



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
February 17, 2026 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. Kevin Gomez
Ald. Alex Rodriguez
Ald. Kevin Witt
Ald. Kate Wray
Ald. Joseph Masi

ALSO PRESENT:
Richard McCormack, City Clerk
Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

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

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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 Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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
Rodriguez?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Quorum is
present.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Approval of minutes?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: January 20,
2026 please?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: So move.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Witt. All in
favor?

GROUP: Aye.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Correspondence.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Nothing this
evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: For the
good of the city?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: We have one
speaker this evening, Mila Wu.

MILA WU: Good evening, President
Rodrigues, and good evening, Mayor, and good

evening the rest of the board. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share with you the wonderful news that we're going to celebrate the Chinese New Year in Middletown High School, and that will February -- Saturday, February 28th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For some of you who remember, we did this last year in Monhagen High School, and we are very excited to move into Middletown this year.

Basically, some of you may wonder why are you celebrating Chinese New Year on the 28th, right? Because today is the Chinese New Year, in fact. Because for the Chinese people, the celebration of Chinese New Year falls within the 15 days. Like in China, it's big festivity ongoing. It's only on the day of you don't do anything. You're supposed to rest. So that means you'll be resting for the rest of the year having an easy time.

But also you need big celebrations, like the drums, the lion dance, and the dragon dance, and the laughters, the performances to set a tone of grand happiness for the rest of the year. But also, I think it relates to these days now where we take the children off away from

their phones. And we'll also move the dogs away from their comfort of their own home, and the neighbors can come together, and different cultures can appreciate each other.

So we -- I forgot to mention I'm from Mount Hope Chinese Association. We also is known as having established Middletown Chinese Association. In some of our promo information that we do have Middletown Chinese Association. It's the same also because we really wanted in Middletown the recognition of all of the support.

And basically, where we'll have beautiful performances of the Chinese dance and music, and also, we'll have delicious food. We'll have a lot of children crafts, children games, and also, we will have a lot of the local Chinese community and companies. So this is a time for us to all come together, and we will be able to appreciate each other despite our differences.

I think when we appreciate the same art, like same food, and we will get together much better. And we are very fortunate this year to work closely with Middletown High School. The Principal Donohue and also their Diversity Club

have been very, very supportive. They really appreciate the Chinese culture, and we feel fully respected as the way we feel. The time is up for the rest of the -- you know, from the rest of the board. And especially the support from the mayor. Thank you very much. If you have any questions, let me know. Thanks.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Happy New Year. That is it?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: That's it.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay.
Remarks of the mayor?

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Oh, good evening, and I wanted to start with giving you an update on the O&W station. If you've driven by, you've seen like an upbeat in activity there now with a break in the weather, and the project is fully underway.

We do have a project at the O&W, as you know. It's the Headstart Program. They will be occupying it, and I think Jacob will give the anticipated completion date of March of '27. And

we've been updating the state and all of our partners in funding on this project on a regular basis. The state will be coming down, too, to document the progress on this building because they really look at it as one of the top historical renovations in the state. So they really want to do a pretty good documentation of every step of the project.

So we're very excited about it. And as you know, we are passing a no-parking on the portion of Low Avenue tonight to expedite things for the project developer or the contractors.

Another project that's underway is the South Street parking garage. The walls are starting to go up. The wall is starting to up in the back of the parking lot. I think Jacob had mentioned a May anticipated completion date on that, which will be just in time for our big season of the May-June calendar at the Paramount Theater.

So if you have any questions on either one of those projects... As you know, the Paramount project parking garage parking project was funded through Senator Skoufis' office for the tune of about two and a half to \$3 million.

We had mentioned at the last meeting that we attended the New York State Conference of Mayors. I was happy to be a presenter at the conference regarding Smart Growth, which is an office of New York State, who are very impressed by Middletown's progress that we've made over the past several years regarding our downtown revitalization.

After that, we had a meeting with the governor at -- a meet with the governor, not a meeting, a meet with the governor at the governor's mansion along with other mayors and elected officials. Ms. Bruni, Leonora Liz, and Helen Tatis from HR was -- also attended, and we had a very -- along with yours truly Rick McCormack. I forgot.

So we did have a very interesting conference. It was a lot of good topics, from ambulance coverage all the way down to continuation of the revitalization of downtowns. So I would encourage, especially the newer members, if you have an opportunity to attend one of the conferences.

I think in October there might be a new elected officials' conference that you really

should think about attending because it's a good starter. It gives you an idea of what the regulations are, and it gives you an opportunity to meet other councilmen from other communities. But at the same time, gives you like a quick course in local government. And I'm sure Mr. Masi, the senior member, would be happy to take Mr. Gomez and Mr. Rodriguez on one of the journeys.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Absolutely.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: That's
(indiscernible) --

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: I'll have one of them drive. One of them would have to drive.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Yes.

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: It would be an honor.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: It would be an honor. Yeah. I don't know when you'd get there, Kevin, if it would be an honor, but certainly it's a -- there is a local official conference that...

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: We can all meet in California.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: We just heard

about the Chinese New Year on February 28th, but we did have a little bit of a celebration this past Sunday. So I want to say congratulations to our Chinese community on the celebration of the Chinese New Year along with the council president. It is the Year of the Horse. At the festivities that we had downtown on Sunday, the dragon performance was mostly -- was well-received. I believe there's ten people part of the dragon that went up and down North Street. The police did close off North Street for about 45 minutes.

It was well attended. The event was, as you can see, colorful and had a lot of positive energy. A lot of families there. And I want to show the appreciation to New Middletown, the New Middletown store for basically being the host of this celebration and absorbing the cost, and gratitude to the Chinese community for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to sharing their culture with the entire city of Middletown.

You will now have another opportunity on February 28th to do the same. I encourage you to attend because it really is a special event. The one at Monhagen School last year was packed.

They outgrew that, so they are now at Middletown High School. And it's the pride in Middletown as a city, and we embrace all cultures and traditions in inclusion and community unity as you see. And it really was a fantastic event, so thank you to all of them for doing this.

Next is the -- we did have a retirement from the police department. Officer Schoenleber after 20 years of service has retired. I believe we have a resolution tonight also retiring one of the police dogs, K-9 Storm, who will be transferred ownership to Sergeant McInerney after, I believe it was nine years, chief?

CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Yeah, he's
(indiscernible).

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: About nine years. Nine-year-old German Shepherd or Belgian Shepherd. I'm not sure which one it is. But so I want to thank Officer Schoenleber for his years of service.

You also have a couple of resolutions that are on for tonight that I think I might give you a little background on. The approval for CPL for the Middletown and New Jersey Rail Station. That has been purchased by the city, as you know,

with a grant. We do have some grant moneys left to spend on that project.

We are going to do another historic renovation of a train station. That's not going to be the O&W Station project. That's not a \$44 million project, but it will serve as a commercial incubator. Also a welcome center. That's along the Heritage Trail. It's a Fourth Ward project, and we have other ideas that we're looking at for development in that area.

This will be authorization for CPL to draft a 60 percent and 90 percent plans that are necessary for us to start drawing down on the funding from New York State. It's a requirement that we do it to historic standards, and of course we want to do it to historic standards.

And there was one more I thought I had addressing Alderman Rodriguez with a Z. Your issue that you raised at the last meeting with Superintendent Raelyn Bertholf. BOCES, we are -- we have an agreement tonight for BOCES for English as a second language, and that will be held at the recreation center. I think a very important program here for the city too. So that's all I have. Any questions?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the mayor? All right. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Reports of the department heads. Economic Development?

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: Good evening, everyone. My office is working on some municipal grants through the County of Orange from the Tourism Department and the legislative section. Legislator Janet Sutherland sent us forms to fill out, so we're looking at a couple of grants through the county.

Also through Senator Schumer and Gillibrand's office, there are grant opportunities that come out this time of year, so we are researching everything that has come across our way to see what we can apply for this year.

Also, I'd like to thank New Middletown as part of the Business Improvement District. Their dedication as merchants to be part of all the events and helping us with more events in our downtown area was a great program on Sunday. And thank you to New Middletown.

The Paramount Theater, I distributed what we have coming up. We have SUNY Orange, their community orchestra is performing this weekend. We also have next week Touro College, their Unity in Medicine Fashion Show. This is, I believe, their fourth year. It's celebrating cultural diversity, and it's their Diversity Club at Touro College that puts this program on. It's next Wednesday evening at 7:30.

We have the Best of Broadway featuring Alli Mauzey. She is -- she performed on Broadway. She played Linda from Wicked back in 2008-2009. So she's performing with the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra, and she'll be at our facility on March 7th. And then there's a bunch of other ones that are on sale, and so we're underway with the Paramount and all other events that are upcoming. And that's all I have for this evening.

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

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: DPW Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: Good

evening, all, Mayor, council president, council members, public. So Alderman Masi, the reservoirs are 72 percent. We dropped from two weeks ago. We're really in bad shape regarding rain events. Snow came too much, and all that stuff, but the snow doesn't translate too much into runoff into our reservoirs. So we're still suffering from deficiency of rain events. Hopefully we'll have some this weekend. We're expecting snow this weekend and rain, and hopefully we'll have quite a bit of it.

Today we finished plowing and hauling the snow out of our streets. You know, we started shortly after January 25th snow event, which took place on Sunday, January 25th, and we just finished today hauling snow from what we believe was congested streets of the city of Middletown.

That really exposed -- I mean, this one 20-inch snow event exposed our vulnerability with our old snow blowers. We discussed that with the mayor and the Board of Estimate, and we're doing shopping in order to buy a newer machine. The oldest snow blower that we have is 1997. And the parts for it requires 128 -- 120 days.

Anyway, long story, so we'll come up with some recommendation for your consideration. Hopefully you will support us in purchasing a snow blower. The mayor suggested that we apply for grants, which we will, and we will see how that -- where that takes us.

The mayor, he reported on some of the capital projects. The court project is moving forward very well, city court on South Street, and they're doing the flooring now. And it's almost done, the flooring. And we have an issue with the courts, as the mayor I'm sure will talk to you some more about it.

There was an approval to purchase furniture for the court up to \$250,000. 230, but you wrote 250. That's why (indiscernible). 230, 250 range. And now they're coming -- they're saying, well, it's actually \$401,000 in there, and the city is not too happy about this.

So we wrote them an email today telling them, hey, guys, you know, try to cut down your wish list in there to meet the 230 to 250 range. Otherwise, you know, try to come up with your own funding to cover it. But the mayor will address that at some point. Maybe by next meeting we

will have some more information for the mayor to report to you about it.

Raw water main replacement project.

The design is approaching 90 percent by (Indiscernible), and we're looking forward to implementing that project because that, we have only one 24-inch water main that supplies half the city water with water from the water treatment plants. So by building another water main next to it, that would be very beneficial for us.

This is funding, federal funding, about three and a half million dollars, through Congressman Ryan's office. The raw water lines from Kinch to Shawangunk, the design is progressing and moving forward. We got approved for another grant and low-interest loan from the state, from the EFC, and from the state of New York. And that will be going towards Phase 2.

We're preparing all the paperwork right now to submit it, with your approval, to the state to get the second grant for them and the second loan for Phase 2 of the raw water lines. Congressman Ryan, again, he stepped up and he gave us another \$1 million for -- towards that,

raw water lines Phase 2. We're very thankful for all his support. Him and, obviously, the state representative as well. They're always supporting us.

We continue to struggle with water main breaks this time of the year with the freeze-and-thaw cycle, and we keep finding them every day, and the guys are working very hard. If you see any water flowing in the streets anywhere, please give us a call immediately. If we're -- if after hours, call the police department if you see water just questionable. You know, you don't have to be right.

Just let us know because we're looking everywhere almost, you know, eight hours a day looking for water main breaks. And we find them in abandoned buildings, sprinkler systems that bursts, and so on and so forth.

In any event, the communities around us from Millbrook to a couple of our other communities, they are suffering water shortage because of the water main breaks that they've been having, and they've been trucking water from us about 130,000 gallons per day they're taking from us in tankers just to go to meet their

residents' demand. And with that, I will conclude my remarks if you have any questions.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for Jacob? All right. Thank you, Jacob.

COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Fire chief?

CHIEF ROBERT BRADY: Good evening. We started off the first-year month and a half with a bang. We've -- I think we're up to almost 190 calls. A lot of them were, as Jacob just said, chasing water coming from buildings, frozen water lines, domestic sprinklers. So everybody's been real busy.

I'd like to thank the public. After that snowstorm, I don't know if it was all of our social media, but about clearing hydrants, a lot of residents cleared their hydrants if they were in front. But we did spend five days out clearing hydrants with the apparatus making sure that we had the fire protection if needed.

We accepted five new members. You guys, I believe at the next meeting you should have them to approve. If you... BOCES, their

fire science or their fire program is helping us out a lot. Right now we have, I think, five or six members in the BOCES program. When they are done, they are New York State Certified Firefighter 1, which is great. Because they're getting it through their school time, and then they come to us already certified. So that helps.

Our five new recruits are at the academy. They're in week number two. So we have 13 -- a little over 13 more weeks to go before we get them back to help our manpower situation.

And then we did have one second-alarm fire last week at Sun Hill Apartments. Quick notification, quick response limited the fire damage to one unit, but the water damage, because it was on the third floor, affected three -- or two other units.

So I believe the city code enforcement came out. I believe they condemned two of the apartments, and then the maintenance at Sun Hill was able to get a third apartment up and running that night. So the residents were able to stay. And that's all I have.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any

questions for the fire chief? Thank you, chief.
Police chief.

CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Good evening.
Last couple of meetings I mentioned some of our retirements. As the mayor mentioned today, PO Schoenleber retired this past week. I wish him well after his 20 years of service.

I've mentioned Sergeant Welch in the past several meetings. She has officially notified me of her retirement date. She will be leaving us, walking out of the building on February 27th. So short period. And she's got a little bit of time after that that she's going to use some of her accrued time. So she'll definitely be missed.

I have Sergeant Jordan McEnerney taking her place in our Juvenile Lead Program. They're working together for the next several weeks. They started a week or so ago, and that is one of the reasons we're also retiring K9 Storm. It's because in his new role, he won't have the ability to do both, be a K9 handler and unit commander of that unit.

As we all know, there's a lot that goes into that unit, and I have no doubt that he'll do

an exceptional job there. Other than that, I have nothing unless you have questions for me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the police chief? All right. Thank you, chief. City clerk?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the clerk? All right. Public hearings and grievances are none. Remarks of aldermen. Alderman Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: None today.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you. I wanted to join the administration. I briefly attended the events on Sunday, and I also want to thank New Middletown for being the anchor for that day. And I -- it was well attended, and I'm sure people had a good time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderwoman Wray?

ALDERWOMAN KATE WRAY: I just want to congratulate both the boys' and girls' wrestlers. We had a number of state qualifiers come out of Middletown this weekend, and I just want to say good job to all those kids.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: I just want to thank the fire department during this past few weeks with the Arctic plunge. A lot of homes experienced busted boilers, pipes freezing, and I know the fire department did respond very efficiently and effectively. I mean, we had a similar situation and they responded. So I want to thank you for that.

And I just want to say for our residents, if any families have experienced the situations, there may be state funds available. The Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP, as was the heating equipment repair or replacement benefit -- the Heating Equipment Replacement and Replacement, or the HERR benefit, families could get up to 4 to \$8,000 for repair and replacements.

I believe most of them are for people 60 and older. And they could look into the online and MyBenefits.NY.gov.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you. Just one thing I would just like to acknowledge and congratulate Joey Galdamez, who is officially an Eagle Scout. Joey came here a couple of months ago with his family, JC and Pete Galdamez, both very involved in the city, and JC as well in the district.

And they sent me a quick note, so I just want to read exactly what his project was to refresh everyone's memory. He created a memorial site at Hillside Cemetery for African American Civil War soldiers. He dug out the headstones, cleaned them, and then created boxes for them so they could be displayed properly. He installed a bench and a monument. So he is now officially an Eagle Scout, and I just wanted to let everyone know. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Nothing this

evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Mayor, just one thing about Middlecrest. Can you give us an update? That's in the Fourth Ward.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Yeah. I should've gave you an update before, but I want to thank you for your response that night too. But when we had the power failure, a section of the Fourth Ward primarily in the city was without power. One of the buildings at Middlecrest lost a phase, so the heat was dropping significantly.

And one of the units was in the low 60s. But we mobilized the chief, sent officers up. I met Jacob up there along with the chief. Miguel, we were in touch. Miguel swung by, and we discussed a plan forward. We had to, you know, put together a possible evacuation plan. Because the -- it was one of those nights when it was below zero.

So Jacob was able to get Orange and Rockland, one the bigwigs in Orange and Rockland, they were able to do a bypass. Because originally, they were not going to respond until after 11:00, and this is early in the evening. By then, the temperatures would've been really,

really bitter cold in the apartments.

Many of the seniors did not want to relocate, did not want to move. The Middlecrest management did respond quickly too. They did go out and purchase a lot of small, little mini heaters for the individual -- many of the individual units. But it all worked in a very positive way.

One thing we did discuss, though, after was maybe on some of these, especially subsidized housing projects like -- senior projects, is the possibility of requiring generators. I know some communities have discussed -- have put in place requiring generators at gas stations. So -- because of the -- when you lose power for several hours, like during the flood where people couldn't get gas. So -- but I don't know if it's feasible, but it's something we may want to look at.

But we were looking at the possibility of relocating 100 units of housing and a vulnerable population. So it is a concern. We do have quite, you know, an elderly population. We did have the senior center as a backup place, city hall as a potential backup place.

Fortunately, we didn't have to go that route.

But -- and Orange and Rockland was able to, within a reasonable amount of time, put together a bypass that got that one building lit, but not the entire area. And it wasn't a total power failure. They lost a phase, which controlled the boilers and which controlled the elevators. So a difficult situation.

I want to thank the chief and Jacob for both coming in late that -- staying late that night, but also the -- Chief Brady showed up with his crew, and everyone did a lot of work on it. So I want to show my appreciation to all of them for doing so. That was it.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay.
Thank you, Mayor. All right. New business.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Good evening.
We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Rodriguez moving the March 17 Common Council Meeting to March 16.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Rodriguez.
Seconded by Alderman Gomez. Any discussion?
Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 confirming the mayor's reappointment of Dan Higbie and Norris Gipson to the City of Middletown Recreation Commission.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 confirming members and extending terms of the Recreation Commission members.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 Rodriguez
authorizing an agreement with Orange-Ulster BOCES
for English as a second language class to be held
at the recreation center.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Rodriguez.

Seconded by Alderman Gomez. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 \$7,800 budget transfer for the purchase of a police event van.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: A

resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded
by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 update to the City Investment Policy.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 retiring
Police K-Storm and authorizing the transfer of
ownership to Sergeant Jordan McInerney.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray.

Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 Gomez correcting

Resolution Number 35-26 and authorizing the

acceptance of Orange County Youth Bureau funding

for 2026 youth programs.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 amending
Chapter 440 of the City Code to eliminate

Administrative Fee and Towing Code.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

Seconded by Alderman Wray. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi amending

Chapters 430 and 90 of the City Code to place the senior center under the supervision of the superintendent of recreation and the Recreation Commission.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: A resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 -- authorizing an agreement with CPO for the Middletown and New Jersey Railway Train Station project.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Yes.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Second?

Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 a budget transfer in the amount of
\$56,000 for snow blower spare parts.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois.

Seconded by Alderman Witt. Any discussion?

Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 \$1.5 million in serial bonds for additional land acquisition to protect the city's water supply.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

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

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 Gomez issuing a proclamation recognizing February 2026 as National Black History Month.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Gomez. Seconded by Alderwoman Wray. Any discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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
-- oh, we got somebody from --

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: We have
two.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Go
ahead.

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes. I
have two local law requests for tonight. The
first one is stop sign request on Wisner Place at
Wisner Avenue intersection. And the second is
the O&R -- O&W general construction has requested
no parking, no standing be permitted on the
eastern side of the Low Avenue from Wickham
Avenue to end of O&W building property to
accommodate an active construction zone.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: So a
resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois.
Do I have a second? Alderman Johnson. Any
discussion? Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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: Okay.

Local law?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Good evening.

We have a local law this evening sponsored by

Alderman Masi introducing a local law

transferring supervision of public parks from the

superintendent of recreation to the commissioner

of public works.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution read by Alderman Masi. So it'll deem as read. Audit?

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

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: A resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Do I have a second?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Second.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:
Alderman Johnson. Roll.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: 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 adjourn --

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

Veritext Legal Solutions

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Suite 300

Mineola, NY 11501

Date: March 5, 2026



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 3.1. Accept the Minutes of January 20, 2026
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS
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
 - 46-26 Resolution Moving the March 17 Common Council Meeting to March 16, 2026
 - 47-26 Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Daniel Higbie and Norris Gipson to the City of Middletown Recreation Commission
 - 48-26 Resolution Confirming Members and Extending Terms of Recreation Commission Members
 - 49-26 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Orange-Ulster BOCES for English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes to be Held at the Recreation Center
 - 50-26 Resolution Authorizing a \$7,800 Budget Transfer for the Purchase of a Police

Event Van

51-26 Resolution Authorizing an Update to the City Investment Policy

52-26 Resolution Retiring Police K9 Storm and Authorizing Transfer of Ownership to Sergeant Jordan McInerney

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54-26 Resolution Amending Chapter 440 of the City Code to Eliminate Administrative Fee in the Towing Code

55-26 Resolution Amending Chapters 430 and 90 of the City Code to Place the Senior Center Under the Supervision of the Superintendent of Recreation and the Recreation Commission

56-26 Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Professional Services Proposal From Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) For Design, Environmental Testing, And Bid Phase Services For The Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station Project

57-26 Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfer In The Amount Of \$56,000 For Snow Blower Spare Parts

58-26 Resolution Authorizing \$1,500,000 in Serial Bonds for Additional Land Acquisition to Protect the City's Water Supply

59-26 A Proclamation Recognizing February 2026 as National Black History Month

60-26 Resolution Amending Chapter 460 Of The Code Of The City Of Middletown To Establish A No Stopping Or Standing Zone On The Easterly Side Of Low Avenue

61-26 Resolution Amending Chapter 460 Of The Code Of The City Of Middletown To Establish A Stop Sign On Wisner Place At Wisner Avenue

13. LOCAL LAWS

LL1- Introduction: A Local Law Transferring Supervision of Public Parks from The 26 Superintendent of Recreation to The Commissioner of Public Works

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
 Accepted Date: February 17, 2026

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the minutes of City of Middletown Common Council meeting.

Richard P. McCormack

Richard P. McCormack
 Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Rodriguez	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Gomez	X			
Ald. Green				X
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	8			1

Accept the Minutes of January 20, 2026

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Prepared by:
 Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman, 4th Ward
Rodriguez
Seconded by: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward
Gomez
Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
Index No: 46-26

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

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Rodriguez	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Gomez	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

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Moving the March 17 Common Council Meeting to March 16, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that the regular meeting of the Common Council originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, is hereby rescheduled to **Monday, March 16, 2026**, at the same time and location.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt
 Seconded by: Alderman Masi
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 47-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Daniel Higbie and Norris Gipson to the City of Middletown Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown confirms the Mayor's reappointment of the following individuals to the City of Middletown Recreation Commission with terms expiring as indicated:

- Daniel Higbie – reappointed with a term expiring December 31, 2031
- Norris Gipson – reappointed retroactive to March 23, 2024, with a term expiring December 31, 2029

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 Witt
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 48-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Confirming Members and Extending Terms of Recreation Commission Members

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Middletown has previously appointed various individuals to serve as members of the City of Middletown Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the original resolutions of appointment listed expiration dates based upon the anniversary of appointment rather than the conclusion of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of consistency, clarity, and administrative efficiency, it is appropriate that all appointed terms expire on December 31 of the final year of the prescribed term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown confirms that the following Recreation Commission appointments are hereby

confirmed and extended to expire on December 31 of the years indicated below:

- **Juan Avalos** – term extended to **December 31, 2030**
- **Jaycee Galdamez** – term extended to **December 31, 2028**
- **Shawna Strenfel** – term extended to **December 31, 2027**

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:
None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman, 4th Ward
Rodriguez
Seconded by: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward
Gomez
Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
Index No: 49-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Orange-Ulster BOCES for English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes to be Held at the Recreation Center

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes an agreement with Orange-Ulster BOCES for the use of the Recreation Center to conduct English as a Second Language (ESL) class.

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

Prepared by:
Raelynn Bertholf, Supt of Recreation and Parks

Attachments:

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Chief Operating Officer

Kerri B. Stroka
Deputy Superintendent

Mark P. Coleman
Assistant Superintendent
Finance and Management Services

Thomas M. Bongiovi
District Superintendent



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Adult Education at Amy Bull Crist Area Education Center on Gibson Road
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Goshen, NY 10924

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF
ORANGE AND ULSTER COUNTIES
AND
MIDDLETOWN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (herein called OU BOCES), 53 Gibson Road, Goshen, New York and MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 393 County Road 78, Middletown, New York will combine their resources to provide literacy classes for the benefit of the citizens of Middletown and the surrounding community, subject to approval and financing by the Bureau of Adult and Continuing Education of the New York State Education Department. The program will begin on or about September 2, 2025 and will end on or before June 30, 2026.

Obligations assumed by OU BOCES:

1. To aid in the establishment of literacy classes to include English as a Second Language (ESL).
2. The classes will meet as mutually agreed upon.
3. The instructors and facilitators for the program will be selected, supervised and paid by OU BOCES.
4. No tuition charges for this program will be made by OU BOCES to MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT of Middletown.
5. OU BOCES will be the sole agent responsible for accepting requests for registrations, contacting new students and arranging for their admission to class.
6. Preference for admission to the program will be given to individuals from MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT and the surrounding area.

Obligations assumed by the MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT of Middletown:

1. MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT will provide suitable classroom space.
2. Individuals seeking literacy services will be advised of pertinent information relative to the nature of the program, its duration, and the time and days that the class meets.
3. MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT will make no monetary charge for the use of the facilities to either OU BOCES or the students in the program.

Additional obligations of OUBOCES and MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT of Middletown:

- a. The OU BOCES shall provide during the life of this agreement general liability and property damage liability covering its operations and use of the premise under this agreement, the limits of coverage to be \$1,000,000 for any one accident, subject to a limit of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, including wrongful death, for any one person. Property damage liability coverage shall be \$500,000 for each occurrence. All such insurance policies shall be written in the name of OU BOCES, and shall name the Externship Facility as an additional insured, the originals of said policies shall at all times on file with OU BOCES with a certificate of insurance to be issued the Externship Facility. OU BOCES has a \$10,000,000 umbrella policy.
- b. Each party shall indemnify, defend and hold the other harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, causes of action, damages, judgments, liabilities, fines, penalties and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and litigation costs, arising out of the indemnifying party's intentional or negligent acts or omissions. This provision shall survive any expiration, termination or non-renewal of this Agreement.
- c. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. Any lawsuit arising under the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be brought in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the County of Orange.
- d. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements either oral or written. It may not be modified except by a writing signed by parties.

This agreement shall commence on September 2, 2025 and end on June 30, 2026. OU BOCES shall have the option to renew this agreement for an additional like period upon written notice to the Facility no less than thirty (30) days of the termination of this agreement, or as otherwise agreed to by both parties in writing.

Kerri B. Stroka, EdD

KERRI STROKA
Deputy Superintendent
Orange-Ulster BOCES

2/24/2026

DATE

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RAELYNN BERTHOLF
Superintendent of Recreation
Middletown Recreation & Parks Department

2/20/2026

DATE

Joseph M. DeStefano

JOSEPH DESTEFANO
MAYOR
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

2/20/2026

DATE



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
 Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 50-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Authorizing a \$7,800 Budget Transfer for the Purchase of a Police Event Van

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 \$7,800, in the following manner, to fund the purchase of a 2016 Chevy Express Van/Bus for police events, as previously authorized under Resolution 311-25. The vehicle was not available until the end of January 2026, and the final purchase price is less than originally requested.

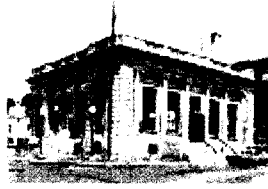
FROM	TO	AMOUNT
General Fund Balance A.3120.201 Vehicles (2026)		\$7,800

Prepared by:
 John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

Attachments:

1.	Police- bus vehicle purchase
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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

February 9, 2026

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 that the City of Middletown Common Council approve a fund balance transfer from our 2025 budget line to cover the cost of a purchase of 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.

From	Amount	To
A.3120.201 Vehicles (2025)	\$7,800	A.3120.201 Vehicles (2026)

Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw
Chief of Police

JE:ccd

Christine Dugan

From: John Ewanciw
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 11:28 AM
To: Christine Dugan
Subject: Bus



The one we
are purchasing
Cost - \$ 7,800

Form **W-9**
 (Rev. October 2018)
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
MICHAEL T MULLER

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.

Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
 C Corporation
 S Corporation
 Partnership
 Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____
 Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

Other (see instructions) ▶ _____

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
 Exempt payee code (if any) _____
 Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
 (Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.
20 RT 42 & 97

6 City, state, and ZIP code
PORT JERVIS NY 12771

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Social security number

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OR

Employer identification number

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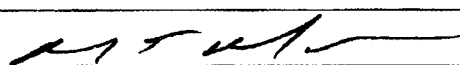
Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶  Date ▶ **2-6-26**

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.



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MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL-NY #29413 (6 lots)

All items closed

Lot # 0002: 2016 Chevy Express G4500 School Bus

High Bidder:	busandcars
Current Bid:	\$43,600.00 (bids: 35)
Min Bid:	\$43,700.00
Bid Increment: ?	\$100.00
Buyer's Premium: ?	14.00%
Time Remaining:	Closed
Bidding Ended:	Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 07:23:11 pm ET

Item has been viewed 2015 times

Quotes

Details

Terms of Sale:

All sales are final. No refunds will be issued. This item is being sold as is, where is, with no warranty, expressed written or implied. The seller shall not be responsible for the correct description, authenticity, genuineness, or defects herein, and makes no warranty in connection therewith. No allowance or set aside will be made on account of any incorrectness, imperfection, defect or damage. Any descriptions or representations are for identification purposes only and are not to be construed as a warranty of any type. It is the responsibility of the buyer to have thoroughly inspected this item and to have satisfied himself or herself as to the condition and value and to bid based upon that

Aug 1, 2022 - 10:56:16 AM

\$25.00

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Terms

Payment Terms: Payment will be due immediately upon notification of seller approval by email invoice, after the Seller approves the bids. After you receive the invoice, you will have five (5) business days to get your payment mailed to our office, or your account will be suspended, and the item will be awarded to the backup-bidder, or re-listed. Please mail payment in certified funds or money order to: Auctions International, 11167 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY 14052. Payment questions? Please Call: 1-800-536-1401 x201. GENERAL QUESTIONS: email service@auctionsinternational.com

Payment Methods: We accept cash, cashier's check, wire/bank transfer and credit cards.

Out-of-State Buyers: Buyers outside of New York State need to send us a completed [NY State DTF Form](#) before we can remove sales tax from their invoices.

Successful High Bidders: Please note when you are provided an invoice to pay, there are two different payment amounts.

- 1) A non-discounted rate for payments made with credit/debit cards, and,
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Please make sure your payment amount reflects your choice of payment method.

Individuals who pay the non-discounted rate with cash or guaranteed funds will have a one-time, courtesy refund issued for the overpayment. Subsequent overpayments will have a \$35 administrative fee deducted from the remittance amount (or charged against) the invoiced buyer. Please make sure you are paying the correct amount, per your means of payment.

Disclaimer**Disclaimer****Removal Terms**

This item cannot be shipped. Buyer solely responsible for removal of items from seller's premises within (10) Business Days after bid approval. Buyer must contact the seller to schedule a removal appointment, before access will be granted to the merchandise. All sales are final. No refunds will be issued. Items left on seller's premises after the designated pickup deadline are subject to re-possession by the seller. If you are going to have trouble picking your purchased items up by the deadline, call our office immediately!

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2014 Chevrolet 3500 Thomas Mini School Bus

Stock:16144



Vehicle Details

Price:
\$17,000

Mileage :
174,963

Year :
2014

Passengers :
24

Make
Chevrolet

Model
3500



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2013 Chevrolet 3500 Thomas Mini School Bus

Stock:16212



Vehicle Details

Price:

\$17,000

Year :

2013

Mileage :

164,040

Passengers :

24

Make	Model
Chevrolet	3500



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Stock #:51211
2021 Chevrolet 4500 NJ Spec Minotour

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
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Richard P. McCormack
 Clerk to the Common Council

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Authorizing an Update to the City Investment Policy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby adopts the following amendment to the City's Investment Policy to provide additional authorized security for City deposits:

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.

Prepared by:
Leonora Liz, Treasurer

Attachments:

1.	Investment Policy Update -Draft-02.04.2026
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CHAPTER 65 INVESTMENT POLICY

§ 65-1 SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all monies and other financial resources available for investment on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

§ 65.2 OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the city of Middletown's investment activities are, in priority order,

- ☐ Legal: to conform with all applicable federal, state and other local requirements;
- ☐ Safety: to adequately safeguard principal;
- ☐ Liquidity: to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements; and
- ☐ Yield: to obtain reasonable rate of return.

§ 65.3 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The governing board's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Treasurer who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

§ 65.4 PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the City of Middletown to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

§ 65.5 DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the City of Middletown to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institutions, by investment, and by maturity scheduling.

§ 65.6 INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the City of Middletown for all monies collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Treasurer within one day of deposit, or within the time specified in law, whichever is shorter.

The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

§ 65.7 DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The bank and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies up to the maximum amounts are:

Depository Name	Maximum Amount
TD Bank	\$25,000,000
Orange Bank & Trust Company	\$25,000,000
NYCLASS	\$15,000,000

§ 65.8 COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, §10, all deposits of the City of Middletown, including certificates of deposits and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

- 1) By a pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value" as provided by GML §10, equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy.
- 2) By an eligible "irrevocable letter of credit" issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of the deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any or 100% in the case of an irrevocable letter of credit issued in favor of the local government by certain Federal Home Loan Banks. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.
- 3) By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of the deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims - paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

4) 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.

§ 65.9 SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by a third party or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local government deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses rising out of collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with the City of Middletown, or its custodial bank.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution or release of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

§ 65.10 PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As authorized by General Municipal Law, §11, the City of Middletown authorizes the Treasurer to invest monies not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- ☐ Special time deposit accounts authorized to do business in New York State:
- ☐ Certificates of deposit;
- ☐ Obligations of the United States of America;
- ☐ Obligations guaranteed by the agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America:
- ☐ Obligations of the State of New York;
- ☐ Obligations issued pursuant to LFL §24.00 or 25.00 (with the approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the City of Middletown;

☐ Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general State statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments.

☐ Certificates of Participation (COPs) issued pursuant to GML §109-b.

☐ Obligations of this local government, but only with any monies in a reserve fund established pursuant to GML §6-c, 6-d, 6-g, 6-h, g-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, or 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the City of Middletown within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the monies were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the City of Middletown within two years of the date of purchase. The designated depository will confirm all purchases and transactions in writing to the City of Middletown.

§ 65.11 AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The City of Middletown shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments, which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credited worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the City of Middletown. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank as primary dealers. The Treasurer is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

§ 65.12 PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Treasurer is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
2. By participation in a cooperative program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board.
3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized trading partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the City of Middletown by the bank or trust company.

Any obligations held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law, §10.

The custodial agreement shall provide the securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent and of custodian for, the City of Middletown, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the City of Middletown a perfected interest in the securities.

§ 65.13 REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- o All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.
- o Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York and primary reporting dealers.
- o Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America.
- o No substitution of security will be allowed.
- o The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

§ 65.14 OPERATIONS, AUDIT AND REPORTING

The Treasurer, having custody of money, shall authorize the purchase and sale of all securities and execute contracts on behalf of the City of Middletown. Oral directions concerning the purchase, transaction, or sale of securities shall be confirmed in writing. The City of Middletown shall pay for purchased securities upon delivery.

The City of Middletown will encourage the purchase and sale of securities through a competitive or negotiated process involving solicitations of at least three bids for each transaction.

At the time independent auditors conduct the annual financial audit of the accounts and affairs of the City of Middletown, the auditors shall audit compliance with the Investment Guidelines.

The legislative body of the City of Middletown shall review and approve the annual investment report at its Annual reorganization meeting.

The provisions of these Investment Guidelines and any amendments hereto, shall take effect prospectively, and shall not invalidate the prior selection of any custodial bank or prior investment.

APPENDIX A
Schedule of Eligible Securities

- i. Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or United States Government sponsored corporation.
- ii. Obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the Market Value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.

Revised 02/2026



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderwoman Wray
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 52-26

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

Richard P. McCormack
 Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Rodriguez	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Gomez	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

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Retiring Police K9 Storm and Authorizing Transfer of Ownership to Sergeant Jordan McInerney

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby approves the retirement of Police K9 “Storm” from police and municipal service due to physical limitations restricting his ability to perform his duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon retirement, ownership of K9 “Storm” shall be transferred to Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), pursuant to the agreement submitted by the Chief of Police; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney shall assume full responsibility for the care, custody, and maintenance of K9 “Storm” and shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Middletown, its officers, and employees to the fullest extent permitted

by law in connection with the ownership and care of said animal; and

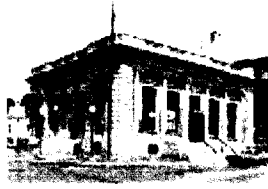
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the agreement memorializing the retirement and transfer.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	Retirement K9 Storm
2.	image61459

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

February 10, 2026

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

RE: Police K9 Storm

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members of the Council:

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.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw
Chief of Police

JE:ccd

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made the _____ day of February, 2026 by and between Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney (“Storm”), a Middletown police officer, with a business address at 2 James Street, Middletown, New York, 10940, and the City of Middletown (“City”), a municipal corporation with its place of business at 16 James Street, Middletown, New York 10940.

WHEREAS Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney has been the handler of a K-9 dog, known as “Storm”, in the service of the Middletown Police Department, and

WHEREAS the City desires to retire “Storm” and no longer utilize the dog for police or municipal purposes, and

WHEREAS Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney has expressed a desire to be the permanent owner and caretaker of “Storm”.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration,

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if restated herein at length.
2. The City hereby retires “Storm” from police and municipal services, and gives “Storm” to Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney as the animal’s permanent owner and caretaker.
3. All costs associated with the care of “Storm” shall as of the date of

this Agreement be the responsibility of Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney.

4. Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees, to the fullest extent allowed by law for any and all claims made against the City, its officers and employees in connection with the ownership, handling and care of “Storm”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

By:

Joseph M. DeStefano

Joseph DeStefano, Mayor

Police Sergeant Jordan McInerney

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On the _____ day of February, 2026 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Mayor Joseph M. DeStefano, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the individual(s) or the person upon behalf of which individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On the _____ day of February, 2026 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Police Sergeant Jordan McNerney, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the individual(s) or the person upon behalf of which individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

JORDAN R MCINERNEY
JESSICA MCINERNEY
1898 GREENVILLE TPKE
PORT JERVIS, NY 127713218

2/10/26 Date

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward
Gomez
Seconded by: Alderman Masi
Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
Index No: 53-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution correcting Resolution No. 35-26 and Authorizing Acceptance of Orange County Youth Bureau funding for 2026 Youth Programs

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 35-26 approved acceptance of Orange County Youth Bureau funding for 2026 youth programs; and

WHEREAS, certain figures and/or allocations require correction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby corrects Resolution No. 35-26 to reflect the proper total funding amount of **\$35,579** from the Orange County Youth Bureau for the 2026 program year to support youth programming conducted by the City of Middletown Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said funding shall be appropriated to the following expense

lines:

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

for the purpose of operating the Junior Police Academy, Youth Community Outreach, and Youth Leadership Academy programs serving the youth of Middletown; and

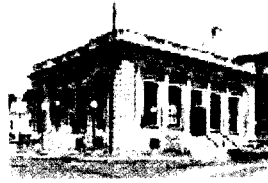
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the necessary contracts and agreements with the Orange County Youth Bureau to effectuate acceptance of this funding.

Prepared by:
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

Attachments:

1.	2026 OCYB funding
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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

January 28, 2026

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

AMENDMENT REQUEST TO RESOLUTION #35-26-items in bold have been updated

Dear Mayor DeStefano and members of the BOE,

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

Very truly yours,

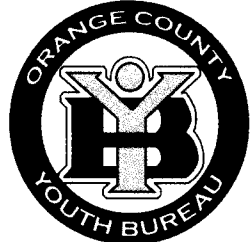
John Ewanciw
Chief of Police

JE:ccd



Steven M. Neuhaus
County Executive

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Rachel R. Wilson
Executive Director

January 15, 2026

Mayor Joseph DeStefano
City of Middletown: Police Department - Youth Leadership Academy
2 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Dear Mayor DeStefano,

I am pleased to inform you that the Orange County Youth Bureau/Board has approved the following proposal for funding for 2026 [REDACTED].

<u>Program Name & Total Funding Amount:</u>	<u>Funding Amount & Type(s):</u>	<u>Projected Breakdown for STATE and/or County funds to be claimed in 2025:</u>
Youth Leadership Academy	\$ 5,000 Youth Development Program*	\$ 0 State YDP *For expenses from Jan 15 th through Sept 30 th only
Total Funding Amount: \$ 15,000		\$ 5,000 State YDP *For expenses from Oct 1 st through Dec 31 st only
	\$ 10,000 SOL	NOTE: County "Solutions" funding can be claimed for expenses from Jan 1 through Dec 31.
Contingencies/Comments:		

* Please refer to the breakdown above for how funding will be distributed. We will notify you if changes are made to the funding categories (State vs. County) and/or breakdown of distribution. Your contract will run within the County's calendar year contract from January through December. Fiscal claims and program reports will be due on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise noted.

NOTE FOR STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS: As of January 2023, the NYS Office of Children & Family Services funding year through Youth Bureaus runs between two calendar years (October through September). Youth Bureau staff will assist funded programs to make annual reporting adjustments align with State requirements within the County's calendar year contract and yearend deadlines. Please feel to contact our office with any questions.

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Email: YouthBur@OrangeCountyGov.com

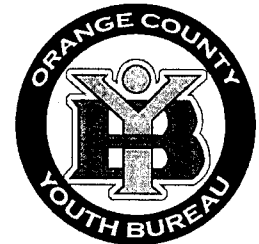
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County Executive

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Rachel R. Wilson
Executive Director

January 15, 2026

Mayor Joseph DeStefano
City of Middletown: Police Department - Junior Police Academy
2 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Dear Mayor DeStefano,

I am pleased to inform you that the Orange County Youth Bureau/Board has approved the following proposal for funding for **2026 through Municipality RFP-YB02-25**.

<u>Program Name & Total Funding Amount:</u>	<u>Funding Amount & Type(s):</u>	<u>Projected Breakdown for STATE and/or County funds to be claimed in 2025:</u>
Junior Police Academy	\$ 10,579 Youth Development Program*	\$ 10,579 State YDP *For expenses from Jan 15 th through Sept 30 th only
Total Funding Amount: \$ 10,579	\$ 0 SOL	\$ 0 State Click Here *For expenses from Oct 1 st through Dec 31 st only
NOTE: County "Solutions" funding can be claimed for expenses from Jan 1 through Dec 31.		
Contingencies/Comments:		

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
 Seconded by: Alderwoman Wray
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 54-26

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

Richard P. McCormack
 Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Rodriguez	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Gomez	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

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Amending Chapter 440 of the City Code to Eliminate Administrative Fee in the Towing Code

WHEREAS, the Police Chief requests that given the existence of towing fees and fines in the Towing Code, the City eliminate the small administrative fee for “paperwork” in the Towing Code.

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

Section 1 - The Code of the City of Middletown, N.Y., Chapter 440, Towing, as adopted May 27, 1975, and as amended thereafter, be and is hereby amended by deleting Section 440-6(A)(3).

Section 2 - This resolution and ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Prepared by:
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

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: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 55-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Amending Chapters 430 and 90 of the City Code to Place the Senior Center Under the Supervision of the Superintendent of Recreation and the Recreation Commission

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council have determined that it would be in the best interests of the City of Middletown to have the Senior Center be supervised by the Superintendent of Recreation and the Recreation Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that Chapter 430 of the Middletown City Code, Parks and Recreation, is hereby amended by adding a new Article VII, Senior Center, to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE VII SENIOR CENTER

§348-20. Supervision of Senior Center. The Middletown Senior Center and all of its programs, officers and employees shall be supervised by the Superintendent of Recreation and the Recreation Commission.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council that Chapter 90 of the Middletown City Code, Officers and Employees, Article V, Department Heads, is hereby amended by deleting Section 90-33(C) in its entirety.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 56-26

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

Richard P. McCormack
 Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Rodriguez	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Gomez	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

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Professional Services Proposal From Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) For Design, Environmental Testing, And Bid Phase Services For The Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that the proposal submitted by Clark Patter Lee (CPL) Architecture, Engineering & Planning dated June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$103,000.00, is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements, contracts, and related documents necessary to effectuate this resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Corporation Counsel; and

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	Middletown Train Station Proposal
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June 30, 2025

Jacob Tawil, P.E.
Commissioner
Department of Public Works
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Re: 140 East Main Street – Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station

Dear Mr. Tawil,

In accordance with our discussions, we are pleased to submit a proposal for the Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station project for the City of Middletown. Our understanding of this project is the City of Middletown plans to purchase this property and renovate the existing building by re-working the interior into a 500 sq. ft. visitor's center, exterior access ADA gender neutral toilet room, and leave the remaining space renovated as a "shell" for a future tenant to occupy.

Scope of Services

To date, CPL has completed documenting the existing conditions and creating a plan study of the proposed renovation project. CPL has also submitted this plan study to SHPO and has received a letter stating that the proposed renovation has no adverse impact on the historic nature of the building as long as the City complies with their list of conditions (see attached letter). This proposal is being provided to continue the design through full Construction Documents and assist the City with the public bid process.

Our services would include the following tasks (Tasks 1 & 2 were previously submitted and approved):

TASK 3: Environmental Testing

CPL will consult with an environmental testing agency to test all interior/exterior building materials to determine if any hazardous materials are present.

TASK 4: Abatement Plans

CPL will consult with an environmental testing agency to provide hazardous material abatement plans to indicate areas required to be abated. These plans will be incorporated into the construction documents.

TASK 5: Design

Professional design services related to developing schematic design documents and advancing them into full construction documents and technical specifications to be used for public bid and construction.



Mr. Jacob Tawil
 Train Station
 June 30, 2025
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- Communicate with SHPO to determine what materials have historical significance and what renovation requirements will be needed.
- Participate in all design meetings, including initiating meetings with agencies, as necessary, having approval authority.
- Develop drawing packages to be handed over for Owner review at the following milestones:
 - Develop architectural Schematic Design (30%) documents along with a civil, electrical, plumbing and mechanical narrative.
 - Develop architectural, civil, electrical, plumbing and mechanical Design Development (60%) documents.
 - Develop architectural, civil, electrical, plumbing and mechanical Construction Documents (90%).
 - Prepare bid packages for each contract including definition of scope of work, front-end specifications, technical specifications, drawings, terms and conditions (Bid Set).
- Develop design/construction schedules and phasing (if required).
- Consult with the Owner regarding the project budget, timetable, and bidding Options.
- Prepare hazardous material abatement plans (if required).
- Provide construction estimates at each drawing package milestone listed above.
- It is understood that the Owner will provide a site topography survey. If a site topography survey is not provided by the Owner, a fee will be negotiated for this service at a later date.

TASK 6: Bid

Professional services related to bidding shall include:

- Attend a pre-bid walkthrough at the project site.
- Respond to any contractor questions through addendums.
- Attend the bid opening and assist the Owner with creating a bid tabulation.
- Review all bids to determine the apparent complete low bidder for each contract and provide the Owner with a recommendation of award letter.
- Assist the Owner in preparing contracts between the Owner and Contractor.
- Issue a Notice to Proceed.

Compensation

Our fee proposal breakdown on a task basis to complete the work described above is as follows:

Task 3: Environmental Testing	\$ 7,000.00 Lump Sum
Task 4: Abatement Plans	\$ 7,000.00 Lump Sum
Task 4: Design	\$ 79,000.00 Lump Sum
<u>Task 5: Bid</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00 Lump Sum</u>
LUMP SUM TOTAL	\$ 103,000.00 Lump Sum



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Train Station
June 30, 2025
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Not included in this proposal:

- Boundary survey. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Topographical survey. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Underground utility mapping. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Construction Administration services. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- *Reimbursable expenses.
- Environmental Phase I and or II study.
- Any fees for agency reviews, applications, permits, or licenses.
- Third party special inspection services of all Structural components as scheduled in the bid documents.
- Contractor Construction Management services.
- Property survey for the purpose of obtaining easements or rights-of-way.
- Preparation of legal descriptions.
- Preparation of easement maps and descriptions.
- Design of Fire suppression system.
- Direct design of communication, data exchange or security systems, except for conduit and connection locations. We will provide coordination efforts with others performing these services and assist the Owner in selecting appropriate vendors/consultants.
- Landscaping plans or retaining wall design, except for retaining walls that may be required for access drives and parking lots.
- Direct design of office furniture, office equipment and signage not required by the Building Code. We will provide coordination efforts with others performing these services and assist the Owner in selecting appropriate vendors/consultants.
- Involvement with LEED Certifications or other green building initiatives.
- Grant applications or funding paperwork.
- Meeting any new funding agency requirements or reviews for future State or Federal funding sources that may be obtained including MWBE requirements and American Iron and Steel compliance.
- Solar analysis. We will provide a separate proposal for this scope of services.

*Schedule of Reimbursable Expenses: Article 11.8 Compensation For Reimbursable Expenses of AIA Document B101 is very specific on what is considered a reimbursable expense. These include, but may not be limited to, reproductions, transportation, etc.

We will submit invoices monthly, as the work progresses.

This proposal is based on a lump sum fee. Please provide an authorized signature in the designated space below and return one copy or provide an executed purchase order.



Mr. Jacob Tawil
Train Station
June 30, 2025
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Please contact us if you have any questions or require any additional information. We look forward to this opportunity to be of service to the City of Middletown.

Very truly yours,

CPL

Handwritten signature of Timothy J. Moot in blue ink.

Timothy J. Moot, PG
Vice President

Handwritten signature of Jonathan DiRocco in blue ink.

Jonathan DiRocco, AIA
Senior Architectural Project Manager

Proposal Accepted By:

Signature: Joseph M. DeStefano Date: 2/20/2026
City of Middletown



CPL STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. CPL Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architect, D.P.C. (“CPL”) shall provide the services set forth in the foregoing proposal letter to the “Client” therein identified. The signed proposal letter, together with these CPL Standard Terms and Conditions, is referred to as the “Agreement.” CPL shall perform all services in a manner consistent with and limited to that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same or similar locality. CPL makes no warranty, express or implied, as to its professional services rendered under this Agreement. CPL shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the “Project” identified in the proposal letter. CPL represents that it is properly authorized to provide the services required by this Agreement in the jurisdiction where the Project is located, and that professional services shall only be provided by licensed individuals to the extent required by law. CPL shall exercise usual and customary professional care in its efforts to comply with codes, regulations, laws rules, ordinances, and such other requirements in effect as of the date of execution of this Agreement. The Schedule for providing services is set forth in this proposal letter. CPL shall not be responsible for delays from any and all causes beyond its reasonable control.
2. CPL shall furnish appropriate insurance certificates for general, automobile and professional liability, Worker’s Compensation and Employer’s Liability, upon request.
3. CPL shall be entitled to rely on, and shall not be responsible for, the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of services and information furnished by the Client and the Client’s consultants and information from public records.
4. Construction cost estimates prepared by CPL represents CPL’s reasonable judgment as professionals familiar with the construction industry. It is recognized, however, that CPL has no control over cost of labor, materials, or equipment, over contractors’ methods of determining bid prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions. CPL cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or actual construction costs will not vary from cost estimates prepared by CPL.
5. If required by the scope of services of this Agreement, CPL shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the work and to determine in general if the work is proceeding in accordance with the “Contract Documents,” as defined in the relevant construction agreement. However, CPL shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the work. CPL shall not have control or charge of and shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, for the acts or omissions of the contractor, subcontractors, or any other persons performing any of the work, or for the failure of any of them to carry out the work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
6. All documents including drawings and specifications prepared by CPL are “Instruments of Service” with respect to the Project and CPL retains an ownership and property interest therein, including the copyright and the right of reuse. CPL grants to the Client a limited, royalty-free license to use the deliverable documents on the Project to the extent CPL has been paid all fees under the Agreement. The said deliverables are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by Client or others on extensions of the Project or on any other project. Any reuse without written verification or adaptation by CPL for the specific purpose intended will be at Client’s sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to CPL. Client shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CPL from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorneys’ fees arising out of or resulting from such unauthorized use or re-use of CPL’s documents. Any such verification or adaptation will entitle CPL to further compensation at rates to be agreed upon by Client and CPL. If CPL rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause, the license granted in this Section shall terminate unless the parties agree to an extension of the license and appropriate fee.
7. CPL and Client agree to transmit, and accept, Project-related Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form either directly, or through access to a secure Project website, in accordance with a mutually agreeable protocol.
8. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State in which the Project is located.
9. CPL and Client agree to negotiate each dispute between them in good faith during the 30 days after either party provides written notice of dispute. If negotiations are unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, then the dispute will be mediated by the American Arbitration Association unless another forum is mutually selected. The parties shall share the mediator’s fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located. If mediation is unsuccessful, the method of binding dispute resolution shall be litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction where the Project is located. CPL and Client waive consequential damages for claims, disputes, or other matters in question, arising out of or relating to this Agreement.



CPL STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

10. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with its terms through no fault to the party initiating termination, or in the event the Project is cancelled. In the event of termination, CPL shall be paid compensation plus reimbursable expenses incurred in relation to the services performed prior to the termination date.
11. Limitation of Liability: To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Client agrees to limit CPL's liability for the Client's damages incurred in relation to this Agreement or any services furnished by CPL to the sum of \$50,000 or CPL's fee, whichever is greater. This limitation shall apply regardless of the cause of action or legal theory pled or asserted. If applicable law prohibits enforcement of this limitation of liability provision as written, then, and only then, this provision shall be deemed to be modified to provide the maximum limitation of liability allowable under applicable law.
12. Client and CPL each binds themselves and their partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Neither Client nor CPL shall assign, sublet, or transfer his interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other; however, CPL may employ others to assist in the carrying out of duties under this Agreement.
13. The services to be performed by CPL under this Agreement are intended solely for the benefit of the Client. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Client or CPL.
14. CPL shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of, or exposure of persons to, hazardous materials or toxic substances in any form at the Project site.
15. CPL shall be compensated as set forth in this Agreement. CPL shall submit monthly statements for services rendered and for reimbursable expenses incurred. Payment is due upon receipt of CPL's Statement. If Client fails to make any payment due CPL for services and expenses within 30 days after the date of CPL's statement, the amounts due CPL shall be increased at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% per annum, or the maximum rate of interest permitted by law, if less), from said 30th day. In addition, after giving seven (7) days' written notice to Client, CPL may suspend services until it has been paid in full all amounts due to CPL under this Agreement.
16. Services which are in addition to those set forth in the proposal letter which CPL agrees to provide to Client are "Additional Services" which shall be compensated as mutually agreed to by Client and CPL. The parties shall agree in writing as to scope, compensation and schedule prior to commencement of any Additional Services. Additional Services shall include, but not be limited to, services required due to: (i) significant changes in general scope of Project (including any changes made for budgetary reasons); (ii) revising previously accepted Instruments of Service as requested by Client, and/or (iii) delays not the fault of CPL.
17. This Agreement including any expressly incorporated attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between Client and CPL and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Client and CPL.



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
 Seconded by: Alderman Witt
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 57-26

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

Richard P. McCormack
 Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Rodriguez	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Gomez	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

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

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

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 \$56,000, in the following manner to allow the Department of Public Works to purchase necessary spare parts for the City's 1996 SnoGo snow blower to ensure operational readiness for the upcoming winter season.

FROM	AMOUNT TO
General Fund	\$56,000 A.5142.440

The Department of Public Works shall continue evaluating snow blower equipment and may submit a future request for the purchase of a new snow blower, subject to Common Council approval.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	Transfer of Funds 2-10-26-snow go
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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
- A 1962 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:

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

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



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 58-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Resolution Authorizing \$1,500,000 in Serial Bonds for Additional Land Acquisition to Protect the City's Water Supply

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF ADDITIONAL LAND ACQUISITION FOR WATER SOURCE PROTECTION IN AND for SAID CITY.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Additional land acquisition for water source protection in and for the City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,500,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$1,500,000 bonds of said City hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby further determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 21 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Treasurer and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Treasurer. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Treasurer shall determine.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not

authorized to expend money, or

- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Prepared by:
Leonora Liz, Treasurer

Attachments:

1.	City of Middletown BOND RES (Additional Land Acquisition) \$1.5M (2-510) 4129-0011-5557 1
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February 12, 2026

VIA E-MAIL (LLiz@MiddletownNY.gov)

Leonora Liz
City Treasurer
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

Re: City of Middletown, Orange County, New York
Additional Land Acquisition- \$1,500,000 Bonds
Orrick File: 42347-2-510

Dear Leonora:

I have prepared and enclosed herewith a draft form of bond resolution relating to the above matter, for adoption by the Common Council at its next meeting.

The resolution is to be adopted by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the entire voting strength of the Common Council. After adoption, the Legal Notice of Estoppel, forms of which I enclose herewith for your convenience, should be published once in the official newspaper of the City.

When available kindly return to me **via pdf only** a certified copy of the enclosed resolution, together with an original printer's affidavit of publication of the Legal Notice of Estoppel thereof.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Douglas

Douglas Goodfriend
/am
Enc.

cc: Ms. Rosa Tumminia, Deputy Treasurer (RTumminia@MiddletownNY.gov)

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BOND RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, held at the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, in Middletown, New York, in said City, on February 17, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

The meeting was called to order by _____, and upon roll being called, the following were

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Councilman _____, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman _____, to-wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF ADDITIONAL LAND ACQUISITION FOR WATER SOURCE PROTECTION IN AND FOR SAID CITY.

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Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Treasurer shall determine.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

_____ VOTING _____
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_____ VOTING _____

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on February 17, 2026, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City of Middletown, Orange County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the City Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Middletown, New York,
February 17, 2026.

/s/ Richard P. McCormack
City Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF ADDITIONAL LAND ACQUISITION FOR WATER SOURCE PROTECTION IN AND FOR SAID CITY.

Specific object or purpose:	Additional land acquisition for water source protection
Period of probable usefulness:	30 years
Maximum estimated cost:	\$1,500,000
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$1,500,000 bonds



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward
Gomez
Seconded by: Alderwoman Wray
Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
Index No: 59-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

A Proclamation Recognizing February 2026 as National Black History Month

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2026**

WHEREAS, Black History Month invites all Americans to celebrate and reflect upon the historic contributions of African Americans to our culture, institutions, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month reminds us, in the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, that “*in recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute*”; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1926 and later recognized through Presidential Proclamations—most notably during the Nation’s Bicentennial in 1976—the month of February has been designated as

Black History Month, also known as African American History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month honors the profound contributions of African Americans to the founding, development, and ongoing progress of the United States and its culture; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month recognizes the continuing contributions of the African American community to our national identity across all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, these contributions have inspired generations of Americans, past, present, and future, affirming that the pursuit of freedom, justice, and happiness must never be abandoned; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown proudly honors its African American community for its vital role in shaping the history, culture, and character of our City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown and its diverse communities are forever enriched by this legacy, which continues to inspire us to move forward together;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor of the City of Middletown, during this Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary year of our Nation, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

AND I FURTHER CALL UPON all residents of the City of Middletown—young and old alike—to join in this observance and to embrace its enduring message of hope, courage, freedom, and unity as we work together to build a more just and promising future for all.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 60-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Amending Chapter 460 Of The Code Of The City Of Middletown To Establish
A No Stopping Or Standing Zone On The Easterly Side Of Low Avenue**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works is proposing that No Stopping or Standing restrictions be imposed on the easterly side of Low Avenue.

WHEREAS, said recommendation is made as a result of ongoing construction activity at the O&W Station, which necessitates the regulation of traffic and parking to ensure public safety and the efficient flow of vehicles;

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

Section 1 – The Code of the City of Middletown, N.Y., Chapter 460, Vehicles and Traffic,

Section 460-13, No Stopping or Standing Areas, is amended by adding:

Low Avenue, on the easterly side from Wickham Avenue to the end of the O&W Property.

Section 2 - This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 61-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Amending Chapter 460 Of The Code Of The City Of Middletown To Establish
A Stop Sign On Wisner Place At Wisner Avenue**

WHEREAS, the Police Chief is proposing that a stop sign be emplaced on Wisner Place at the intersection of Wisner Place and Wisner Avenue.

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

Section 1 – The Code of the City of Middletown, N.Y., Chapter 460, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 460-11(B), Stop Streets, is amended by adding the following:

Wisner Place: Wisner Place shall be a stop street at the intersection with Wisner Avenue.

Section 2 - This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Prepared by:

Attachments:

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
 Seconded by: None
 Date of Adoption: February 17, 2026
 Index No:

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Richard P. McCormack
 Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Rodriguez				
Ald. Jean-Francois				
Ald. Johnson				
Ald. Wray				
Ald. Gomez				
Ald. Green				
Ald. Witt				
Ald. Masi				
Pres. Rodrigues				
Total				

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

 Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

 Date

Introduction: A Local Law Transferring Supervision of Public Parks from The Superintendent of Recreation to The Commissioner of Public Works

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW TRANSFERRING SUPERVISION OF PUBLIC PARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 transfer all supervision of public parks in the City of

Middletown from the Superintendent of Recreation to the Commissioner of Public Works.

Section 2. Section 68 of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended by replacing the first phrase of the first sentence thereof, to read in its entirety as follows:

It shall be the duty of the commissioner of public works to superintend, under the direction of the mayor and common council, all work to be done or performed upon any of the public highways, streets, gutters, walks, crosswalks, bridges, sewers, sewage disposal works, or public parks, or public grounds, or property of said city;

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:
Alex Smith, Corporation Counsel

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: February 17, 2026
 Index No: 62-26

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

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

2/20/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

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Prepared by:
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Attachments:

None