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1. Pledge of Allegiance

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

2. Roll Call

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Roll Call.

Roll Call: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson,
Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: All right. At this time
I'd like to call on Alderman.

ALDERMAN GREEN: Acting President, Masi, I'd like
to make a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss a
litigation matter.

ALDERMAN: I second that motion.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Motion has been made and
seconded. We will now go into Executive Session.

(Council goes into Executive Session)

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: All right. I need a
motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion by
Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Green.

All in favor?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: All right. We went in at
7:33, came out at 7:55.

3. Approval of Minutes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Approval of minutes.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: We have the minutes from the August 1st, 2022 Common Council meeting.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: All in favor?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Opposed?

(No verbal response)

4. Correspondence, Communications and Reports

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Correspondence.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: We have a notice of a public hearing from the Town of Wallkill Zoning Board of Appeals for the Frito-Lay project and the public hearing be held on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 7:30.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Received and filed.

5. For the Good of the City

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: For the Good of the City. Anyone wants to come before us and speak? You've got four minutes.

MR. GOMEZ : Good evening, Mr. President, Mayor Stefano, Members of the Common Council. As you know, I'm Kevin Gomez, member of the Middletown School Board. As you all know, today was the first day of school and I think -- we are hopefully we're off to a great store which I believe will be a promising school year for all of our children.

And, again, on Saturday, September 10th, the

Middletown School District in conjunction or in partnership with the City of Middletown and our outstanding police department will be holding our back-to-school barbeque at Davidge Park from 1 to 4 p.m. And they'll be a lot of wonderful activity there for our children and for our community.

Our superintendent has been holding throughout the summer different meetings with members of the community, parents who wish to meet with her and discuss issues of importance. They could register by appointment. These meetings or these town halls allow members of the community to come and share what's in their minds as well as allow everybody to hear each other out. These actually were, in fact, were inspired by a forum our funding committee held back in December of 2021 where we have the chair of our state center education committee, the Honorable Shelley Mayer, Assembly Woman Gunther, and other members of our community discuss the school financing process.

So I believe we're going forward in good spirit to keep our community informed and allowed a conversation for the good of our children. Okay. And -- and for our (indiscernible) committee, we are -- we are looking at to see whether we hopefully have more state funding for public

safety.

I know that the New York State's Sheriff's Association for years called for a separate budget line to be provided, so that there will have guaranteed financial resources for safety. With that I want to credit and thank, both, the administration of Mayor DeStefano as well as Town of Wallkill supervisor George Serrano and his predecessors for our partnership when it comes to the SROs. And, hopefully, if we've able to get down the road at independent state -- independent line in the state budget, that would also help relieve some of the financial costs to our district and our municipalities have had to endure over the years.

And, finally, as you all know, our school board meetings are the first and third Thursday of the month. They're in this district website as well as the school calendar. Both may be subject to change, but they're out there for elected officials and, of course, our parents.

Everybody have a wonderful evening. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you. Anyone else? Anyone on line? Hearing none.

6. REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Remarks of the Mayor.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: You know, when you're

having a drought and drought conditions, you -- you look for something to happen that will bring the rain. And what better than to have Mr. Masi come back and bring miserable weather with him. But in this case it was welcomed.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: So --

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Was I/

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: No, but the -- the rain was welcome.

So we're still doing -- we're asking people to not conserve, but to just pay attention to your water usage. Jacob will probably give an update. I'm not sure if he has calculations for today, but I believe we were in the mid to low 80s prior to today and yesterday. But just to use common sense, I guess, and try to conserve as much water as possible. But the rain is welcome.

We want to also announce that in -- in our Parks Department John Bianchi had a 30-something-plus years has retired. John is going to stay on part time as we transition the department. We're looking at the possibility of using the -- putting the parks itself, the operation, you know, the maintenance of the parks under DPW and having the recreation aspect continue to be handled by the Recreation Department.

In essence, John has been doing that when Chris became Park Superintendent. We gave a promotion to John or added a titled because he was a union employee to, basically, operate almost as a deputy commissioner of Parks just for maintenance purposes. So we not only had an increase in -- you had overtime, but you also had the -- a siphon that we've been paying over the years, so.

In our charter now, I believe the Parks Department does come under DPW. Historically, the Recreation Department has handled it. But in conversations with Raelynn, we believe that during this maybe year or so of this transition we'll see if we can operate with shifting some of those responsibilities, field maintenance, things that traditionally DPW doesn't handle; garbage pickup in the park, all those things through the -- through the DPW office to see if it works. If not, then we have to go back to Parks with a different skill set for the person who manages that -- that certain staff. But all camps, everything else, you know, the majority of the work stays under the -- under the Rec Program.

Just a project we're looking at. And I want to thank John for his years of service and also for staying on for the next year plus as we look at the different options that we're -- we're going to have moving forward.

The -- Mr. Gomez touched on one event coming up which is the event by It Takes Village in the school district of the City of Middletown. And Fred Williams has been the coordinator on it. Fred is a member of the Middletown School Board and he's really taken this project and -- and made it something which I think will be really, really big, the -- just due to the response on social media.

Superintendent Creedon and -- and myself are -- are assisting in ways, but Fred has really taken the project and run. All of our departments will be -- are participating in some way. I know the Recreation Department will have a table at the event along with the Economic Development will have some materials there promoting some city programs. But for the most part, it is an event run by It Takes a Village and partnership with both the school district and the City.

So I want to thank our Superintendent, Amy Creedon and the Middletown School Board for their cooperation with us. And I think all of you would be welcome at the event. I believe they're going to have a program starting around 2:00, a brief program. So if you'd like to attend, that may be the time for you to attend.

Also, to say thank you to the Run for Downtown

group, Dave and Anna Madden for another successful event in downtown. I believe they had over 400 runners. The event is building back up to what it was. Before COVID we had over 600 runners, but there were well over 1,000 people downtown for the party and for the post-race event. And it was very well attended. And I believe everybody that attended was very happy. The weather was great and we were all enthusiastic about seeing all the large groups of people back in downtown.

Jacob has advised us through our chairman, myself, the Chairman Jean-Francois and Mr. Tawil met before the meeting and Jacob gave us an update on the paving. And I'm sure Jude will go into it a little bit more.

And I want to thank the DPW and the work crews for the -- their efforts. They -- they did a great job in getting the -- the streets down, especially the targeted areas for the race because some of the streets were part of the race activities, so they had to really move during that really hot period of time. And blacktopping in -- in that heat really didn't go together too well.

So thank you, Jacob, and thank the men in your department for the -- for a job well done.

Also upcoming events are on 9/13 the Wall that Heals will be coming into the Middletown area. It's going

to be at the -- over by the Mount Carmel and St. Albert's area. And if you're not familiar with it, you can go on the City website. It's at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel soccer field from the September 15th through the 18th. It's arriving on the 13th. It will be escorted from Angry Orchard that day. And more details will be posted on our website. But it is something that goes around the country. And there -- there will, again, programs offered during that period of time. So I would encourage anyone who has an opportunity to go visit the Wall the Heals during that period of the 15th through the 18th.

Also, on September 17th, Senator Skoufis is here on the Erie Way Park. We'll be hosting his community events where he brings together different not-for-profits and different organizations and to make themselves available. I guess it's also a barbeque free to the public. But the -- the idea being that bringing all these different organizations, these public service organizations together as one, he's done in other communities that he represents. And as you know, hopefully, at least from my perspective, hopefully he will be representing us in January.

As you know, Senator Martucci is not running. And since he closed his office back in March/April, Senator

Scoufis has been kind enough to open his door for -- for us here in the City of Middletown, not only on constituent referrals, but also government referrals. Where we need assistance with Albany, he's been the guy to go to along with Assemblywoman Gunther. So I need to put that on the -- one of the reasons why we're doing this event with him is because his outreach to the City and to our constituents.

Also, welcome back to school. The Chief, I hope, will probably address a little bit about school buses and public safety and to ensure that people do follow the rules especially when it comes to passing school buses. And he can go into a little bit of detail on what he plans to do with people who do that.

And, also, one last item that I had to talk about was the grant announcement through Speaker Carl Heastie and Assemblywoman Gunther. They were down to announce a million-dollar grant to, both, the City of Middletown, the Town of Wallkill, and a small portion of that to the Town of -- to the City of Middletown School District in which the superintendent talked about her program. Kevin will probably address a little bit of the program that the school will be doing with the 50,000. But the 450,000 will be going into a camera expansion project in our downtown and, the greater downtown area. And the chief may want to

speak in more detail on it.

But I want to thank Assemblywoman Gunther for her efforts and along with Speaker Heastie. It is a public safety issues, but it's also protecting the assets. We've made significant investments in and around our city and these cameras not only deter, but they also help solve crimes. But our use primarily is, you know, we've always fought perception issues in our downtown, so I'm sure it will help with that. But, more importantly, I think it will protect our assets and protect our people. Just another way of -- of keeping the city safe and keeping our residents and our visitors safe in our downtown area.

So that's all I have. If you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to address them.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Anyone, any questions for the Mayor? Thank you. Oh, I'm sorry, Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: The Frito-Lay project, did you say anything about that?

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: What's that?

ALD. TOBIN: You mentioned something about a Frito-Lay project --

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: That's in the Town of Wallkill.

ALD. TOBIN: Town of Wallkill, oh, okay.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: We're getting a -- just notice of a public hearing, correct?

RICHARD MCCORMICK, CITY CLERK: Yes.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: Yeah, I don't know what the -- I think it has something to do with lot coverage.

ALD. TOBIN: Oh, okay.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: But it's -- it's a Town of Wallkill project.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Anyone else? Thank you, Mayor.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: Thanks.

7. REMARKS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Remarks of Department Heads. Economic Development, Director Bruni, please.

MARIA BRUNI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Good evening, everyone. Just want to remind everyone that our Office of Community Development, our Small Business Loan Program and Housing Rehab Loan Program and Grant Program, please call the office if you want to learn more about it, 346-4170 or go to our website.

As you can see throughout town, there is rehab going on through our Community Development Block Grant. So if you own a home in the City of Middletown or want to open a business in the City of Middletown or expand, please call

our office.

Also, this Saturday we have the Stylistics performing at the Paramount Theatre. Tickets are going well. And, please, again, check out our website or call for tickets.

And I want to also thank the -- the crew from the summer, all the work that was done with the concert series, the fireworks, the Run for Downtown, all other events, the Farmers Market. Stephanie, Eileen, and Joseph, they were -- they're a great team to have. And they worked hard this summer. And we got more events through the fall and also with the Paramount. So I want to thank them publically for all their hard work and dedication to -- to the Department.

And that's all I have.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Any questions for Maria?
Thank you, Maria.

MARIA BRUNI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: DPW Commissioner,
Commissioner Tawil.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Good -- good evening, all. And Alderman Masi, welcome back.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: We'll start off reporting on the reservoirs. It's been a concern of ours

like the Mayor just stated because just we've been having unusually dry season. The last couple of days of rain, they are really welcome. Probably by tonight we will have about three inches over -- over the two days since it started which is -- which is very good. We will not see the results in our reservoirs until for a couple of days because it takes -- it takes a while for them -- for the rain to come down, the storm water to come down to our reservoirs and hopefully fill the top a little bit.

So at this time we're at 82 percent full. That's where are. Like the Mayor said, just remind the public, please, all the time, not only today or tomorrow and whenever it rains or even if drought or not drought, try to conserve water all the time. You know, it's a very limited resource, resources. And -- and we want to protect it and preserve it and as much as possible. So don't waste any water. If you have any leaking fix yours in your house. Please fix them. You know, that goes for me too for my household, for everybody. It's not, like, you know, just keep that in mind. These drips they add up very quickly.

We -- we go through a lot of work to try to find any even minimal leaks without our system, dig up the streets and try to fix them. And lately we've been working on water main breaks. And when you have water main breaks

and break and we have an old system sometimes. It's very hard to isolate it. And people, they, you know, complain how come nobody told us there's water main break. How come, you know, you're interrupting our water which is we understand that and we feel the pain. But it makes you appreciate when -- when there's no water, so please conserve and preserve our natural resources especially the drinking water. And subscribe to Nixel. It's on our website. The Mayor talks about it all the time. The police chief talks about it all the time. It takes less than a minute to subscribe. And then any event that happens, you will get a -- you'll -- you'll get a message. Mostly likely, you know, good events, but also an emergency water main breaks, water interruption, traffic detours or something like that. Most likely we will send out a Nixel right away. So please take a minute in there, go to the website, subscribe for it, it's worth it. You'll be prepared, you'll know what's going on.

Another thing I just want to touch, the -- the sanitation and then the Mayor and I will make a presentation before the -- before the -- before the DPW Committee and then eventually before the Council.

The mechanical arm trucks, first of all, I want to thank you all on behalf of the Mayor and myself. Thank

you all for the support for getting those new trucks for us with the robotic arm. It's been a great success for us. We've been finishing the routes much faster than before.

And -- and it's really -- and the recycling, blue cans that we've been giving out to people, it's been promoting and encouraging recycling. However, we just want to touch on something in here. Please read very carefully the literature that tells you exactly what to recycle. The recycling that we are collecting it's called dirty recyclables because there is no market for them because our citizens, our residents, for good reason, I'm sure they are good motivation, they're trying to recycle as much as possible. So if they don't know, if it's doubtful, they put it in the recycling can. That will end up really hurting us. And we'll end up paying more money to go through the recyclables that are not clean.

So once we're going to have the Mayor and myself we're going to be doing a major push to educate the public about what is recyclables and what is not, what's acceptable and what is not. And we urge you to please stay with it and give us only what is approved for recycling otherwise we'll end up losing money.

And the people who are collecting it sometimes we don't know what they do with it. We're -- we're not sure

just sorting it out is going to be worthwhile for them. So we don't know what happens to it.

But, anyway, make -- make a long story short, we're going to be doing this campaign very soon. And please pay attention to the literature that we sent to you guys through the water bill and through Nixel and through our website and just stick to what is acceptable as recyclables and maybe rinse the can and so on and so forth. We'll get into that in greater detail.

But make a long story short, that's the message I want to send to you guys tonight is recycles. Stick to the literature that we already have on our website, but we're already going to be -- we are going to give you more literature about it and more education, so that we can -- we can, basically, generate some revenue out of it rather than losing funding and paying money for it.

Another subject is the annual paving program like the Mayor said. And I -- I want to thank him for complimenting the men. He always does. And he feels what they go through. And it's very much appreciated from all the men when they hear you guys giving them their -- your support and knowing that you recognize the effort and the pain that they go through to get the job accomplished. And that goes for our subcontractors too who did the paving.

So with that being said, we have concluded our paving program. It was budgeting at \$2.5 million in there. You may notice that we have done some handicap ADA ramps at all the places that we milled and paved. And so it's about \$2.5 million. None of it came from our budget. It came from help from the State and for that we appreciate the State and what they done to us. So another \$2.5 million it wasn't part of our operating budget or capital budget, it's given to us. And we used it and we'll continue to use it in the future as well to pave and improve our City.

Curbs and sidewalks project and the intersection, as you can see them, they're moving along very well. The water line project in there, the paving, I know, I did say in the middle of the month roughly, give or take, we're going to be paving Monhagen Avenue. Now it's going to be between middle of the month and the end of this month to mill and pave the Council President calls it Rodeo.

ALDERMAN: I'm sure he'll be excited.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Yeah. So we're going to be -- we're going to be milling and paving that rodeo very, very -- between the 15th and the end of the month.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you, Commission.

Any questions for him? Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Getting back to the recycling, I was at the center on Monhagen. I see you reorganized that. What -- what is your goal with the way you put those bins there? Is that part of what you're trying to do?

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Yeah. That's -- that's another thing. We've done that already. Before we used to, you know, a lot of people to come and dump their recyclables there in an open -- open container --

ALD. JOHNSON: Correct.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: -- and open concrete container, open concrete bin. And then we had to go in there and scoop it, put it on dump truck and then take it to the County. So now what we've done is we installed dumpsters in there. And the dumpsters there are suitable for our trucks or packers to come pick them up, dump them into the packer which is the garbage truck then compress them. So instead of just taking one truck load of loose recyclables, now we have compressed -- compressed recyclables in there which is one trip instead of going three, four times. We go one time with the packer because it's all compressed recyclable material. So that's the change that you have noticed.

ALD. JOHNSON: Great. It looks like. We saw it (indiscernible).

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Yes, yes. It's much cleaner, but also it's much more economical for us to do.

ALD. JOHNSON: Nice upgrade. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Anyone else? Thank you, Commissioner.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Police Chief, Chief Ewanciw.

JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF: Good evening.

Just a few things this evening. First I'd like to just notify the Council and members of the public that we have a new addition that just joined our department today. It's a member of Independent Living. They provide us an outreach coordinator on a full-time basis, trial basis -- hopefully, it's going to go for some time -- that is going to work with us in the field and in the office doing some follow up and outreach for mental health. It seems like a very energetic young lady. Today was her first day with us. She's becoming familiar with Middletown, familiar with policing, so we look forward to her partnership and the partnership at Independent Living. It's very similar to the partnership that we had with Fearless which is the domestic violence coordinator as well

where they do some follow up and continued follow up with people that need those services.

In regards to opening of school, it's an exciting day for many, nervous for some others, hectic for many. Just like many first days of school, traffic becomes an issue for us. You know, everybody, you know, wants to get there, get their children there safely. We had quite a traffic scene this morning, however, the people that were out there for us said that it moved smoothly, it just took a little bit. And they did get it cleared up very quickly.

What I ask of the residence is to please follow the direction of the police officers and the school personnel that are out there. They have guides and they -- they're trying to guide people in a correct way to keep everyone safe.

With that, also while residents are driving, please be observant of the children. A lot of children walk to school. They cross the roads. We do have crossing guards, but please be observant. Take a few moments, slow down, pay attention to the kids, the buses.

As the Mayor mentioned, the enforcement of bus -- people passing the buses, there's actually a resolution before the Council this evening in regards to some money for the Governor's Traffic Safety Grant that has a

component for enforcement of housing school buses. So if that is passed and we receive the money, we'll be able to do some specific enforcement based on those funds.

In regards to -- actually, just going back to school, I'd like to wish on behalf of the Middletown Police Department all the students a safe and happy year. I hope they -- they do very well. We're here for them. The SROs are in the school. We've met with the school personnel, the safety directors and anything that we can do on our end we are here to support and help with that.

The camera project that the Mayor had mentioned, that is a project that myself and Maria have been meeting with a vendor and their engineer the last month-and-a-half, two months or so. I think it's a very robust project. I'm very excited to work with this vendor, very, like, forward thinking. He's not just building for what we're looking at today, he's building for the future in his proposal when he gets to us.

As the Mayor said, like the perception, we here that time and time again about perception. But I think what we're looking to implement here is going to cover a majority of the parking lots in the downtown, the walkways, the parks in the downtown. It gives us another layer of security and protection. In today's environment, sometimes

people are reluctant to be witnessed to something or to notify that they saw something or cooperate with an investigation. Now, with this additional video, it's going to help us prosecute cases and move cases forward.

So we look forward to that. I think it's going to be start of the art system. As I mentioned, the vendor, very forward thinking giving us some ideas that we didn't think about the past and just better coverage and future expansion. So we definitely look forward to that. And I think it's a great investment for the community as a whole and it brings so much more security and safety to -- to the downtown area.

I have nothing else, unless you have questions.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Any questions for the Chief? Chief, thank you very much.

JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF: Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Superintendent of Recreation, Ms. Bertholf.

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION:

Good evening, everyone. First off, congratulations to John Bianchi who recently retired. We will definitely still be seeing him around a lot. He's retired, but still with us and helping us for another year possibly more. So we're very appreciative of John and all

his years of service and everything that he's done for us.

Our maintenance department, pools are covered and closed. This weekend, depending on how much rain, we are getting in the conditions of the field. Little League fall ball is starting, so, I mean, his guys are going to start getting the fields ready and prepped again for the Little League for their fall season. Our field prep for all of our fall programming, they're also preparing. And with the rain becomes lots of mowing that they're going to be catching up on that they didn't have to do all summer. So it will be playing catch up for the next week after this rain stops.

And, eventually, Thursday, Friday, early next week, they're going to be trimming back the trees surrounding the dog park. It's done twice a year. A lot of them start to just grow and overhang into the dog parks. They're going to be trimming around the perimeter to clear that up also.

For the Rec, our pools are closed. Thank you to all of our lifeguards. Nicole had a wonderful staff over. Danielle Macaveney (phonetic) who was a saint this summer who helped us out. She got us the lifeguards. She ran the class that was -- we were able to open both pools. As you know, a lot of towns and private pools they weren't able to

open because of the lifeguard shortage. But us running the class was night and day. Those brand new guards did amazing. If any of you went to the pools, they were on it.

We had great managers, great supervisors. And, again, special thank you to Danielle who did a lot of our in-house services to our lifeguards. It was very helpful. Pretty -- we had -- it's just in the way that we handle our events at the pools that it may a difference this summer with having Danielle there and all of her years of knowledge with the pool and helping us out. So thank you to her.

Fall programming, registration is up on website. We have adult tennis clinics, cheerleading clinics, soccer clinics, breakdancing, rising all-stars basketball, crochet clinic, and a lacrosse clinic. Those are all paid programming.

Our free programming that we have for our community which is partially funded by the Orange County Youth Bureau. We have teen boxing, teen basketball open gym, youth open gym, youth basketball open gym, and youth fitness classes. And those are all the free programming that we have for our community.

We -- we are going to start up our bussing again in two weeks. So we're switching it to Thursday nights.

Contessa is working with Mid-City to get the pricing. And, again, thank you guys for voting that in and seeing that through to get the kids who don't have the transportation and opportunity to go at least once a week to our facility to use our -- to utilize our programs.

Our Facebook and our Instagram, we're going to be announcing soon our Halloween festivities that we have planned for Saturday, October 15th. Nicki wanted me to say it's going to be a spooktacular time.

The Mayor's Youth Council is also starting up this month. We have two more -- two more -- the reading and the crafts at the Farmers Market in September and October where you can catch Ms. Sharon and get a story and the kids can do a craft.

We're also going to be attending a unity fair with the YMCA. We're going to have a table there.

Also this weekend, with the back-to-school event, we're also going to have a table there and be a very vital part in this Saturday's events.

And, last, before you there's two donations. We'd like to thank the Orange Runners Club for making a donation to us. And also United Way who helps -- their donation helped offset the cost of the Cops and Kids Field Day. So thank you to those two organizations.

Any questions?

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Any questions?

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION:

Nope.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you,
Superintendent. Appreciate it.

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION:

Thank you.

City Assessor, Ms. Feely, please.

MARIANNE FEELY, CITY ASSESSOR: Good evening,
everyone. I don't have anything to report tonight.

Does anyone have any questions for me?

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Does anyone have any
questions?

MARIANNE FEELY, CITY ASSESSOR: Okay. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

City Clerk, Mr. McCormack.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Good evening,
everybody. Just as a reminder to the community, hunting
season is upon us and the City Clerk's Office is available
to purchase hunting and fishing licenses. We're open from
8:30 to 4:15 for all your hunting needs.

And on that -- on that light, on the resolutions
tonight, there is a resolution being put forward with a

company named Permitium that will allow us to securely and safely accept vital record applications online. And you'll be able to pay for them online as well. We'll still have to mail you the official copies in the mail, but this will dramatically decrease the amount of time that it takes us to turn those types of products around for our community so.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Any questions? Thank you.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND GRIEVANCES:

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Public Hearings and Grievances.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: We have a public hearing tonight on Local Law #6 of 2022. Notice is hereby given that the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 on or as near to 7:30 p.m. as possible, Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 16 James Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard on the recently passed Local Law #6 of 2022 regarding a law updating the Commissioner of Assessment Charter Provisions. Full text of the Local Law is available in the Common Council Clerk's Office, 16 James Street, here at City Hall and on the City website.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Public hearing is open.

Anyone from the public have any comments, questions?

Anyone from the Council? Anyone online?

Okay. A motion by Alderman Witt and seconded by Alderman Tobin to close the public hearing. All in favor?

ALDERMAN: Aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

9. Petitions and Complaints

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Nothing this evening.

10. Remarks of the Alderman.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Remarks of the Alderman.
Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Thank you very much.

Just to first follow up on what the Mayor was talking about and in terms of that million-dollar grant. The school district is receiving \$50,000. And that money is going to go towards operating an office space on North Street to do community outreach. Superintendent Creedon has been very proactive in terms of reaching out to the community. This is an opportunity for people to have a space where they don't have to necessarily come into the buildings. It's in the center of town and it's going to be near -- I don't have the exact number off the top of my head, but it's going to be near the Orchard and North

Street intersection toward the square. So look for that to -- to begin soon I would imagine.

The second thing is we're going to have our First Ward Constituent meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 here in these chambers, 6 to 7. So if you do decide to come, we -- we'd love to see you. And please enter, if you can, through the side door which would be the first federal parking lot. That's probably the best spot and gives you the most room.

And the last thing would be just because I do know our audience here, the Middletown/Port Jervis football game will be held on Friday, September 16th at Middletown at 7:00 at the stadium. We have the bell. We'd like to keep it. And I can just tell folks that, excuse me, at this time there are no restrictions in place, masks or anything like that, no attendance restrictions. So it would be great to get 4 or 5,000 people there.

So that's all I have. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Thank you very much.

First off, congratulations to John Bianchi. Thanks for sticking on for a little while, but someone will be missed seeing around.

Run for Downtown was awesome. Thank you, Mayor, for touching on that. It was a great day. The weather definitely held out for a while. We got a little sprinkle, but it felt good after four miles.

Alderman Kleiner and I will have our constituents meeting here Monday, the 12th at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

And then just congratulations on the first successful day of school for everyone in Middletown. I know some other districts were back earlier, but, you know, traffic headaches will alleviate over time, I'm sure, and things will get back to smooth sailing. But, you know, congratulations to all the kids and hope you have a great year. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you Acting President Masi.

I will repeat what Alderman Witt said about the Erie Bell game against Port Jervis on September 16th at 7 p.m. We are having our class of 1962 60th reunion the following day and we hope to have some members from that 1962 Middletown football team at the game and out on the field before kickoff. That was the last undefeated Middletown football team, 1962. And it's the only undefeated team in the last 100 plus years. So I -- I

think -- I hope it will be a good night. And I want to, you know, thank them and congratulate that -- members of that team who are still around and hopefully some will show up.

Also on the 17th and I know these things because that's the day our reunion is the Town of Wallkill is having their 250th celebration. And they're having a parade at 10 a.m. and it's going to go from Orange Bank and Trust over to Galleria. And then all afternoon they'll be in the Galleria parking lot with different events and celebrations.

The Wall That Heals, if you don't know, that's a three-quarter model of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. It was very controversial at the time. It has come to be one of our most, certainly, cherished monuments. And if you are planning on seeing it, it will be there from the 15th through the 18th. But on Sunday the 18th, it closes at 2 p.m. So if you're going to plan on going on Sunday, you need to get there before 2, otherwise, it's open day and night from the 15th on.

Also on the Town of Wallkill on their website, they have been recommending, not -- not enforcing, but recommending water restrictions. So they -- their website has a pretty good list of ways to save water. And don't

let the three inches of rain fool you. We've had a heck of a drought this summer, so we -- we need quite a bit more. And as the Mayor says, it's -- it's -- and Commissioner says, it's a good idea to conserve water anyway.

It's -- I want to also thank John Bianchi and wish him good luck in his retirement. You can see he's not getting out of here for another year, but he is retired.

Thank Dave Maddon, the Run for Downtown. It was quite a nice turnout, mostly runners this year. And hopefully as we get back in the swing, they'll be more people to just join in the festivities.

And, lastly, I -- I just want to recognize the passing of Celeste Van Fleet. Celeste was 98 years old, soon to be 99 and had been living the last couple of years in a home in California. But she and her husband Robert were just major forces in Middletown. Robert was a journalist. He was early, early on fighting Aids and speaking out about the need to fight it.

I believe he at one time was Common Council Clerk. He was just very involved in the City. And Celeste I think outdid him in her activism in -- in her sports and everything that she got started in Middletown. Of course we all know her at the Heritage Trail advocate from the beginning and the Shade Tree person who would come in here

and tell us if we didn't know what was going on and what needed to be done.

So I just want to recognize her passing, send our condolences out to her family. But her many, many friends in Middletown, we will definitely miss Celeste. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

Alderwoman Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: I'm just going to be brief. As the first day of school today, I think we all know everything runs a little long, everything is a little hectic. It's, from the most part, besides, you know, the - the rain, the dismissal, and the usual the buses and getting used to our routine, I think we had a great day. The kids were great. Everything really went smoothly at school.

As for parents, I think we've -- you've been here more than 25 minutes, you understand how our first two weeks look. We have a momentous task with getting as many students as we have home where they belong, with whom they belong, and I think we do a great job. So a little grace, a little kindness for staff, everyone is doing their best.

That's all I have.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Thank you. I was sorry to hear about Celeste. I mean, I worked a lot with Robert Van Fleet back in the tumultuous school board days which we don't have anymore. And that's the ending of an era for sure.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Alderman Johnson, can I interrupt you just a second. I know because I watch these meetings and I know a number of people have mentioned to me, you are so far back from the mic that, unfortunately, they really don't get to hear what you're saying.

ALD. JOHNSON: I thought that was an attribute, but I guess not.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: No, that's -- that's the truth. And I do watch them and it's difficult to understand. Of course I'm hard of hearing anyway, but --

ALD. JOHNSON: Duly noted.

So as far as Bianchi, let's just say Bianchi rocks and move along.

If you followed what's happening in Jackson, Mississippi, this is a DPW comment so. Since I've been here you paid a lot of attention talking to the Commissioner of Public Works keeping the water treatment plant in shape, upgrading it, doing all the infrastructure. And when I listen to what's happening

in Jackson, Mississippi, which apparently, according to the media, is a major example of mismanagement, of not keeping up infrastructure, of now having a water treatment plant that doesn't treat water, of having 150,000 people with no (indiscernible) water and some of them with no water it's just a pause for me to reflect on how fortunate we are with the way you keep everything up in Middletown. And when you look at Jackson, Mississippi you realize it should not be taken for granted. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Thank you.

The Mayor mentioned and the Commissioner, our street department, these guys work hard all summer. It's been very hot. I'm pretty sure they contribute to a lot of the water drought that it had by drinking so much water because once that heat upon you, no matter how much water you drink, I mean, it doesn't really -- it's just hit on you. You know, our grass, I only cut my grass twice this year. And that's -- that's, you know, that's the kind of heat we'd be having this year. For these guys to work so hard, you know, from the bottom of heart, I really thankful for all the hard work that they put in. You know, this department really rock.

John Bianchi, we've been friends for a good amount of time. And, John, I couldn't think anyone else that could do the job that John does. He's definitely -- if you're listening, John, you're definitely going to be missed. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Yeah, just ditto what everybody else said. You know, I totally agree driving with caution. I drive to work the same time all the kids are out and, you know, it could be the person you're behind is a senior driving to school for the first time or the bus driver it's learning the route, you know, so we just need some patience out there. And if you really need to get to work early, leave a little earlier because sometimes it's hard to see when it's raining and our kids are out crossing the streets and getting to their school buses.

I'd like to thank John Bianchi for his years of service. You know, he'll be missed.

And to mention member -- just Kevin Gomez is on the Fair Funding Committee. I was part of that years ago when we had a big coalition between the school boards, the administrators, and teachers countywide. But it kind of -- after the -- I guess we got the foundation, it seemed to

fall apart. I mean, I'm glad to see that Middletown is still doing it. But I'd like to see maybe the county-wide effort pulled back up again to push for funding for the region.

That's all I have.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Thank you.

11. Unfinished Business.

(Nothing this evening)

12. New Business.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: New Business.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Good evening.

We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin to accept a \$14,400 Grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: A resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, excuse me, Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Witt. Any comments or questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing a \$3,000 budget transfer for the purchase of chlorine.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Green.

Comments or questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green accepting a \$477.50 donation from the United Way of Dutchess Orange Region for Cops and Kids Field Day.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green and seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any comments or questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner accepting a \$500 donation from the Orange County Runners Club.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Comments, questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing a \$3,000 budget transfer for the purchase of chlorine.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: We have a resolution

sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Green.

Comments or questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoon, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Ramkissoon authorizing a \$106,473.50 budget transfer for parking lot paving.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: We have a resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Ramkissoon, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Comments, questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoon, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing a \$10,000 budget transfer for overtime at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Tobin. Comments, questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoon, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Motion carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois approving a \$29,000 letter of credit from Highrose Ridge.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: We have a resolution

sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Witt. Comments, questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing a \$5,000 budget transfer from the Alderman salary.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Green. Comments, questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Green, Witt, Masi.

Abstain: Kleiner.

Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing an agreement with Permitium to provide an online application for vital records request.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Ramkissoo. Comments, questions? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution

sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing a grant application with Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Comments? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoon, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green confirming the Mayor's appointment of Rose Tumminia as Deputy City Treasurer.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green seconded by Alderman Johnson. Comments? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoon, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner authorizing a \$10,000 budget transfer for title searches.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner seconded by Alderman Tobin. Comments? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoon, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: A Resolution

sponsored by Alderwoman Ramkissoo authorizing a contract amendment for Jacob Tawil.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Ramkissoo seconded by Alderman Johnson. Comments? Really. Roll.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Let me think about it. No, I'm just kidding.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois to close Phillips Street from Number 210-224 on Saturday, September 17th from 3 to 10 for a block party.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Witt. Comments? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson approving a settlement agreement in the case of Pennymac Loan Services.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Green. Comments? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin declaring a SEQRA Lead -- SEQRA Notice Lead Agency designation and determination of significance for Raw Water Replacement, Phase I, Kinch Pond to Shawangunk Reservoir.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Comments? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing an amendment to the City Code to place a handicap parking spot on Houston Avenue.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois seconded by Alderman Tobin. Comments? Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Ramkissoo, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

13. Local Laws

(None this evening)

14. Audit of Claims and Accounts

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I move the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted, and the City Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Seconded by Alderman Witt. Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi. Carries.

15. Adjournment

ACTING PRESIDENT MASI: Motion to adjourn.
Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Green. All in favor.

ALDERMANS: Aye.

(PROCEEDING CONCLUDED)

CERTIFICATE

I, LISA KANE, certify the foregoing transcript of proceedings of the September 6, 2022 Middletown City Council meeting was prepared using the required electronic equipment and is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

Sec'd by Ald. Witt

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 196-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	8			1

**Resolution to accept a \$14,400 Grant from the New York State
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment accepts a \$14,400 grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the use in the "Police Traffic Services" program effective October 1, 2022.

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes an increase, for the same amount, in the Traffic Services budget line A.3124.103.

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 attached contract.

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

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 197-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	8			1

Resolution authorizing a \$3000 budget transfer for the purchase of Chlorine

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$3000 in the following manner to cover the rising costs of chlorine for the City's pools.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.7180.440	\$3,000	A.7180.450
Swimming Pools – Repairs to Equipment		Swimming Pools – Material & Supplies

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 198-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

**Resolution accepting a \$477.50 donation from United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region for
Cops and Kids Field Day**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a \$477.50 donation from the United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region for the July 16, 2022 Cops & Kids Field Day Event in Collaboration with Middletown Cares Coalition.

FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to deposit the donation into revenue budget line A.2705.00 Gifts & Donations and increase budget line A.7321.450 Special Programs Materials & Supplies.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 199-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

Resolution accepting a \$500 donation from the Orange County Runners Club

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a \$500 donation from the Orange County Runners Club.

FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to deposit the donation into revenue budget line A.2705.00 Gifts & Donations.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoon

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 200-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

Resolution authorizing a \$106,473.50 budget transfer for Parking Lot Paving

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$106,473.50 in the following manner to cover the costs of paving the following City owned parking lots: City Hall (\$25,855.00), Senior Center (\$60,754.80) and Recreation Center/ Police Academy (\$19,863.70).

FROM

A.1620.453

Paving & Drainage

AMOUNT

\$4,000

TO

A.5110.453

Paving & Drainage

H.0751.453

Paving of City Streets - ARPA

\$97,473.50

A.5110.453

Paving & Drainage

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 201-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	8			1

**Resolution authorizing a \$10,000 budget transfer Overtime at the
Waste Water Treatment Plant**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000 in the following manner to cover overtime at the Waste Water Treatment Plant due to shift coverage.

FROM

G.8120.100

Pers. Svcs. – Storm & Sanitary Sewer

AMOUNT

\$10,000.00

TO

G.8130.103

Overtime – WWTP

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Witt

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 202-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	8			1

Resolution approving a \$29,000 letter of credit from Highrose Ridge

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and approves a letter of credit that was issued for the project Highrose Ridge, in the name of the applicant HBR Homes LLC, for the amount of \$29,000. This letter of credit will replace the since expired letters of credit, OD20002675 and OD20002676 in the total amount of \$309,000 as the entire project is substantially completed.

This letter of credit is valid and will expire on February 20, 2023.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 203-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner			X	
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	7		1	1

Resolution authorizing a \$5000 budget transfer for Alderman's Salary

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$5000 in the following manner to cover an Alderman's Salary through the end of FY 2022

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
General Fund Balance	\$5,000	A.1010.100
		PERSONAL SERVICES

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Ramkissoon

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 204-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

**Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Permitium To Provide An Online Application
For Vital Records Requests**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes an agreement with Permitium to provide an online application for Vital Records Requests. There is no cost to the City.

Permitium will provide the residents with a secure, online application platform to request Birth, Death and marriage certificates. Customers will be able to request and pay for certificates online.

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 attached contract.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 205-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

**Resolution authorizing an a Grant Application with
Dormitory Authority of the State of New York**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Middletown Fire Department to complete a grant application for \$75,000 to fund the cost of a burn simulator building.

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 attached contract.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 206-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

**Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of
Rosa Tumminia as Deputy City Treasurer**

RESOLVED the at Common Council of the City of Middletown confirm the Mayor's appointment of Rosa Tumminia as Deputy City Treasurer to a five year term, beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2027.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 207-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

Resolution authorizing a \$10,000 budget transfer for Title Searches

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000 in the following manner in order to pay for the title searches related to 2022 bulk lien sale and tax sale.

From	Amount	To
A.1420.488	\$10,000	A.1362.900
Corporation Counsel Grievance		General Expense

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoon

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 208-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

Resolution authorizing a contract amendment for Jacob Tawil

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes that Section 5, Amendment # 1 of Mr. Tawil's contract be extended for 2021 and 2022.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Witt

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 209-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	8			1

**Resolution To Close Phillips Street from 210-224 On
Saturday, September 17, 2022 From 3:00PM To 10:00PM For A Block Party**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown approves and authorizes the closing of Phillips Street from #210 to #224 On Saturday, September 17, 2022 From 3:00PM To 10:00PM For A Block Party.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 210-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	8			1

**Resolution approving a Settlement Agreement in the case of Pennymac Loan Services, LLC
v. Common Council of the City of Middletown, et al, Orange County Index # EF000170-
2021**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment approves a settlement agreement in the case of Pennymac Loan Services, LLC v. Common Council of the City of Middletown, et al, Orange County Index # EF000170-2021

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor, the Common Council President, the Treasurer and the former Treasurer to sign said agreement.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 211-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

**SEQRA NOTICE LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
FOR RAW WATER REPLACEMENT – PHASE 1 – KINCH POND TO SHAWANGUNK
RESERVOIR**

Whereas, the City of Middletown has proposed the replacement of an existing 24" raw water line from Kinch Pond to Shawangunk Reservoir with a new 36" or 42" water transmission line running parallel to the existing line (Proposed Action) in conjunction with an August 2022 Engineering Report prepared by the consulting firm CPL (formerly Clark Patterson Lee) of Poughkeepsie, New York; and

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA), the project is determined to be a Type 1 Action which is subject to a coordinated review; and

Whereas, the intent of Common Council to act as Lead Agency has been circulated to all Involved Agencies; and

Whereas, no Involved Agencies challenged the intent of the Common Council to act as Lead Agency.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the proposed action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.

Be It Further Resolved that based upon examination of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), its own independent analysis of the Proposed Action, and comparison with the criteria for determining significance under 6 NYCRR 617.7, the Common Council finds that the Proposed Action will not have a significant environmental impact and hereby issues a Negative Declaration; and

Be it Further Resolved that this determination is based on the facts and conclusions as noted in the attached EAF.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 09.06.22

Index No: 212-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

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

**A Resolution Authorizing an amendment to the City Code to place a
Handicapped Parking Spot on Houston Avenue**

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes to amend the City Code Chapter 460, Vehicle and Traffic, Section 460-28 No-parking zone; handicap permit only to add the following:

- (F) One spot on the southern side of Houston Avenue, approximately 40 feet from the intersection of East Avenue beginning at the No Parking from here to corner sign.