



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

Roll Call

Present: Mayor DeStefano, Alderman Masi

Absent: Council President Rodrigues

Approval of Minutes

Accept the Minutes of 1/29/2026

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

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

New Business

Authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement with OU BOCES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement. OU BOCES will utilize our faculty to conduct ESL classes. The classes do not interfere in our day-to-day operations.

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

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Police Department request to authorize a fund balance transfer for the purchase of a new van/bus

Requesting that the City of Middletown Common Council approve a fund balance transfer from the 2026 Police budget line to cover the cost to purchase a 2016 Chevy Ex Van/Bus to be used for police events. This purchase was previously approved on resolution 311-25, but the vehicle ended up not being available until the end of January 2026. This purchase will be less than originally requested.

<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>To</i>
<i>General Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$7,800</i>	<i>A.3120.201 Vehicles (2026)</i>

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

Authorization to update Investment Policy

Requesting approval to update the City's Investment Policy to reflect the following:

In addition to the above forms of security, the City may, pursuant to GML §10(2)(a)(ii), utilize an authorized reciprocal deposit placement program in which the City's designated depository bank or trust company arranges for the redeposit of City funds into one or more FDIC-insured banking institutions in amounts under the FDIC insurance limit, provided that: (1) any City funds held at the depository bank in excess of FDIC coverage prior to redeposit are secured in accordance with GML §10; (2) the full amount of the redeposited funds, including interest, is covered by FDIC insurance; and (3) at the time of redeposit, the depository bank receives reciprocal deposits at least equal to the amount of City funds redeposited. These provisions apply equally to special time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit.

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

Request to retire K9 Storm and allow Sergeant McInerney to purchase him from the City

I am requesting permission to retire K9 Storm from our department due to physical limitations restricting him from performing his duties to the best of his abilities.

Through the years K9 Storm has built a special bond with Sergeant McInerney and his family, therefore he requested that K9 Storm continue to live with him and his family through the remainder of his life.

Upon approval from the Council, I have attached an agreement between the City of Middletown and Sergeant McInerney to be signed by Mayor DeStefano. Additionally, payment is enclosed

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

Request to amend OCYB funding amount from resolution #35-26

Items in bold need correction from Resolution #35-26

*The City of Middletown Police Department has been approved for \$**35,579** in funding from the Orange County Youth Bureau for 2026.*

The purpose of these grants is to serve the youth of Middletown.

Specifically, the Junior Police Academy, Youth Outreach, and the Youth Leadership Academy.

Kindly prepare a resolution allowing us to accept this funding and to sign the OCYB contracts. A copy of these awards are attached for your review.

*Youth Leadership Academy \$15,000 expense line A.3148.900
Junior Police Academy \$10,579 expense line A.3148.931
Youth Community Outreach \$10,000 expense line A.3148.932*

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

Authorization to approve the CPL for the Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station

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

Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfer In The Amount Of \$56,000 For Snow Blower Spare Parts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

*Date: February 11, 2026
To: Honorable Members of the Board of Estimate And Apportionment
Cc: Leonora Liz-Treasurer
Richard McCormack- City Clerk
From: Jacob Tawil-Commissioner of Public Works
Re: Transfer of Funds-SnoGo Repairs/Equipment*

We respectfully bring the matter of our snow blowers' conditions and needs to your attention in preparation for the request for a new snow blower purchase.

Our snow blowers were put to the test during the latest 20" snow storm of Sunday January 25, 2026. As of yesterday, our snow blower has been working for 8 hours per day during subfreezing weather conditions with temperatures dropping below zero, except for one Saturday night and during mechanical breakdowns.

Our latest snow blower 1996, only one functioning, broke down several times and private mechanics had to weld and fabricate some pieces that were needed to get it operational.

Similar commercial snow blowers were not available for rent or purchase since this storm. We were advised by one vendor that DOT bought the 5 blowers that they had.

One vendor from Wisconsin had one that required some bracket fabrication to attached to one of our front loaders and would take over a week to deliver at machine cost being \$235,000.

Our latest 1997 blower parts take 120 days to deliver. We have ordered about \$10,000 worth but need an additional \$56,000 in parts to be on hand for next season, should we need it.

We are listing below the three (3) snow blowers that we own:

- A 1946 SnoGo that due to the year no parts are available. DPW plans to keep this strictly as memorabilia*
- A1962 SnoGo that due to age no parts are available. DPW plans to put this up for auction*
- A 1996 SnoGo that quote is attached for parts to repair at \$65,911.44*

We respectfully request the funds transferred to have the 1996 snow blower spare parts ordered to be ready for next winter as stated below:

<i>FROM</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>TO</i>
<i>1. General Fund</i>	<i>\$56,000</i>	<i>A.5142.440</i>
		<i>Repairs to Equipment</i>

We will complete our evaluation for snow blowers and will request the purchase of a new one subject to your consideration and approval.

Thank you.

JT/kg

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

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Water/Sewer/Lawn Maintenance Adjustment

Adjournment

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

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Alderman Masi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None