



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
March 3, 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

(Pledge of Allegiance recited)

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Roll.

Alderman Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-

FRANCOIS: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON:

Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Alderwoman Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Alderman Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ:

Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Alderman Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Alderman Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Quorum is present.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Correspondence?

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: We have one item this evening. It's the EMS report for February 2026. It is attached to your pack and has been emailed to you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Review of the files.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Okay. For the good of the City?

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: We

have one speaker this evening, Ms. Susan Depew.

SUSAN DEPEW: Good evening. Good evening, Mayor, Commissioner Tawil. I can't think of the other people -- oh, the Police Chief, I'm sorry, and distinguished members of the Common Council. It is my pleasure that I am here today to announce the next event for the Middletown cleanup and it will be on Saturday, April 18th at Erie Way Park at the skating rink. It is such a convenient place, this new venue that is under a roof, convenient for everybody to park and it's known by, "The Skating Rink". So, we have a wonderful venue planned for Middletown again. It is so convenient and it is wonderful that Middletown helps to clean up Middletown in a way that is embracing for all the children, parents, and newcomers.

This venue is under the wraps of my friend, our City Clerk, and when asked how this thing all started, it started 11 years ago or 15 years ago, in 2011. I was driving home on West Main Street and as I veered under a tree, somebody hit me with a sandwich. It was a messy sandwich, and it was raining, so you could just imagine what it was like. I came home with a

car, hardly able to see through and my husband said to me, "What happened to you?" I said, "What happened to me is something that I don't want to happen to anybody else. But I'm tired of seeing things dirty, and I'm tired of hearing that things are messy in Middletown and I'm not going to say anything, I'm going to do something about it."

So, 11 years ago or 15 years ago, we started on 2011 at the side of City Hall, and it began to get bigger each year. Middletown is clean thanks to all the residents who come and help us, and thanks to the pride that has been established by City Hall, the people that I'm looking at are all the people that support this idea. So, I want to thank everybody for coming in the past and I want to really welcome everybody who has not shown up for a day. Come with your children, come with your grandchildren, bring your neighbor. We will outfit you with a brand-new shirt. We have a new color this year. Actually, it was last year, Rick designed a new color. It's blue, Middletown blue.

So, you can pre-register online by signing up on the website. I'm not sure exactly

how to do that, but I know Rick can tell us. Or you can show up that day, and you don't have to sign up before that. Just come in person, be ready to either help or walk through the streets, you can go anyplace you'd like to go. If you have a favorite street, that's fine. But please come and we will welcome you and give you a shirt and the gear that you need. Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Thank you. Okay. Remarks of the Mayor?

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: Nothing this evening.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Even better. Remarks of the Department Heads, Economic Development?

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: I don't have anything this evening, unless anybody has any questions.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Any questions for Maria? Thank you.

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: (indiscernible)

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Thank you, Maria. DPW Commissioner?

WOMAN 1: Don't get up.

WOMAN 2: No-one can see if they're talking to you. (indiscernible)

DPW COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: Good evening, all. Just, I'm going to report on the reservoir level. Alderman Masi doesn't want me to mention him, so I'm just going to report (indiscernible) about the reservoir levels. We are 75.6 percent, so we still need a lot of rain and, hopefully, will have some in the next couple of weeks. With that, if you have any questions about any of the capital projects taking place, please let me know or ask me or otherwise, if you have any other questions for me.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Any questions for Jacob? Thank you.

DPW COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Police Chief?

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW:

WOMAN 1: Chief, be careful.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Good evening. I have nothing this evening, unless you have --

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Any questions for the Police Chief?  
Thank you. City Treasurer?

CITY TREASURER LEONORA LIZ: I have  
nothing this evening.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Questions for the Treasurer? Thank  
you. City Clerk?

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Page  
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COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Yeah.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: I  
actually do have -- thank you, Susan for  
mentioning the Spring Clean Up. Signups will be  
available on the City website, hopefully at the  
beginning of next week. And I just wanted to  
make sure I thanked the Department of Public  
Works, Recreation and Parks, Community  
Development, the Treasurer's Office, City Council  
and all the other offices at City Hall that make  
the event possible. We're looking forward to a  
great day and let's hope for no rain this year.  
Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Okay. Remarks of the Alderman?

Alderman Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI: I just have a couple of really quick things. On Saturday, at the Middletown High School, from 7 a.m. to noon, the 71st Annual Charity Pancake Breakfast Kiwanis. If anyone is planning on going, I have tickets for it. The second thing, and Sue, thank you for all you do on the cleanup. I want people to understand there's a second, not to get confused with the 2026 Middletown Spring Annual Cleanup Week. That actually starts on April 13th in each ward and you can go online and get this. It'll tell you what you can put out in your particular ward. They want you to put it out on the Sunday before and then they will come down that week. It starts out with Ward 2, on April 13th and then you can look. And then there's an electric drop-off day has been designated also. So, there are two separate entities, so, and both of them work very well. And Sue, thank you for all that you do, and thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Thank you. Just two things in my role as Youth Liaison with the success of two City of Middletown young ladies. The first is, Naima Francis who is going to the New York State Indoor Championships in track and field in Staten Island. She is in the 300-meter dash. She is an eight-time state qualifier and a five-time All American. So, she is a senior who does very well in school. So, she's getting the opportunity to do that in March. And the second person, the second young lady, who you may have seen if you check social media, you might recognize the name, Madeira Monchery finished in sixth place at the New York State wrestling championships in the three-year history of the program for girls' wrestling. She was the first person to make the podium, which is a Top 6. So, congratulations to both of those young ladies.

We have lots of good things going on involving our children. As you know, we're half Town of Wallkill. I encourage everybody to check out the School District's webpage because there's a lot of greatness out there. And feel free to let them know that we think that they are great.

Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Alderman Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Great. Thank you. Yeah, quick kudos to the DPW and the Street Department for preventing the Middletown Citywide Skating Rink today, so it was really nice and calm getting out here today. So, thank you for that. No worries driving on the roads, but everyone, please be safe there.

We will be having our Second Ward Constituents' Meeting right here in the Council chambers next Wednesday, the 11th. That'll be at 7 p.m. here. We hope to see everyone here, especially because the weather is looking rather warm that day. So, we'll probably do it outside -- no, I'm kidding. We'll still do it in here just in case the rain, hopefully comes and fills those reservoirs. But again, that'll be Wednesday, the 11th here at 7 p.m. and we hope to see you. Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Alderman Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: I

just want to say we had a wonderful Chinese New

Year celebration at Middletown High School this Saturday. It's great to see our community coming together and celebrating the richness of our diversity and how the many, we form one. And for my last remarks for tonight, I just want to express, and I think I speak for all of us, our thoughts, and prayers for all our men and women in uniform serving overseas. And also, for the parents here, I know moments like these could be sleepless nights, but I pray our soldiers will do what they have to do and come back home soon.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Alderman Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: I have nothing this evening.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Nothing this evening.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes. Good evening. I had the opportunity to attend a Black History Month celebration last weekend. It was very

informative and it was well attended. And the Mayor had promised next year, there's a chance it might be at the Paramount. I'm looking forward to that.

On the other hand, DPW, you guys are doing a great job out there keeping our street safe and clean. Thank you for all you do. And our Fourth Ward Constituents' Meeting is this Saturday at 10 o'clock at this Chamber. I don't know if Alderman Masi, you have anything going?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI: No tests this week.

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: No tests this week? Okay. Yes.

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI: Thank you.

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. I just want to say, I agree with Kevin. This is a tough time for a lot of people right now, what's happening around the world in this country. But I also wanted to say that, at the

same time, I don't know if it's just because I'm new or whatnot, but we've been seeing so many positive events, activities, and get-togethers around our city, which I absolutely have to commend. It's just been amazing, well-received, like Jude just said a little while ago, and I look forward to seeing more. So, I think that despite the fact that things are rough everywhere, we're still finding the time to make things better right here where we live. It's a great city, and that's it. Thank you.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: New business?

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Good evening. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing temporary street closures for the annual Middletown Little League parade.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Carries. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing an agreement with Harry F. Rotol & Sons Electric for monthly alarm monitoring.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Gomez. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-

FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing an agreement with the Sullivan County SPCA for sheltering dogs for 2026.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Wray. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Gomez authorizing a \$10,000 budget transfer in the 2026 budget for water and sewer bill printing.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Gomez, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-

FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Motion carries. A resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray amending the rules of public decorum for public meetings.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Wray, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi? ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Carries. A resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson calling for a public hearing on a proposed two lot subdivision at 14 Railroad Avenue.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson. Do I have a second? Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-

FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Abstain.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

President Rodrigues abstains. A resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt amending Section 460-28 of the City Code to establish a handicapped parking space at 20 Ogden Street.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: A resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Masi. Any discussion? Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WRAD KEVIN WITT: Oh, go ahead. Go ahead.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: No, no. That's all right. Go on.

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: I just  
-- Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to  
amend that to be 23-25 Ogden Street.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Motion by Alderman Witt. Do I have a  
second?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: That  
was my mistake. I apologize.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Alderman Masi, to amend. Vote to  
amend. All in favor?

(All respond "Aye")

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Any opposed? All right.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: So,  
we have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt,  
seconded by Alderman Masi on an amended agenda  
item for amending Section 460-20 of the City  
Code, to establish a handicapped parking space at  
23-25 Ogden Street.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Carries. A resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois amending Section 161-6 of the City Code to extend the time period to contest a dangerous dog determination.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Gomez. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-

FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Motion carries. A resolution sponsored by --

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Rodriguez.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: --

Alderman Rodriguez, amending Chapter 161 of the City Code to reduce dog impoundment fees.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman

Rodriguez, seconded by Alderman Masi. Any

discussion? Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: I just wanted to point out we discussed this in legislative. It's a substantial reduction in the fees and I'm sure that residents who are affected by it will appreciate it.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: I totally agree. Anyone else? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-

FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Gomez?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Green?

ALDERMAN SECOND WARD ANDREW GREEN:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. MASI:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Resolution carries.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Local law?

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Good evening. We have a local law this evening sponsored by Alderman Masi transferring supervision of the public parks from the Superintendent of Recreation to the Commission of Public Works.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Do I have a second? Alderman Johnson. Any discussion on Local Law Number 1?

Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Rodriguez?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD ALEX RODRIGUEZ:

Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois?

ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD JUDE A. JEAN-

FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Johnson?

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK: Wray?

ALDERWOMAN THIRD WARD KATE WRAY: Aye.

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COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Motion carries.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Audit?

ALDERMAN FIRST WARD JOSEPH G. 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.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Motion by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Roll?

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President Rodrigues?

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD P. MCCORMACK:

Motion carries.

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL

RODRIGUES: Move for adjournment?

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Sonya Ledanski Hyde, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.



*Sonya M. Ledanski Hyde*

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Veritext Legal Solutions

330 Old Country Road

Suite 300

Mineola, NY 11501

Date: March 10, 2026



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
MARCH 3, 2026 - 7:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS
  - 4.1. EMS Report, February 2026
5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY (AGENDA ITEMS/CITY BUSINESS)
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
  - 63-26 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Street Closures for the Annual Middletown Little League Parade
  - 64-26 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Harry F. Rotolo & Sons Electric for Monthly Alarm Monitoring
  - 65-26 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Sullivan County SPCA for Sheltering Dogs for 2026
  - 66-26 Resolution Authorizing a \$10,000 Budget Transfer 2026 City Budget for Water and Sewer Bill Printing

67-26 Resolution Amending the Rules of Decorum for Public Meetings

68-26

Resolution Calling For a Public Hearing on A Proposed Two-Lot Subdivision At 14 Railroad Avenue

69-26 Resolution Amending § 460-28 Of The City Code To Establish A Handicapped Parking Space At 20 Ogden Street

70-26 Resolution Amending Section 161-6 Of The City Code To Extend The Time Period To Contest A Dangerous Dog Determination

71-26 Resolution Amending Chapter 161 Of The City Code To Reduce Dog Impoundment Fees

13. LOCAL LAWS

LL1- Local Law Transferring Supervision of Public Parks from The 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

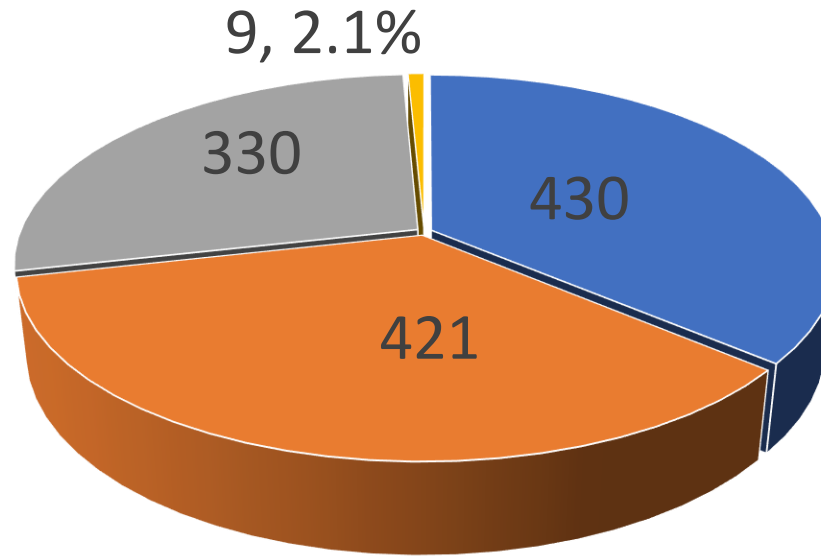
15. ADJOURNMENT



# City of Middletown February 2026



City of Middletown Call Data  
February 2026



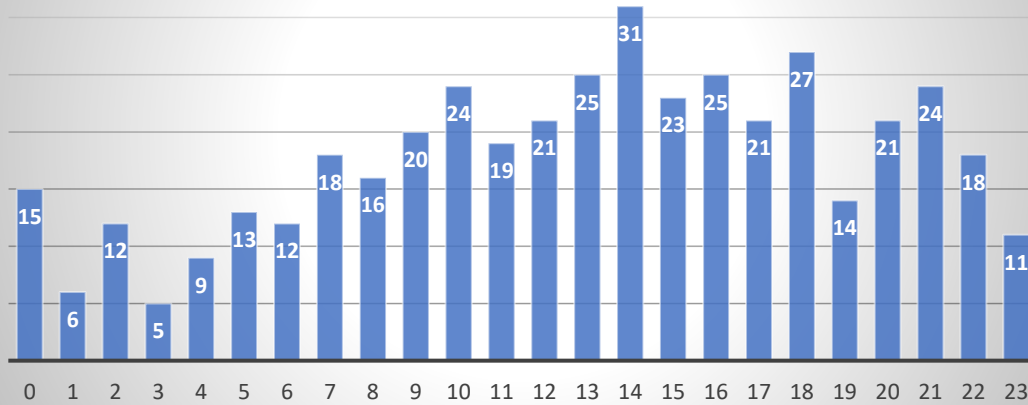
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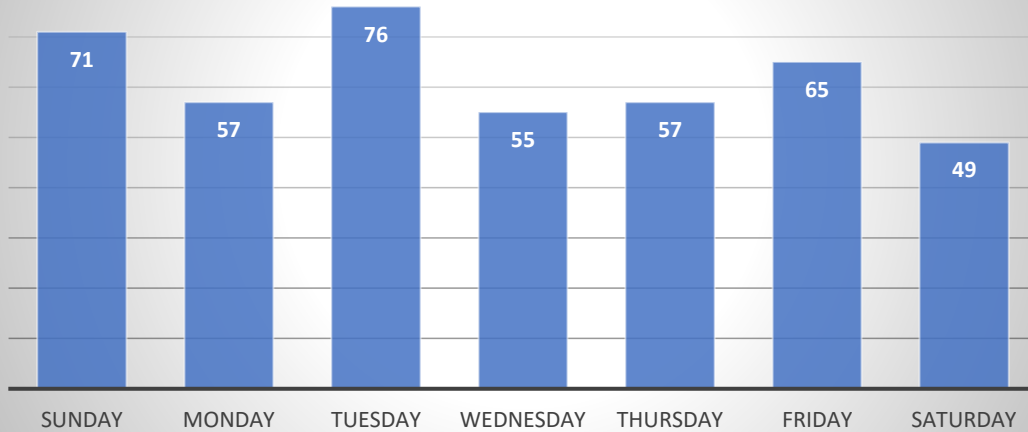
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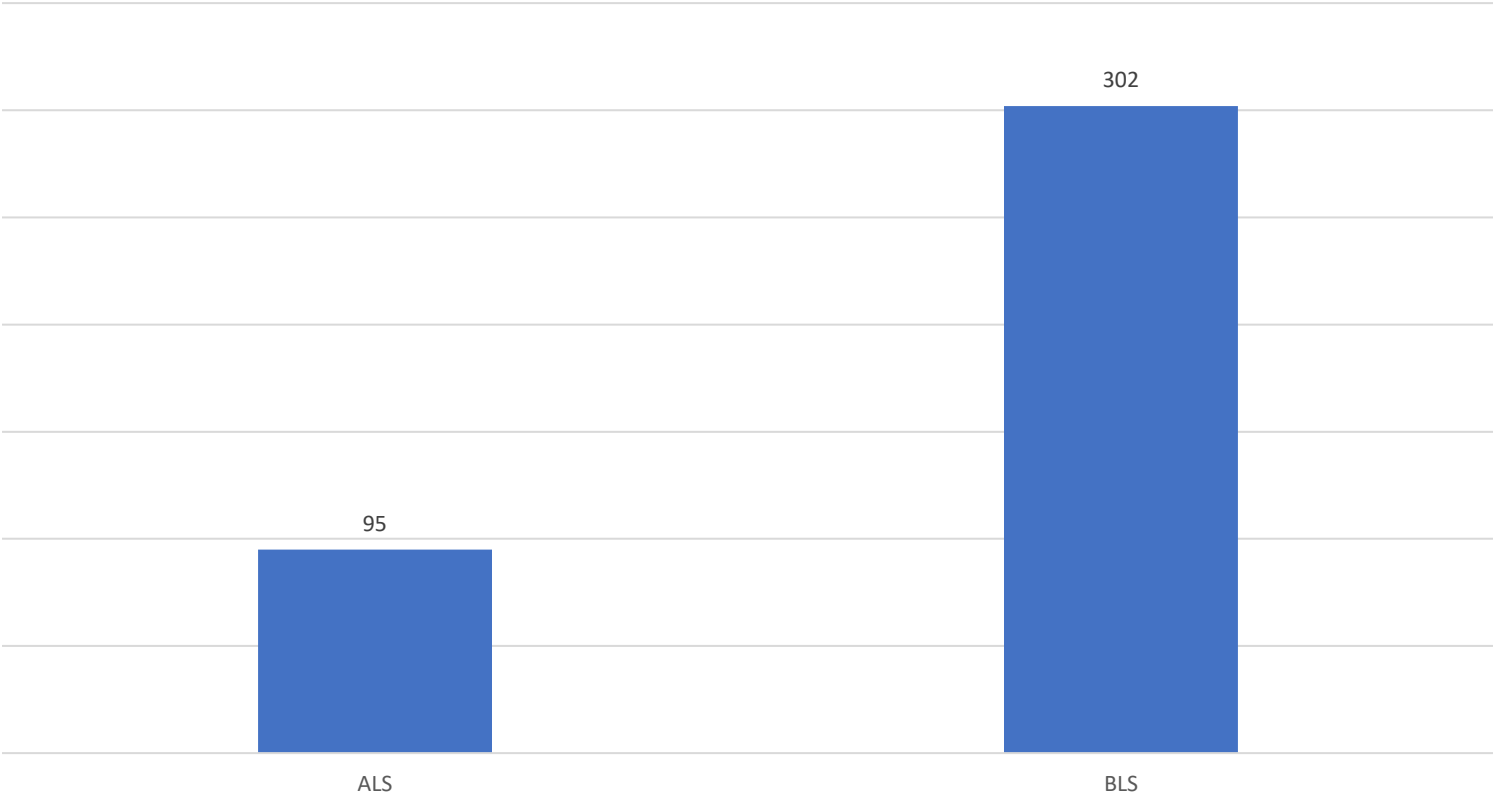
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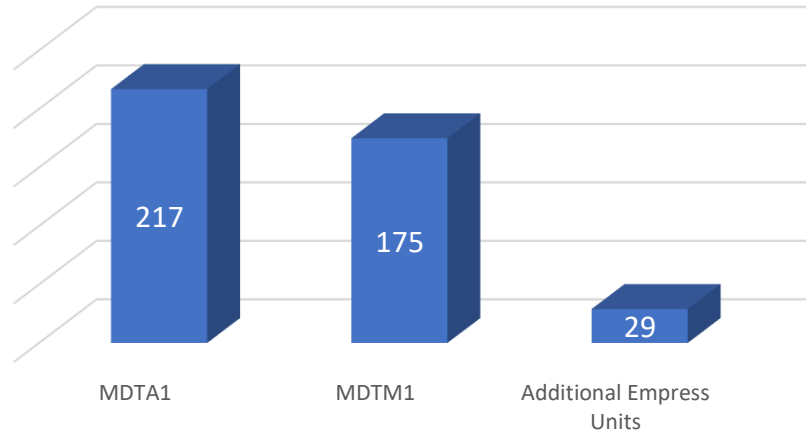
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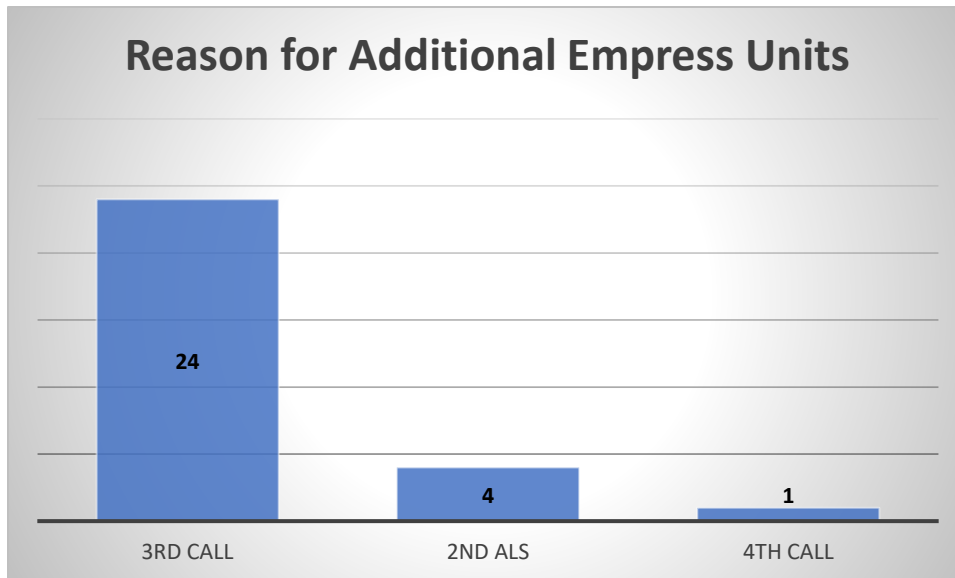
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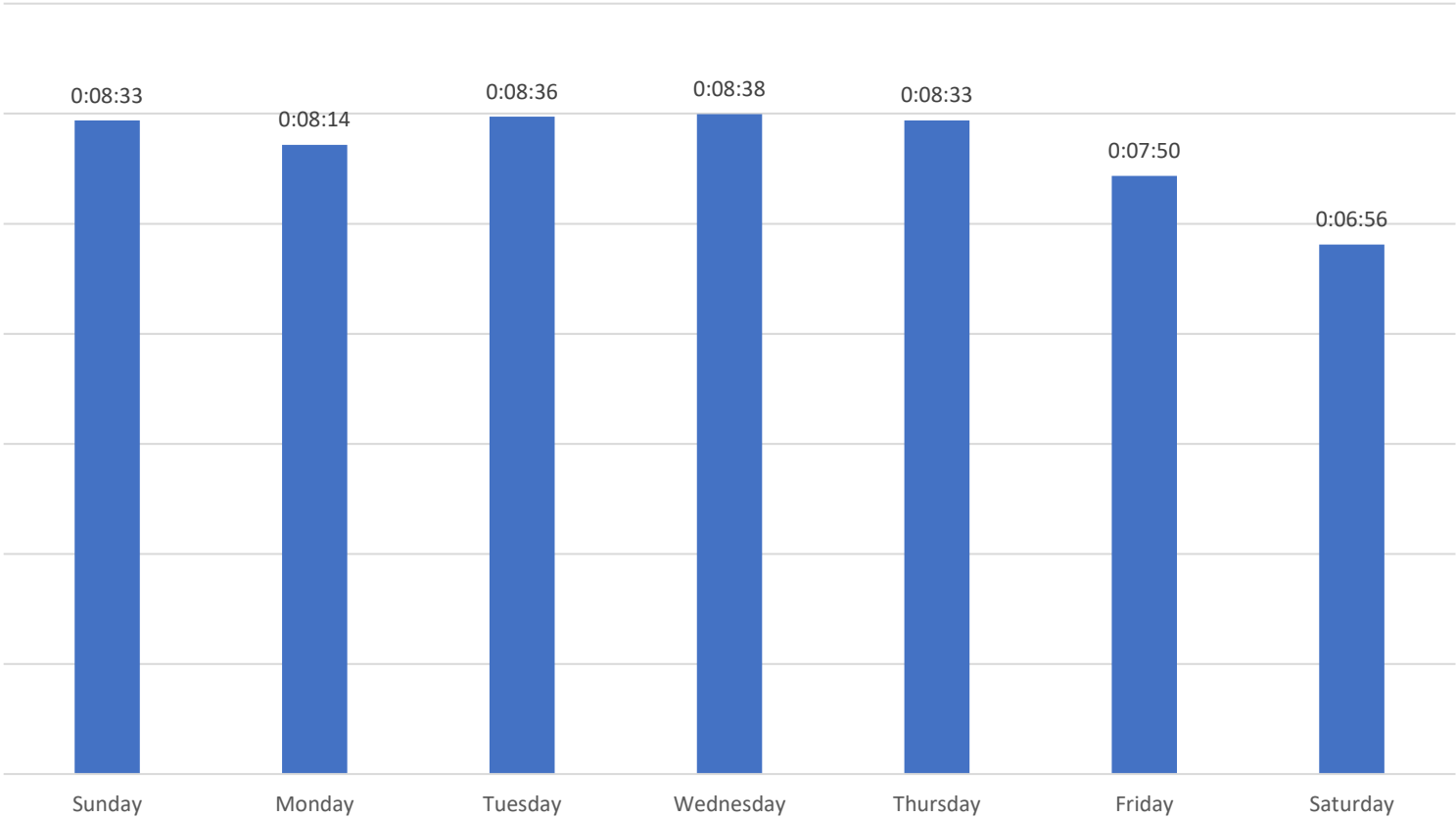
### Call Volume by Unit



### Reason for Additional Empress Units



### AVG Response Time by Day of Week



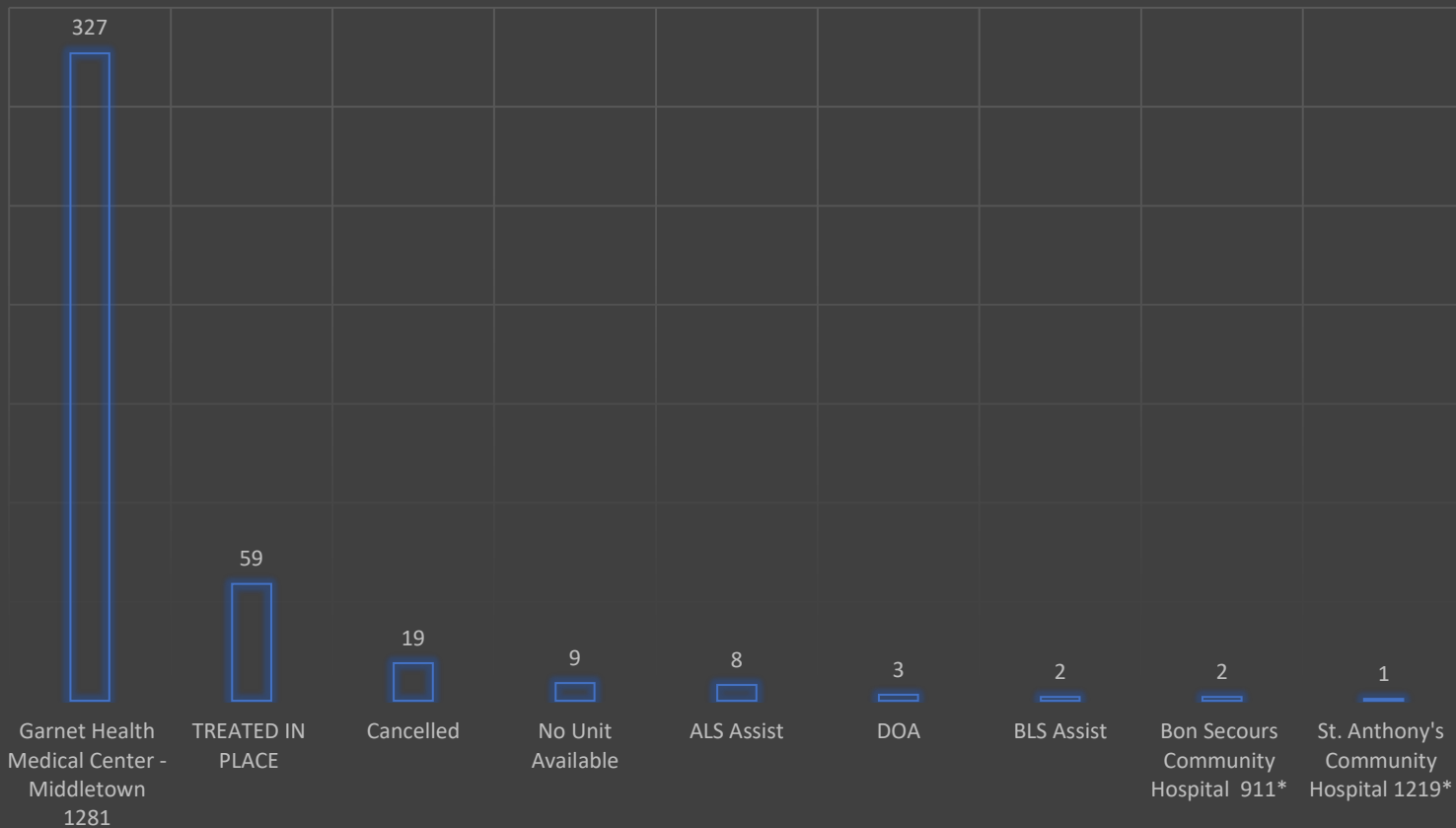
## Average Response Time ALL

Row Labels	Average of Response Time
Sunday	0:08:33
Monday	0:08:14
Tuesday	0:08:36
Wednesday	0:08:38
Thursday	0:08:33
Friday	0:07:50
Saturday	0:06:56
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0:08:14</b>

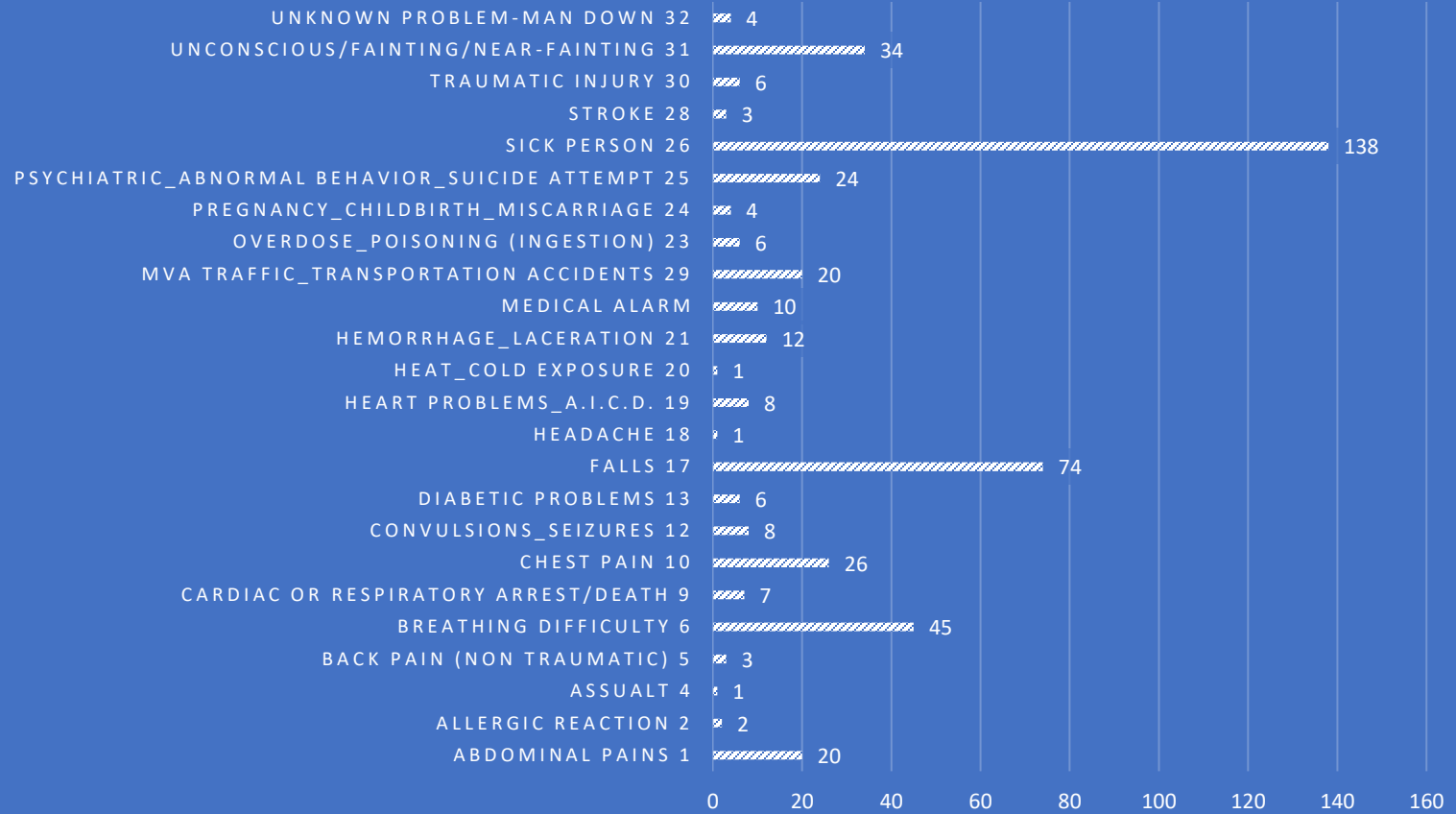
## Average Response Time Dedicated Unit

Row Labels	Average of Response Time
N-MDTA1	0:08:19
N-MDTM1	0:08:10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0:08:15</b>

### Count of Calls by Disposition



## NATURE OF CALL





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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt  
 Seconded by: Alderman Green  
 Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 63-26

**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	9			

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing Temporary Street Closures for the Annual Middletown Little League Parade**

**RESOLVED;** that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the temporary closing of certain streets for the Middletown Little League Parade on Saturday, April 11, 2026, beginning at 10:30 AM, along the following route: leaving Presidential Park Elementary School, proceeding north on Sunset Street, turning left onto Watkins Street, and continuing into Watts Park.

Prepared by:  
 Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1.	Request for Street Closures for Little League Parade
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Dear Mayor Destefano and Members of the Common Council

I trust this email finds you all well. I am reaching out to request your support for our upcoming **Opening Day Parade** on **April 11th, 2026**. Hopefully this year, we won't wake up to a few inches of snow! The Rain date would be the following Sat 4/18. As we kick off the new season, we are excited to celebrate the youth of our community and all the hard work that goes into making this league a success!

The parade will be a highlight of our opening day festivities, and we would love to have the participation of the Mayor, and members of the Common Council and Middletown PD. It will be an excellent opportunity to show support for the children in our league and for the community as a whole.

We will be extending the invitation to the Park and Recs Department, The Marching Middle Band from the High School and our local Fire departments, who have always been an integral part of our community, as well as the generous sponsors who have contributed to and supported our teams this season. Their involvement has made it possible for us to continue offering a positive and enriching experience for the children of our area.

The Route for the Parade will be as follows :

- Step off from Presidential Park Elementary School. Line up will begin at 10am with a step off of appx 10:30am
- March up up Sunset and then make a left onto Watkins ave to the entrance of Watts Park

We hope to have your support for this event, and we are happy to provide any additional details or make arrangements that might be needed to ensure everything runs smoothly. Please let us know if you will be able to attend or if there is anything else we can do to facilitate this request.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to a wonderful celebration on April 12th and hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Tiffany Hasbrouck

President, Middletown Little League

(845) 645-5867

[tiffany@middletownnyll.org](mailto:tiffany@middletownnyll.org)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward Gomez  
 Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 64-26

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3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Harry F. Rotolo & Sons Electric for Monthly Alarm Monitoring**

**BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which hereby authorizes an agreement with Harry F. Rotolo & Son's, dated January 1, 2026, for the renewal of contracts for monthly alarm services at City buildings for the year 2026, reflecting a 4% increase over 2025.**

The fee for **Fire Alarm Services** shall be **\$39.00 per month** for the following facilities: City Hall, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Rail Trail, Senior Center, and Warming Station.

The fee for **Burglar Alarm Services** shall be **\$39.00 per month** for the Warming Station.

The cost of said services is a currently budgeted item.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

Prepared by:

**Attachments:**

1.	MEMO- BOE Rotolo Alarms-2026
2.	BOE-Rotolo Alarms 2026

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 2, 2026  
To: Honorable Mayor DeStefano, Members of the Board of Estimate  
and Apportionment, Members of the Common Council  
Cc: Leonora Liz, Treasurer and Richard McCormack, City Clerk  
From: Jacob Tawil, Commissioner of Public Works  
Re: Approval of Agreement from Harry F Rotolo & Son's for Year 2026  
Alarm Services at City Buildings

We are hereby requesting your consideration and approval of the enclosed agreements from Harry F. Rotolo & Son's, dated January 1, 2026, requesting renewal of the contracts for monthly Alarm Services at City buildings for the year 2026 with a 4% increase from 2025.

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Thank you.

JT/mc

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## HARRY F. ROTOLO & SON, INC.

Contactou -

390 East Main Street • Middletown, New York 10940

Phone 845-343-8160 • Fax 845-343-8610

1. City of Middletown- City Hall being owner/occupant (lessee) of hereby premises at 16 James Street, Middletown, NY 10940 hereby rent, from Harry F. Rotolo & Son, Inc., a monitoring system to be delivered and installed at the above premises. This agreement shall commence on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 and last for one year from the commencement date. The above owner/occupant (lessee) shall pay in the sum of \$39.00 per month for maintenance plus taxes.
2. Harry F. Rotolo & Son, Inc., in return for such consideration, agree to keep and maintain said monitoring system in good, serviceable condition and inspect it whenever duly notified.
3. It is further agreed that this contract shall automatically renew itself for the period of one year, and from one year thereafter. If any of the above-mentioned subscribers wants to terminate this contract, then written notice must be provided at least 30 days prior to expiration date. There will be a 4% increase on the monthly maintenance fee after the first year and every year following this contract.
4. In the event of a "breach of contract" to this agreement such as failure of installment payment by owner/occupant (lessee), Harry F. Rotolo, Inc. shall have the right to declare





## HARRY F. ROTOLO & SON, INC.

- Electrical Contractors -

390 East Main Street • Middletown, New York 10940

Phone 845-343-8160 • Fax 845-343-8610

1. City of Middletown Sewer Plant being owner/occupant (lessee) of hereby premises at 159 Dolson Ave, Middletown, NY 10940 hereby rent, from Harry F. Rotolo & Son, Inc., a monitoring system to be delivered and installed at the above premises. This agreement shall commence on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 and last for one year from the commencement date. The above owner/occupant (lessee) shall pay in the sum of \$39.00 per month for maintenance plus taxes.
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390 East Main Street • Middletown, New York 10940

Phone 845-343-8160 • Fax 845-343-8610

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390 East Main Street • Middletown, New York 10940

Phone 845-343-8160 • Fax 845-343-8610

1. City of Middletown- Warming Station being owner/occupant (lessee) of hereby premises at 10 Mulberry Street, Middletown, NY 10940 hereby rent, from Harry F. Rotolo & Son, Inc., a monitoring system to be delivered and installed at the above premises. This agreement shall commence on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 and last for one year from the commencement date. The above owner/occupant (lessee) shall pay in the sum of \$39.00 per month for maintenance plus taxes.
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**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Green  
 Seconded by: Alderwoman Wray  
 Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 65-26

**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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Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Sullivan County SPCA for Sheltering Dogs for 2026**

**BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which hereby authorizes an agreement with the Sullivan County SPCA for the sheltering of dogs for calendar year 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

Prepared by:  
 Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1.	Sullivan County ASPCS
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104 Rock Hill Drive  
Rock Hill, New York 12775  
Phone (845)796-3120  
Fax (845) 794-2254

**Agreement between Sullivan County SPCA, a non-profit organization registered/licensed under NY Ag & Markets, and the Municipality of Middletown, NY for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.**

The Sullivan County SPCA agrees to accept only dogs The Municipality of Middletown, NY ACO/DCO has evaluated and determined to be adoptable into the community, shelter space and resources permitting. The Sullivan County SPCA agrees to provide humane sheltering, care, feeding, and sanitation, comply with NY A&M Law Article 26-C shelter standards, hold dogs for the required redemption period and maintain all required legal records.

The dogs, in accordance with New York A&M, must be held for the legal holding period, after which they may be put up for adoption if not claimed by the owner, or humanely euthanized when necessary.

If the shelter must hold a dog beyond the legal holding time for your municipality because of a pending court case, bite case, etc., we will charge your municipality **\$25.00** per diem, per dog. We can only hold up to three (3) animals for your municipality when the animals are seized by an ACO/DCO in the event of a cruelty case.

Since we do not have a veterinarian on premises, we are unable to accept any animal with suspected mange, rabies, distemper, parvovirus or an injury that requires immediate medical attention. If veterinary or emergency medical care or humane euthanasia is required upon arrival, Municipality of Middletown, NY will be billed at actual cost.

The Municipality of Middletown, NY will pay a fee of **\$350.00** per dog delivered to the Sullivan County SPCA within 30 days of invoice.

The SPCA will send out an invoice within 30 days of drop off. A record of the disposition of the dogs from the prior month will be sent out by the end of the month.

No amendment to this agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

Sullivan County SPCA

Joe Puzza 12-11-25  
Board President Date

Joseph M. DeStefano 2026

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Municipality Supervisor Date



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

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Gomez  
Seconded by: Alderman Green  
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Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Gomez	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

3/6/2026

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Resolution Authorizing a \$10,000 Budget Transfer 2026 City Budget for Water and Sewer Bill Printing**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000 in the following manner, to cover the printing and mailing the water/sewer bills.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.9000.860 State Health Insurance	A.1325.480 Finance Office Expense	\$10,000

Prepared by:  
Leonora Liz, Treasurer

**Attachments:**

1.	BOE Request_Finance Transfer
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# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

## City Of Middletown

Leonora Liz  
Treasurer

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

February 26, 2026

To: The Board of Estimate From: Leonora Liz, Treasurer

Requesting a transfer to cover the cost of water and sewer bill printing. The Finance Department is in the process of transitioning bill printing to an alternative platform offered by Orange Bank & Trust Company. While it was initially anticipated that the platform would be fully implemented prior to 2026, implementation efforts are ongoing. Upon completion, the new platform will be provided at no cost to the City.

From	To	Amount
A.9000.860	A.1325.480	\$10,000
State Health Insurance	Finance Office Expense	

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonora Liz".



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderwoman Wray  
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson  
 Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 67-26

**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	9			

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

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Amending the Rules of Decorum for Public Meetings**

**BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Common Council of the City of Middletown and hereby amends Resolution No. 7-26, entitled *Rules of Decorum*, by removing Item 4, “Public Comment Not Concerning Items on the Agenda or Directly Connected to City Business or Affairs,” in its entirety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that all remaining provisions of Resolution No. 7-26 shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be **renumbered accordingly**.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Prepared by:

**Attachments:**

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson  
 Seconded by: Alderman Green  
 Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 68-26

**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	9		1	

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Calling For a Public Hearing on A Proposed Two-Lot Subdivision At 14 Railroad Avenue**

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted for a **two-lot subdivision** of property located at **14 Railroad Avenue**, City of Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, the **Common Council of the City of Middletown** is required to conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on said proposed subdivision; and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearing must be given in accordance with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Common Council of the City of**

**Middletown** hereby calls for a **public hearing** on the proposed **two-lot subdivision at 14 Railroad Avenue** to be held on:

**Monday, March 16, 2026**  
**At or as near to 7:30 PM as possible**  
**Common Council Chambers**  
**Second Floor**  
**16 James Street**  
**Middletown, New York**

and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the **City Clerk** is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the City in accordance with law.

Prepared by:  
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**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: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 69-26

**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	9			

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Amending § 460-28 Of The City Code To Establish A Handicapped Parking Space At 23-25 Ogden Street**

BE IT RESOLVED, that section 460-28, No-parking zone; handicapped permits only, of the Code of the City of Middletown is hereby amended to add the following designated handicapped parking space: Ogden Street — One (1) handicapped parking space located in front of No. 23-25 Ogden Street, Middletown, New York.

Prepared by:

**Attachments:**

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois  
 Seconded by: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward Gomez  
 Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 70-26

**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	9			

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Amending Section 161-6 Of The City Code To Extend The Time Period To Contest A Dangerous Dog Determination**

WHEREAS, the City Animal Control Officer suggests increasing the time limit for dog owners to contest the designation of their animal(s) as dangerous.

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

Section 1. Section 161-6, Dangerous Dogs, of Chapter 161, Animals, of the Code of the City of Middletown, is hereby amended by modifying Section 161-6(H), to read in its entirety as follows:

H. Contesting determination of dangerous dog. The owner or custodian of any dog determined by the Animal Control Officer or Police Chief of the City of Middletown to be dangerous within the meaning of this section may contest such designation by commencing an action as provided in Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules within 60 days of the mailing of the written notice provided for in Subsection I below.

Section 2. Severability.

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution and Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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: Alderman Masi  
Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
Index No: 71-26

**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	9			

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

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Amending Chapter 161 Of The City Code To Reduce Dog Impoundment Fees**

WHEREAS, the City Animal Control Officer suggests that impoundment fees for dogs be reduced due to the difficulties being encountered in returning dogs to their owners.

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

Section 1. Section 161-1, License and tag required; seizure and impoundment; disposition, of Chapter 161, Animals, of the Code of the City of Middletown, is hereby amended by modifying Section 161-1(G)(4) to read in its entirety as follows:

(4)

Each dog which is not identified, whether or not licensed, shall be held for a period of five days

from the day seized during which period the dog may be redeemed by its owner, provided that such owner produces proof that the dog has been licensed and has been identified pursuant to the provisions of this section and further provided that the owner pays the following impoundment fees:

- (a) Up to \$125 for the first impoundment of any dog owned by that person.
- (b) Up to \$150 for the second impoundment, within one year of the first impoundment, of any dog owned by that person.
- (c) Up to \$175 for the third and subsequent impoundments, within one year of the first impoundment, of any dog owned by that person.

Section 2. Severability.

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution and 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: Alderman Johnson  
 Date of Adoption: March 3, 2026  
 Index No:

**I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.**

Richard P. McCormack  
 Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. 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	9			

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**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: March 3, 2026  
 Index No: 72-26

**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	9			

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

3/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment**

Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

Prepared by:  
 Leonora Liz, Treasurer

**Attachments:**

None