 – Personal Services</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>A.3120.440 – Repairs to Equipment</b>	To cover unexpected, one-time repair costs for department vehicles and equipment.
<b>A.3120.100 – Personal Services</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>A.3120.479 – Equipment Rental</b>	To cover increased photocopy/printing overage expenses.
<b>A.3120.100 – Personal Services</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>A.3120.406 – K9 Care</b>	To support ongoing K9 unit care and operational needs.

Prepared by:  
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

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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

November 11, 2025

Honorable Joseph DeStefano Mayor-City of Middletown  
And Board of Estimate and Apportionment

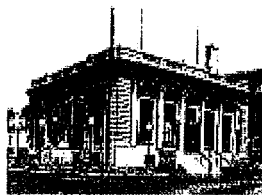
Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members of the Board of Estimate,  
I am requesting that the City of Middletown Common Council approve the following transfers requests within our 2025 budget lines:

From	Amount	To
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$3,893.40	A.3120.201 Vehicles- Equipment
For the purchase of a replacement PD vehicle that was deemed a total loss during an MVA on 9/24/2025. This transfer along with the insurance check of \$11,106.60, will be used to purchase a new (used) police vehicle for \$15,000.		
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$2,500	A.3120.501 Community Outreach
To cover a shortage in the cost of upcoming community events in December		
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$1,368	A.3120.200 Equipment
For the purchase of a DJI Avata 2 drone		
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$10,000	A.3120.440 Repairs to Equipment
To cover shortfalls in the repairs line due to the unexpected one time costs to repair department vehicles and equipment		
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$2,000	A.3120.479 Equipment rental
To cover the increased cost in photocopy overage costs throughout the year		
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$2,000	A.3120.406 K9 Care

Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw  
Chief of Police

JOHN EWANCIW  
CHIEF OF POLICE



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**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Kleiner  
 Seconded by: Alderman Masi  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 310-25

**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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Resolution Authorizing Local Match Funding Required for The DASNY Downtown Alleyway Project**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Middletown has been awarded a **\$250,000 reimbursable grant** through former Assemblywoman Gunther’s Office for the creation of a parking lot at the O&W site and the renovation of an alleyway in downtown Middletown; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of DASNY’s grant review process, the City must demonstrate that full project funding is available before a Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA) can be issued, which is required before the City may request reimbursement; and

**WHEREAS**, funding has already been demonstrated for the parking lot portion of the project, however, the **Downtown Alleyway** portion—estimated at **\$180,000**, with **\$50,000** allotted from the grant—requires proof of full available funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Alleyway project will transform an L-shaped alley between North Street and Center Street into an inviting pedestrian passageway with pavers, decorative lighting, and bollards, enhancing connectivity to the Heritage Trail and supporting local businesses by creating space for outdoor dining and improved streetscape aesthetics;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment**, and hereby authorizes the following transfer to demonstrate available funding for the Downtown Alleyway project:

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**Fund Transfer**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
General Fund Balance H01.0001.20	3	\$180,000

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

**Attachments:**

1.	Memo - Alleyway
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# Memo

**To:** Leonora Liz  
**From:** Caitlin McNamara  
**CC:** Maria Bruni  
**Date:** 11/13/2025  
**Re:** DASNY 28344 – O&W Parking Lot & Alleyway Grant

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The City has been awarded a \$250,000.00 reimbursable grant through former Assemblywoman Gunther's Office for the creation of a parking lot at the O&W site and an alleyway renovation in downtown. As a part of DASNY's grant review, we need to show the State that we have the available project funding before we can receive our Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA). The GDA is what allows the City to request reimbursement for project expenses. Funding has been demonstrated for the Parking Lot portion, however, we are requesting proof of funding for the Downtown Alleyway.

The Alleyway portion of the project is estimated to cost \$180,000.00, with \$50,000.00 in grant funds allotted. We are required to show the full \$180,000.00.

Below is a description of the project description and use of funds:

As the City of Middletown continues its revitalization and growth, many of our local businesses are exploring ways to maximize space. In between buildings on North St. and Center St. is a small, L-shaped alley way that is ripe for development. A coffee shop on North St. has created a rear patio for patrons in this alleyway, inspiring the City and other business owners to take action and develop the alley into a pedestrian walkway, which will connect to a spur of the Heritage Trail.

Grant funds will be used to install pavers, decorative lighting, and bollards to prevent cars from accessing the alley. The goal is to utilize this currently unappealing space and create a warm, welcoming area comparable to the streets of New York City and Europe. The project will encourage other buildings that abut the alleyway to create outdoor space for the businesses to utilize, and increase curb appeal.




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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

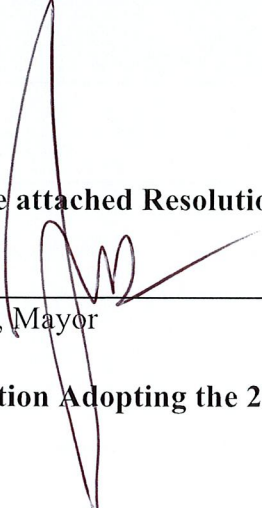
By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Tobin  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 309-25

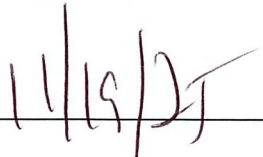
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 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Resolution Adopting the 2026 General, Water and Sewer Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has approved and submitted an itemized statement in writing of the estimated revenues and expenditures of the General City Government, the Water Department, and the Sewer Department—other than amounts to be raised by taxation for County purposes—for the fiscal year **January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has reviewed and considered said itemized statement in accordance with the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial estimates for the 2026 Annual Budget are as follows:

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## 2026 Budget Summary

Description	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
Estimated Revenue	\$28,151,718	\$8,351,043	\$6,226,574
Appropriations (Expenses)	\$52,728,811	\$8,351,043	\$6,226,574
Tax Levy – General City Purpose	\$24,577,093	—	—

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and hereby approves and adopts the 2026 Annual Budget, including the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund estimates as submitted, for the fiscal year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.**

Prepared by:  
Leonora Liz, Treasurer

**Attachments:**

1.	Leonora Liz BOE request 11.12.25 Budget Approval
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# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

## City Of Middletown

Leonora Liz  
Treasurer

16 James Street  
Middletown, NY 10940  
Tel: (845) 346-4150  
Fax: (845) 343-1101

November 2025

To: The Board of Estimate

From: Leonora Liz, Treasurer

1. Leonora Liz is requesting from the Board of Estimate to approve and submit an itemized statement in writing of the estimated revenue and expenditures of the General City Government, the Water Department and the Sewer Department other than amounts to be raised by taxation for County purposes, for fiscal year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Therefore, seeking from the common council to approve and adopt the 2026 Annual Budget as following:

<b>Description:</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>Sewer Fund</b>
Revenue	\$28,151,718	\$8,351,043	\$6,226,574
Expense	\$52,728,811	\$8,351,043	\$6,226,574

Appropriation: 52,728,811

Estimated Revenue: 28,151,718

Tax Levy – General City Purpose 24,577,093

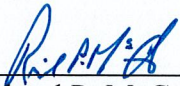


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt  
 Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 308-25

**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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Resolution Authorizing a \$1,665 Transfer within the 2025 Community Development Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$1,665, in the following manner, These transfers reflect extra liens/satisfactions to rehab properties and copier usage.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
CD.8686.482 Ads	CD.8686.456 PI Related Exp	\$750
CD.8686.495 Misc	CD.8686.479 Equipment Rental	\$540
CD.8686.400 Contractual	CD.866.456 Program Related	\$375

Prepared by:

Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

**Attachments:**

1.	OECD 2025 Budget Transfer November
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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
Office of Economic & Community Development

November 10, 2025

City of Middletown  
Board of Estimate  
16 James Street  
Middletown, New York 10940

**RE: Office of Economic & Community Development/Dept 8686**

Dear Members:

I am requesting budget transfer within the 2025 Community Development Department.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TO</b>
CD.8686.482 Ads	\$ 750.00	CD.8686.456 PI Related Exp
CD.8686.495 Misc.	\$ 540.00	CD.8686.479 Equipment Rental
CD8686.400 Contractual	\$375.00	CD 8686.456 Program Related

These transfers reflect extra liens/satisfactions to rehab properties and copier usage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director  
Economic & Community Development

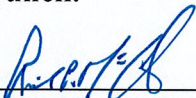


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

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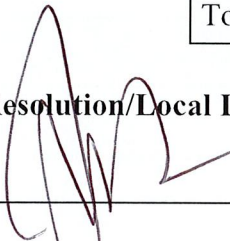
By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Tobin  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 307-25

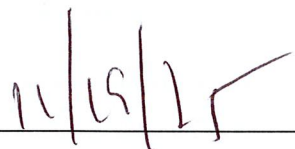
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 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Resolution Authorizing a \$33,000 Transfer within 2025 Paramount Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$33,000, in the following manner,

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.7010.800 City Sponsor Events	A.7010.448 Promoters & Sponsors	\$10,000
A.7010.447 Credit Card/ Online Fees	A.7010.442 Concessions	\$2,000
A.7010.447 Credit Card Fees	A.7010.443 Movie Rentals	\$5,000
A.7010.440 Repair to Equipment	A.7010.200 Equipment	\$6,000

A.7010.800	A.7010.400	\$10,000
City Sponsored Event	Contractual	

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

**Attachments:**

1.	Paramount BOE transfers request 2025
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**Paramount Theatre  
17 South Street  
Middletown, New York 10940**

November 10, 2025

City of Middletown  
Board of Estimate  
16 James Street  
Middletown, New York 10940

**RE: Paramount Theatre 2025**

Dear Members:

I am requesting the following transfers within the 2025 Paramount Budget.

From	Amount	To
A.7010.800 City Sponsored Events	\$10,000.00	A.7010.448 Promoters & Sponsors
A.7010.447 Credit Card Fees	\$2,000.00	A.7010.442 Concessions
A.7010.447 Credit Card/Online Fees	\$5,000.00	A.7010.443 Movie Rentals
A.7010.440 Repairs to Equipment	\$6,000.00	A.7010.200 Equipment
A.7010.800 City Sponsored Events	\$10,000.00	A.7010.400 Contractual

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director  
Economic & Community Development  
City of Middletown

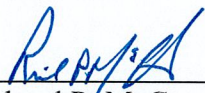


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Kleiner  
 Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 304-25

**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.**

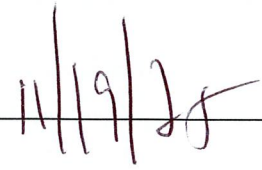
  
 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



**Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with The County of Orange for the 2025–2026 Stop-DWI High Visibility Engagement Program**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Orange has provided the City of Middletown with a proposed agreement for participation in the **2025–2026 STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Program** (formerly the Crackdown Campaign); and

**WHEREAS**, the enforcement period under this agreement runs from **November 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026**; and

**WHEREAS**, the total award to the City under this program is **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000)**; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are to be added to the City’s **STOP-DWI High Visibility grant line**

A.3126.103 for enforcement-related overtime and associated costs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the 2025–2026 STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement agreement with the County of Orange.**

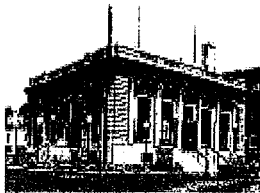
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that the award in the amount of \$4,000 shall be added to budget line A.3126.103 for the purposes outlined in said agreement.**

Prepared by:  
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

1.	2026 STOP DWI HIGH VISIBILITY
2.	C Middletown 2025.2026 High Visibility Engagement Campaign IMA

JOHN EWANCIW  
CHIEF OF POLICE



TELEPHONE  
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## CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2 JAMES STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940  
ESTABLISHED 1888

November 12, 2025

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

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members,

Attached please find the contract with the County for our 2025-2026 STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement (formerly crackdown campaign) enforcement period of November 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

The total amount of this award is \$4,000. Please be kind enough to prepare a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached agreement.

This contract must be signed in **blue ink**. Once the contract is signed, please return the original to us for forwarding to the County.

Please add this funding of \$4,000 to our newly renamed STOP DWI High Visibility grant line A.3126.103.

Thank you.  
Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw  
Chief of Police  
Enclosure  
JE: ccd



## INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

**THIS INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT** (“IMA”) is entered into as of the 6th day of November, 2025, by and between the **COUNTY OF ORANGE**, a County of the State of New York, with its principal offices at 255-275 Main Street, Goshen, New York, by and through its Department of Emergency Services (“COUNTY”), and **CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**, a City of the State of New York, with its principal offices at 2 James Street, Middletown, NY 10940, by and through its Police Department (“MUNICIPALITY”).

### ARTICLE 1. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The COUNTY, by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is the recipient of DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Grants funds from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. (“FOUNDATION”) for the purpose of administering STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaigns in the County of Orange in an effort to reduce alcohol-related traffic injuries and fatalities by increasing policing efforts during peak holiday periods. As a recipient of STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign funds, the COUNTY is responsible for dispersing such funds to those municipalities located within the bounds of County of Orange who wish to conduct additional high visibility engagement police patrol enforcement campaigns during peak holiday seasons.

It is the intention of the COUNTY, in order to carry out the goals of the STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Program, to award to the MUNICIPALITY funds in the manner set forth on Schedule A to be used solely to reimburse the MUNICIPALITY for man-hours dedicated to enforcement campaigns during the applicable high visibility engagement campaign periods as more particularly described on Schedule A. The expenditure of these funds and all activity of the MUNICIPALITY relating to such funds, shall be in full compliance with the terms and conditions of this IMA and federal, State of New York (“State”), and local laws.

### ARTICLE 2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this IMA shall commence on **November 26, 2025** and end **September 30, 2026**.

### ARTICLE 3. PROCUREMENT OF AGREEMENT

The MUNICIPALITY represents and warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained

by the MUNICIPALITY to solicit or secure this IMA upon an agreement for, or upon an understanding of, a commission, percentage, a brokerage fee, contingent fee or any other compensation. The MUNICIPALITY further represents and warrants that no payment, gift or thing of value has been made, given or promised to obtain this or any other agreement between the parties. The MUNICIPALITY makes such representations and warranties to induce the COUNTY to enter into this IMA and the COUNTY relies upon such representations and warranties in the execution hereof.

For a breach or violation of such representations or warranties, the COUNTY shall have the right to annul this IMA without liability, entitling the COUNTY to immediately recover the funds paid hereunder from the MUNICIPALITY. This remedy, if effected, shall not constitute the sole remedy afforded the COUNTY for such falsity or breach, nor shall it constitute a waiver of the COUNTY’S right to claim damages or to take any other action provided for by law or pursuant to this IMA.

### ARTICLE 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The MUNICIPALITY represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its directors, officers, members, partners or employees, have an interest, and shall not acquire an interest, directly or indirectly which would or may conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of this IMA. The MUNICIPALITY further represents and warrants that in the performance of this IMA, no person having such interest or possible interest shall be employed by it and that no elected official or other officer or employee of the COUNTY, nor any person whose salary is payable, in whole or in part, by the COUNTY, or any corporation, partnership or association in which such official, officer or employee is directly or indirectly interested shall have any such interest, direct or indirect, in this IMA or in the proceeds thereof, unless such person (1) is required by the Orange County Ethics Law, as amended from time to time, to submit a Disclosure form to the Orange County Board of Ethics, amends such Disclosure form to include his/her

interest in this IMA, or (2) submits such a Disclosure form and (a) discloses his/her interest in this IMA, or (b) seeks a formal opinion from the Orange County Ethics Board as to whether or not a conflict of interest exists.

For a breach or violation of such representations or warranties, the COUNTY shall have the right to annul this IMA without liability, entitling the COUNTY to recover the funds. This remedy, if elected, shall not constitute the sole remedy afforded the COUNTY for such falsity or breach, nor shall it constitute a waiver of the COUNTY'S right to claim damages or otherwise refuse payment to or to take any other action provided for by law in equity or, pursuant to this IMA.

## **ARTICLE 5. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**

No party shall assign any of its rights, interest, or obligations under this IMA, or enter into a sub-contract relating to the funds, without the prior written consent of the COUNTY.

## **ARTICLE 6. BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The MUNICIPALITY agrees to maintain separate and accurate books, records, documents and other evidence and accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this IMA.

The MUNICIPALITY shall, within five (5) business days written notice from the COUNTY, have all records associated with the funds awarded and the campaigns available for a physical inspection and/or audit by the COUNTY.

## **ARTICLE 7. RETENTION OF RECORDS**

The MUNICIPALITY agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relevant to this IMA for a period of six (6) years calculated from the date the last funds were paid to the MUNICIPALITY. The COUNTY, or any State and/or Federal auditors, and any other persons duly authorized by the COUNTY, shall have full access and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.

## **ARTICLE 8. AUDIT BY THE COUNTY AND OTHERS**

All invoices presented for payment to be made hereunder, and the books, records and accounts upon which said invoices are based are subject to audit by the COUNTY. The MUNICIPALITY shall submit any and

all documentation and justification in support of expenditures or fees under this IMA as may be required by the COUNTY, so that it may evaluate the reasonableness of the charges, and the MUNICIPALITY shall make its records available to the COUNTY upon request. All books, records, reports, cancelled checks and any and all similar material may be subject to periodic inspection, review and audit by the COUNTY, the State, the federal government, and/or other persons duly authorized by the COUNTY. Such audits may include examination and review of the source and application of all funds whether from the COUNTY and State, the federal government, private sources or otherwise. The MUNICIPALITY shall not be entitled to any interim or final payment under this IMA if any audit requirements and/or requests have not been satisfactorily met.

## **ARTICLE 9. INDEMNIFICATION**

The MUNICIPALITY agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officials, employees and agents, against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigation and/or settlement) arising out of any act or omission of the MUNICIPALITY, its employees, representatives, subcontractor, assignees, or agents, relating to this IMA or the funds.

## **ARTICLE 10. TERMINATION**

The COUNTY may, by written notice to the MUNICIPALITY, effective upon mailing, terminate this IMA in whole or in part at any time (i) for the COUNTY'S convenience, (ii) upon the failure of the MUNICIPALITY to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this IMA, or (iii) upon the MUNICIPALITY becoming insolvent or bankrupt.

Upon termination of this IMA, the MUNICIPALITY shall comply with any and all COUNTY closeout procedures, including, but not limited to, (i) accounting for and refunding to the COUNTY within thirty (30) days, any unexpended funds which have been paid and/or transferred to the MUNICIPALITY pursuant to this IMA; and (ii) furnishing within thirty (30) days an inventory to the COUNTY of all equipment, appurtenances and property purchased by the MUNICIPALITY through or provided under this IMA, and carrying out any COUNTY directive concerning the disposition thereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this IMA, the MUNICIPALITY shall not be relieved of liability to the COUNTY for damages sustained by the COUNTY by virtue of the MUNICIPALITY'S breach of this IMA or

failure to perform in accordance with applicable standards.

Any rights and remedies of the COUNTY provided herein shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this IMA.

**ARTICLE 11. GENERAL RELEASE**

The acceptance by the MUNICIPALITY, or its assignees, of the funds and of the terms of this IMA, shall constitute, and operate as a general release in favor of the COUNTY, from any and all claims of the MUNICIPALITY arising out of the performance of this IMA.

**ARTICLE 12. SET-OFF RIGHTS**

The COUNTY shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but are not limited to, the COUNTY’S right to withhold for the purposes of set-off any monies otherwise due to the MUNICIPALITY (i) under any other agreement or contract with the COUNTY, including any agreement or contract commencing prior to or after the term of this IMA, or (ii) from the COUNTY by operation of law.

**ARTICLE 13. GOVERNING LAW**

This IMA shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. The MUNICIPALITY shall utilize the funds in accordance with this IMA and applicable provisions of all federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

**ARTICLE 14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The rights and obligation of the parties and their respective agents, successors and assignees shall be subject to and governed by this IMA, including Schedule A and each award letter, which supersedes any other understandings or writings between or among the parties.

**ARTICLE 15. MODIFICATION**

No amendment or modification of any of the terms and/or conditions of this IMA shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by both parties. The COUNTY shall not be bound by any changes made to this IMA that is not made in compliance with the above, and which imposes on the COUNTY any financial obligation. Unless otherwise specifically provided for therein, the provisions of this IMA shall apply with full force and effect to any such amendment, modification or change order.

**ARTICLE 16. SEXUAL HARASSMENT CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to State of New York State Finance Law §139-l, by execution of this IMA, the MUNICIPALITY and the individual signing this IMA on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the MUNICIPALITY has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of Section 201-g of the State of New York Labor Law. A model policy and training has been created by the New York State Department of Labor and can be found on its website at:

<https://www.ny.gov/programs/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace>.

The COUNTY’S policy against sexual harassment and other unlawful discrimination and harassment in the workplace can be found on the COUNTY’S website at:

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/1137/Human-Resources>.

**ARTICLE 17. SIGNATURES**

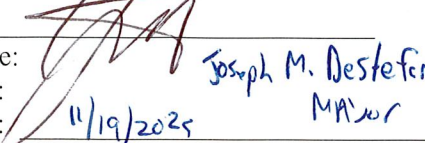
A manually signed copy of this IMA delivered by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal force and effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this IMA.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this IMA as of the date set forth above.

**COUNTY OF ORANGE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stefan M. (“Steven”) M. Neuhaus  
County Executive  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNICIPALITY**

By:   
Name: Joseph M. Destefano  
Title: MAJOR  
Date: 11/19/2025

**SCHEDULE A**  
**STOP-DWI HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN GRANT**

1. **STOP-DWI HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN GRANT.** The FOUNDATION was successful in securing funding from the New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for STOP-DWI high visibility engagement campaigns (previously known as “*Crackdown Grants*”) for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 (“HVE 25-26 Funding”). The FOUNDATION allocated FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) from the HVE 25-26 Funding to the COUNTY (“Grant”) for disbursement to those municipalities located within the COUNTY’S bounds to conduct additional high visibility engagement police patrol enforcement campaigns during peak holiday seasons as more particularly described in Section 2 of this Schedule A.
  
2. **HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGNS.**
  - a. **Campaigns.** The high visibility engagement campaign periods coincide with the State and national enforcement campaign efforts and are as follows (each a “Campaign Period” and collectively, the “Campaign Periods”):
    1. **Thanksgiving.** Thanksgiving, November 26, 2025 through and including November 30, 2025
    2. **Holiday Season (National).** Holiday Season (National), December 10, 2025 through and including January 1, 2026
    3. **Super Bowl.** Super Bowl, February 8, 2026 through and including February 9, 2026
    4. **St. Patrick’s Day.** St. Patrick’s Day, March 12, 2026 through and including March 18, 2026
    5. **420 Drug Day.** 420 Drug Day, April 20, 2026
    6. **Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.** Memorial Day Holiday Weekend, May 22, 2026 through and including May 25, 2026
    7. **June 100 Days of Summer.** June 100 Days of Summer June 4-June 7, 2026; June 11-June 14, 2026; June 18-June 21, 2026; June 25-June 28, 2026.
    8. **July Fourth.** July Fourth, July 2, 2026 through and including July 5, 2026
    9. **July 100 Days.** July 100 Days, July 9-12, 2026; July 16-July 19, 2026; July 23-July 26, 2026, July 30-August 2, 2026
    10. **August 100 Days.** August 6 - August 9, 2026; August 13–16, 2026
    11. **End of Summer/Labor Day 2025,** August 19, 2026 through and including September 7, 2026
  - b. **Encouraged Campaign Participation and Efforts.** The COUNTY encourages the MUNICIPALITY to engage in the Thanksgiving Campaign described in Section 2(a)(1) of this Schedule A and multi-jurisdictional efforts.
  
3. **MUNICIPALITY AWARD.**
  - a. **Municipality Award.** From the Grant, the MUNICIPALITY is eligible for an award not-to-exceed the sum of (\$4000) to conduct high visibility engagement police patrol enforcement campaigns for the Campaign Periods. (“Eligible Municipality Award”). MUNICIPALITY acknowledges that the Eligible Municipality Award sum is **NOT A GUARANTEED SUM**, but instead the maximum amount the MUNICIPALITY could

potentially be awarded based on the MUNICIPALITY'S performance during previous Campaigns as calculated by the COUNTY in its sole and absolute discretion based on the data submittals submitted by the MUNICIPALITY as contemplated in Section 2(b) of this Schedule A. The actual award of funds under the Grant are data driven and determined based upon the Grant criteria and the MUNICIPALITY'S data submittals to the COUNTY as contemplated in Section 2(b) of this Schedule A.

- b. **Municipality Data Submittals.** The MUNICIPALITY will submit to the COUNTY such high visibility engagement campaign activity data in the form required by the FOUNDATION and/or the COUNTY, no later than ten (10) calendar days after the end of each Campaign Period.
  - c. **Disbursement Terms.** Provided that the MUNICIPALITY has performed in accordance with the terms of this IMA and such terms, conditions, and guidelines required by the FOUNDATION, the HVE 25-26 Funding, and/or the Grant, then the COUNTY will disburse to the MUNICIPALITY such Grant funds due to the MUNICIPALITY up to the Eligible Municipality Award within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the close of the Campaign Period for which the MUNICIPALITY submitted data.
4. **NON-APPROPRIATION.** If for any reason the FOUNDATION terminates its appropriation or fails to pay the full amount of the Grant to the COUNTY, this IMA may be terminated, or the Municipality Award may be reduced at the discretion of the COUNTY. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the COUNTY beyond monies available for the purposes of this IMA.



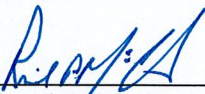
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt  
 Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 303-25

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	8			1

**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

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 Date

**Authorizing Acceptance and Appropriation of Insurance Recovery Funds For the Replacement of a Police Department Vehicle**

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2025, a City of Middletown Police Department Chevy Malibu was involved in a motor vehicle accident and was subsequently deemed a total loss; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is expected to receive an insurance recovery check in the amount of **Eleven Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$11,106.60)** for said loss;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment**, and hereby authorizes the acceptance of the insurance recovery funds in the amount of **\$11,106.60**, to be deposited into revenue line **A.2680 (Insurance Recovery)**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the **Common Council of the City of Middletown**

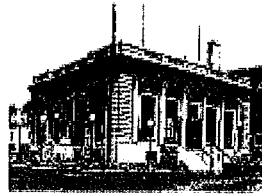
**concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment**, and that the Police Department's expense line **A.3120.201** shall be increased by the same amount, **\$11,106.60**, to allow for payment of the invoice for the replacement vehicle.

Prepared by:  
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

1.	11122025 utilize insurance check
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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

November 10, 2025

Honorable Joseph DeStefano  
Mayor-City of Middletown and  
Board of Estimate and Apportionment  
16 James Street  
Middletown, NY 10940

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members of the Board of Estimate,

I am requesting approval for the Police Department to utilize the expected insurance check in the amount of \$11,106.60 for the Chevy Malibu that was deemed an entire loss after being involved in an MVA on 9/24/2025.

We are kindly requesting this revenue be added to the Insurance Recovery Account A.2680. Additionally, we will need an increase to our A.3120.201 expense line by the same, in order to make payment on the invoice for the cost of the replacement vehicle. The balance of the cost of the vehicle will be requested in the form of a transfer.

Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw  
Chief of Police

JE:ccd



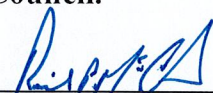
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

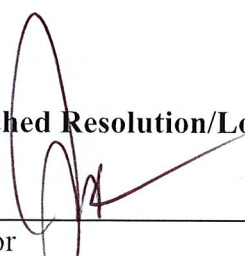
By: Alderman Tobin  
Seconded by: Alderman Witt  
Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
Index No: 302-25

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	8			1

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Richard P. McCormack  
Clerk to the Common Council

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date 11/19/25

**Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance of Stop-Dwi Enforcement Funding From the County of Orange for the Second Enforcement Period**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Middletown entered into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Orange for STOP-DWI enforcement funding, which was approved by the Common Council in March 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been notified that it has been awarded **Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000)** for the second enforcement period under said agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment**, and hereby authorizes the acceptance of the STOP-DWI enforcement funds in the amount of **\$8,000**, to be deposited into revenue line **A.3333 (STOP-DWI)**.

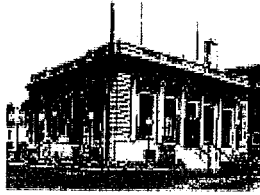
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that these funds shall be appropriated and expended from A.3141.103 through STOP-DWI overtime entries for enforcement activities.**

Prepared by:  
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

1.	STOP DWI 2nd period
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JOHN EWANCIW  
CHIEF OF POLICE



TELEPHONE  
845-343-3151  
FAX NUMBER  
845-343-2660

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2 JAMES STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940  
ESTABLISHED 1888

July 15, 2025

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

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members,

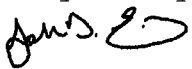
The City entered into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Orange and approved by the Common Council in March 2025, for STOP DWI funding.

We were notified that the second enforcement period funding has been awarded in the amount of \$8000, therefore I request to accept the funds to be deposited into revenue line A.3333. These funds will be expensed from A.3141.103 through Stop DWI overtime entries.

Thank you.

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Very truly yours,



John Ewanciw  
Chief of Police

JE: ccd



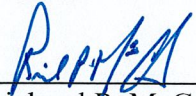
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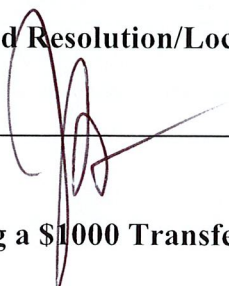
By: Alderman Jean-Francois  
 Seconded by: Alderman Tobin  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 301-25

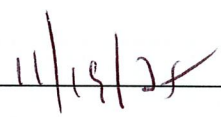
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Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green				X
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	8			1

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 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Resolution Authorizing a \$1000 Transfer in the 2025 Street Department Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$1,000, in the following manner, to cover shortage 2025 CSEA Longevity Pay for the Street Department as a result of from two employees being owed amounts different from those originally budgeted.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.8160.100 Pers. Services	A.5110.104 CSEA Longevity Pay	\$1,000

Prepared by:  
 Jacob Tawil

**Attachments:**

1.	BOE MEMO- LONGEVITY TRANSFER
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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 4, 2025

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 to CSEA Longevity Pay

We respectfully request a transfer of funds, as detailed below, to address a recently identified shortage in the 2025 CSEA Longevity Pay for the Street Department. This shortage resulted from two employees being owed amounts different from those originally budgeted.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TO</b>
A.8160.100 Pers. Services	\$1,000	A.5110.104 CSEA Longevity Pay

Thank you.

JT/kg

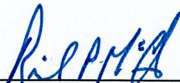


**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED


By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Witt  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 Index No: 300-25

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 Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

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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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/19/25

**Resolution Authorizing a Transfer within 2025 Budget to Cover Overage in Special Programs Personal Services**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$51,700, in the following manner, to cover the negative balance of -\$8,681.79 in A.7321.100 and the estimated costs of the November and December Special Programs Personal.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.7110.417 Parks Gas & Oil	A.7321.100 Special Programs Personal Services	\$7,000.00
A.7140.100 Playgrounds Personal Services	A.7321.100 Special Programs Personal Services	\$36,000.00

A.7180.100 Pools Personal Services	A.7321.100 Special Programs Personal Services	\$4,000.00
A.7180.103 Pools Overtime	A.7321.100 Special Programs Personal Services	\$2,000.00
A.7200.495 Camps Miscellaneous	A.7321.100 Special Programs Personal Services	\$2,700.00

Prepared by:  
Raelynn Bertholf, Supt of Recreation and Parks

**Attachments:**

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: None  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
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Ald. Masi				
Pres. Rodrigues				
Total				

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Introduction of Local Law #3 of 2025: A Local Law Increasing the Term of Office of The Director of The Office of Economic and Community Development**

Section 1. Purpose of this Enactment.

The purpose of this enactment is to increase the term of office of the Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development

Section 2. Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended by adding a second sentence thereto, to read in its entirety as follows:

Notwithstanding the first sentence of this Section, effective January 1, 2026, the term of office of the Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development shall be three (3) years.

Section 3. Severability.

If the provisions of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Prepared by:  
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1.	Local Law 3 - 2025 - Term of Director OECD
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**LOCAL LAW #\_ OF 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MIDDLETOWN AS FOLLOWS:**

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Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: None  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
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Ald. Witt				
Ald. Masi				
Pres. Rodrigues				
Total				

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Introduction of Local Law # 4 of 2025: A Local Law Increasing the Salaries of The Mayor, President of The Common Council, And All Aldermen on The Common Council**

**LOCAL LAW #\_ OF 2025**

A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, AND ALL ALDERMEN ON THE COMMON COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose of this Enactment.

The purpose of this enactment is to increase the salaries of the Mayor, President of the Common Council, and all Aldermen on the Common Council.

Section 2. Section 64 of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended by replacing the second full paragraph thereof to read in its entirety as follows:

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment may provide that the employees of the Public Works Department, the Parks Department and the Water Department be hired on a per diem or a weekly basis and said board is empowered to increase the compensation of all city employees at any time during the fiscal year with the approval of the Common Council. The annual salary of the Mayor shall be One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$125,000.00). The annual salary of the President of the Common Council shall be Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). The annual salary of each Alderman shall be Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). The aforementioned salaries for the Mayor, President of the Common Council, and all Aldermen shall take effect with the terms of office commencing January 1, 2026. Salaries and compensation of officers and employees shall be paid at such times as the Common Council shall by general ordinance determine.

Section 3. Severability.

If the provisions of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Prepared by:  
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson  
 Date of Adoption: November 18, 2025  
 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.**

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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	8			1

**I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.**

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 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

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 Date

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