



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

May 5, 2026 Minutes  
City Hall  
16 James Street  
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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

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GROUP: I pledge 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: Please remain standing as I ask for a moment of silence. The first moment of silence is for our City Historian Peter Laskaris. He served the City of Middletown for 41 years. The second moment of silence is James McClinsey, former alderman and city employee. May they both rest in peace. Thank you. 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? Alderman Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman

Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman

Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman

Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Here.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Quorum is  
present.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Approval of minutes?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Nothing this  
evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Correspondence?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Nothing this  
evening.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: For the good  
of the city, I would like to invite the mayor.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Good evening,

everyone, and welcome to all the representatives from the Middletown School District and Superintendent Creeden. So maybe just before I begin, I want to note that the City of Middletown represents only about half of the Middletown School District. Named Enlarged City School District, but "enlarged" meaning more than us. And so tonight, we're also joined by Frank DenDanto, the supervisor of the Town of Wallkill.

And tonight both communities are coming together to recognize someone whose name, whose work, and whose impact are deeply woven into the fabric of the City of Middletown and the Town of Wallkill, Mr. John Perrino. John did not know he was coming to this.

For six decades since 1966, John has dedicated his life to public education. And just think about that for a minute, six decades. Double that, and you have Masi's age. Generations of students, families, and educators, an entire community shaped in part by his steady hand and unwavering commitment.

He has served as a teacher, an administrator, and for more than 25 years as a member of the Middletown Enlarged City School

District Board of Education. But titles alone don't tell the story of Mr. Perrino. What defines Mr. John Perrino is not just the roles he has held, but the way he has carried them out with humility, with integrity, and with a singular focus, doing what is right for the students and our families.

John has been a tireless advocate for fairness, especially when it comes to funding for our schools. He understood that equity isn't just a concept. It's a responsibility because when our schools are properly funded, our students succeed, our teachers are supported, and our community grows stronger.

At a time when many were asking, "What do we do next," John was already focused on, "What do our students need most?" He also understood something fundamental. You cannot educate the mind if the basic needs are not met. When federal support fell short, John helped lead the effort to ensure every student had access to a meal, not because it was easy, not because it was required, but because it was the right thing to do.

John has always believed in expanding

opportunity. He has championed dual enrollment giving students a headstart on college and their future. He has pushed for stronger literacy initiatives because he knows reading is the foundation for everything that follows, and he has emphasized accountability and access ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.

But truly, what sets John Perinno apart from others is that his service doesn't end in the board room. You see him everywhere, I think we all know that, at school events, at community gatherings, at ceremonies and milestones. And he's there not for the recognition, but because he genuinely cares. He is present, he is engaged and is trusted by all.

A man of his word and a man of action, his service extends beyond the -- beyond education as well. Through his work with the Middletown Elks Club, he has supported scholarships, mentorship, community service, and has served a few pancake breakfasts. He has stood with our volunteer firefighters advocating for them and recognizing their sacrifices, and he has supported ROTC programs and the young men and women who choose to serve our country.

You know when we talk about John Perrino, we're not just talking about one individual, we're talking about a family legacy, legacy that spans more than 100 years in the Middletown area. John Perrino was there at Middletown High School back in the 70s. And for many of us, including myself, he was part of that experience helping shape our path at a critical time in our lives.

That kind of legacy doesn't happen by accident. It's built over time through values, through sacrifice, and through a belief that giving back matters. And John has carried that legacy forward in the most meaningful way possible through education.

Because when you invest in education, you're not just shaping one life, you're shaping generations. That's what Mr. Perrino and that's what the Perrino name represents in and around the city of Middletown: commitment, stability, service, and pride in this community. In my role as mayor, I've had the opportunity to work with many dedicated individuals, but John Perrino stands out because his focus has always been exactly where it should be, on the kids, on the

families, and doing what's right.

John Perrino is the definition of a leader. He doesn't seek the spotlight. He doesn't look for credit. He shows up, he does the work, and he makes a difference quietly, consistently, consistently, and meaningfully. So tonight we recognize not just a career, but a lifetime of impact. In the fall of 2025, John Perrino was awarded the Everett R. Dyer Award from New York State School Board Association. This statewide honor recognizes exceptional leadership and dedication to public education, qualities he has demonstrated throughout his decades of service.

His commitment to students, families, and educational equity reflects the true spirit of this award. On behalf of the City of Middletown, President Rodrigues, the common council, and all of our residents, John, we say thank you. Thank you for your dedication, thank you for your leadership, and thank you for your unwavering belief in the power of education.

In -- as we all know and I opened with, the district is shared between the City of Middletown and predominantly the Town of Wallkill

as a shared community. And with that, I'd like to invite Supervisor DenDanto to offer remarks on behalf of our neighbors in the Town of Wallkill. Frank and I, even with a bit of an age gap, share one thing in common. We both knew Mr. Perrino from our days at Middletown High School, which makes tonight even more meaningful. So, Frank, please come on up.

SUPERVISOR FRANK DENDANTO: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, council, Mr. Perrino. I am not quite as loquacious as the good mayor. I'm not quite as seasoned, so my speech is a little bit off-the-cuff, and so you'll bear with me as I stumble a little bit as I go through how Mr. Perrino -- and he will always be Mr. Perrino to me, how Mr. Perrino impacted my life as a student at MHS.

One of the things that you might know about me, I'm in the theater business. I spend a lot of time coiling cables and picking up things and working in the background for events. And one of my introductions to that, believe it or not, was with Mr. Perrino. I have memories of Mr. Perrino, believe it or not, working with the AV club, a club that I was not party to while I was at MHS.

I was actually in the band, so I spent a lot more time down in the band room, but I did spend a fair amount of time in the library. And one of the things that I noticed was that there was a lot of equipment, a lot of equipment. And that equipment was very interesting. And Mr. Perrino was meticulous about the maintenance of that equipment and meticulous with the club.

And it was a very diverse club. A rather small club, but a diverse club, and they were all really engaged. And so I paid attention to that. And I watched him work his magic around those students, it became really clear to me that there's a niche for every individual and a magnet for that individual to find inspiration. And in that moment, I found some inspiration and took a lesson from that and grew that into working backstage and now a career of 30-some-odd years as a designer working on Broadway.

Got a Tony-nominated show out there right now. Go see it. Lost Boys for those Gen-Xers out there, you might remember it. What I want to say here right now is this. While I am the supervisor of the Town of Wallkill, and we frequently are overlooked by the great City of

Middletown, we do actually have a fair amount of impact on the city school district, and we are impacted by the city school district.

And with leadership like Mr. Perrino's, that impact is profound. So I want to thank Mr. Perrino for his years and years of dedication. And yes, seen everywhere at every football game, at every event always with his hat, always quietly steering the process along with a smile on his face.

Like I like to say, he is a cornerstone of the small group of individuals that pick up and put away the chairs. For those individuals out there who don't know that phrase, there is a small -- and I imagine some of you up here are those people, there's always a small group of people at the end of every meeting that stick around and pick up the chairs.

Mr. Perrino instilled that in me, and I am thankful for that. He's instilled that in my community, and we are thankful for that. Thank you, Mr. Perrino, for all that you've done.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: So, John, we're going to give you an opportunity to get up, but basically, it's a proclamation, a joint

proclamation, from myself and Supervisor DenDanto along with a key to the City of Middletown, and it outlines basically what I spoke about. And a lot of this information came from the heart from both of us, but also a lot came from the superintendent and your colleagues on the board of education.

So we appreciate everything you are doing for the City of the Middletown and the Town of Wallkill and the school district and continue the good work. I think you've got about 20 more years in you. Congratulations.

JOHN PERRINO: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR FRANK DENDANTO:

(Indiscernible).

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Say a few words, John.

JOHN PERRINO: You know, I wanted to thank everybody for this. And I guess if I had to say one thing, but I'm not going to stand here and talk too long, I want to paraphrase what Albert Einstein said. A life lived for others is the only life to live.

And I recognize this, and I want to thank everybody for this honor. And you know,

the people in this room have the same philosophy because I've known many of you, most of you forever. I knew Mr. DenDanto when he was a very small child. He used to come to Sproat Street playground where I was a playground manager.

The DenDanto family, a great family in Middletown, lived across the street from Sproat Street playground. His dad was an excellent auto technician. And you know, as I said to Mr. DenDanto, his grandfather worked for the city school district. I remember that also.

And I've known Mayor DeStefano, again, all my life. I knew him as a student, I knew him as an alderman, and the mayor. And there are -- I've known people on this board as colleagues, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Gomez, and I see Kevin Witt in the audience as an alderman, and Kevin Witt is one of my colleagues.

And I've known people here -- Rick McCormack was on the school board when I first started. And everyone -- I could say things about everybody in this room because I'm a community member, and it as Tip O'Neill said, all politics is local. I believe he -- that was the one who said that.

So, thank you again for this honor. I really appreciate this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: We're going to take a two-minute break and then we're going to go to our presentation.

(Break)

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Eileen, we're good? So at this time, for the good of the city, I would like to invite the school district to come up and present the budget presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN: Thank you so much, Mayor, President Rodrigues, common council, and Supervisor DenDanto. Thank you so much for having us tonight. And what a special night for us to present our budget.

We always love coming here, getting an opportunity to connect back with the city and present the budget. But tonight on a night when it truly embodies the city, the school district and the town all working together, we all know in this room that the city and the town is not a success without a successful school district, and the school district cannot be a success in isolation without the support of the city and the town. So thank you so much for having us this

evening.

So the budget that you're going to share with you tonight is always grounded in the mission of the school district and the board of education to provide fiscally responsible opportunities, safe environments all addressing the needs of our diverse student population.

At the beginning of the year, we set aside time to review my goals. And so what we're showing here is just a visual to identify that each of our goals aligns to the board of education's vision, the district's vision, and you'll see where the pieces of the budget connect to my goals.

The budget development is truly a collaboration between all of our community partners, elected officials, volunteers, financial advisors, feedback from schools and departments, as well as all of the processes and procedures we do to audit our books as we progress throughout the year.

As we begin the budgeting process, there are a few things that we keep in mind. They're called budgeting assumptions, and those are things that are rolled over from year to year

in terms of our consumer price index, our tax cap, our TRS, our Teacher Retirement System, our Employee Retirement System, and our health insurance premium. So we're just demonstrating for you here that before we even begin the budgeting process, these are the percentages that we have to consider as we're looking at the line item budget.

And the biggest component of some of our budgeting assumptions are our contractual salaries. Those are things that we have been obligated to provide each year. And then I'll just draw your attention to 8 and 9. 8 and 9 on this are pretty significant this year in particular because we still at this point don't have a budget from the state.

And so what we are operating on is our January run, which gave us a one-percent increase, which was a significant decrease. We were hoping for two, but we landed at one. So the budget that you see in front of you that -- this evening is a very conservative look at our ability to leverage some of our savings accounts to that we don't impact our programming.

Number 9 looks at unfunded and under-

funded mandates. And so those are things that, in the world of the school district, the state education department puts down a mandate, but they doesn't always provide us with the funding to support the implementation of that mandate.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NORVAL

CONNELL: Good evening, council members. It's an honor to be here, Mr. Mayor, Supervisor of the Town of Wallkill. Thank you so much for the opportunity. To the Middletown community, we are excited to show this budget because we were charged by our school board of education, Mrs. Creeden and myself, to create a budget that will continue the rich programs that we offer to our diverse students and their diverse interests. And that's the reason we are here.

But at the same time, our school board says we make sure that we keep our taxpayers in mind. So we're fiercely protecting the taxpayers while continuing what we're providing for our scholars. Now -- yes, please.

So if you look, what you see on there is kind of the breakdown of our expenditures. The majority of our expenditures goes into our programs, and then that explains the experience

that our scholars have day in and day out. That is what we're paying for, for the majority of our budget.

What you're seeing -- so our budget, our three-part budget includes administrative expenses. We try our best to keep it as low as possible as we move from one year to the next. And what you see there at the bottom is only a 2.27 percent in growth. If we continue on the program expenses, the same thing. Here are all the different programs that we offer. Only a 2.55 percent growth in that case.

And then our third piece are capital expenses, which what you see is actually a smaller piece and smallest of the piece, but it's also a very small growth, 2.5 percent. But then that leads us to what our total budgeted expense is, and that is \$283 million. Now, that is only a 2.65 percent growth over last year, and that is something that we aggressively try to make sure by monitoring and making sure that we are looking at our expenses and that we are not overtaxing our taxpayers.

Now, how do we pay for all of this?

The beautiful thing about this is that we usually

-- in a lot of other places you will see three different sources of income. Here you will see four. And one of the things that you need to point out is that a majority is paid by -- almost 70 percent of it is paid by state aid.

Then I also want to applaud our board of education who is here. Because of their planning over the years, we have -- we were able to use some of our reserve funds to offset some of the costs so that we can keep the -- can pass on our savings to our taxpayers so we can keep our tax rate as low as possible.

Now, what does that mean? Year after year we'll see state aid actually went down somewhat, and normally that is mostly driven by our foundation aid. That right now, as Mrs. Creeden said, is really what happened in our January run. We were -- every year we expect two percent. This year we came in at one percent. So that is a first kind of bad news.

However, you know, local taxes also, because we were able to use our unappropriated funds, we actually -- you can see that is -- it represents even a smaller portion of the full revenue, 26.8 percent.

Now, with those four pieces of revenue, state aid, the other revenues category, our local taxes, and the use of our fund balances, we're able to actually cover the full budget with a 2.65 percent increase in our expenses year after year. Now, this is what's important.

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN: This is the good slide.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NORVAL CONNELL: This is the good slide. This is the slide -- so the idea is that we went in with a -- to make sure that we are not doing anything that will go over the cap, right? And so the idea is that here we are. We're able to, just like we did last year, to maintain all of this to the budget to make sure we're all within 1.99 percent, which is below the cap that is given.

Now, to put that into perspective -- and this very crowded slide is actually a copy directly from the comptroller's calculation. So that is why it's all on here because we are not deviating from anything. But this is actually the full slide that shows exactly how much we were allowed to increase our taxes by.

If you look at the number at the bottom

where that red arrow is pointed, we were allowed by our comptroller's calculation to increase our taxes by 4.87 percent. But because of the mandate from our board, and because of decisions that were made long before, we were able to keep it at 1.99 percent.

Now, what do we need to brag about, about this budget? Well, the proposed budget is \$283 million. It's a budget increase of 7.3 million, which represents 2.65 percent growth. So, which -- in order to pay for all their expenses, our tax levy increase is just \$1.48 million, and that represents that 1.99 percent.

This is our cheat sheet. And as you partner with us to let the community know and to the community members, this is the brag sheet to talk about all the things that we have accomplished in this budget to make sure that we continue on our rich programs, but at the same time fiercely protecting our local taxpayers.

Now, Tuesday, May 19th is a very important day. It is Super Tuesday. And with -- because we are below our cap and because we did not exceed, all we need is a 50 percent plus 1 positive votes to have this budget pass. If it

doesn't, then we have to rely on our contingent budget rules, and that is the last year tax levy. No additional budget requests, no equipment purchases, applicable facilities charges. So, in a different world, right, we would have to facilitate that that doesn't happen.

But one thing I do know is that even though Middletown may be a small city school district, our voice is big and it amplifies far. And our board members have allowed us to help us to do that. So we are at the forefront of advocacy because the state has not adopted a budget yet. So there is still hope, and we've continued to advocate for an increase in foundation aid from the one percent that was published to two percent.

There is new funding rules for homeless students and an increase parts of the formula for English language learners, and the full funds updates to school aid data systems. And that's part of our, you know, mandated fund -- mandated --

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN:

Underfunded.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NORVAL

CONNELL: -- underfunded mandate. Sorry. Yes. That's all a part of our underfunded mandates.

So, I'm going to close really with two things. First thing is we talked a lot about our rich programs. Well, this Friday, we have an event at the school called Experience Our Programs, something that's near and dear to us. It's an opportunity for our scholars to showcase all the things they have learned, to amplify their voices.

We're inviting everybody in this room and the entire Middletown community to come and see and listen and learn what -- the programs that we're offering. And that's the first day, and it's this Friday at Middletown High School. The next thing is Super Tuesday. We are encouraging everybody to come out and vote. Amplify your voices. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Quick question. The one percent that the state cut, did they give you an example of why they're only giving you one percent?

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN: So they use a formula called Hold Harmless, and so that is put in place to support school districts who

have either declining or stable enrollment. So our school district has stable enrollment, so it means that the aid that we're receiving matches the per-student aid allotted, right? So we're sort of flat.

And so there has been talk over the last several years that that hold-harmless, which is sort of like a safety net for school districts with declining enrollment, would not be taken away. So they stayed true to that. They didn't take it away, but what they did do was decrease it by one percent.

And so we think that this is continued efforts on the state's part to acknowledge for districts and communities that the next few years are likely going to be difficult in terms of funding, which is why we have been planning for that and putting money into our savings accounts, right, so that we can continue even through the lean times in terms of what the state is providing us.

We won't see an impact majorly in terms of programs. There won't be major layoffs for teachers or support staff.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: And how

long can we go?

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN: We've been planning probably for the last five years for -- we worked very closely with the audits that are done. And our financial advisor, Mr. Jeff Smith, I believe you were there on the evening that he did the presentation, the State of the State, financial state to the district. And we are in very good shape in terms of the way that we utilize our revenue sources.

And one of those is through utilizing BOCES purchase services. We really amply that. So every time we purchase a service through BOCES as opposed to through an outside agency or an independent contractor, we get somewhere between 76 to 78 cents on that dollar back in return as revenue the next year.

So we are very strategic about how we leverage our purchasing power and very strategic about how we use our capital improvement projects to continue to bring us building aid, which is a revenue source as well.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Okay. Is there anything you guys need from us?

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN: We need

folks to come out and vote. And --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: That's  
it.

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN: Yeah.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NORVAL  
CONNELL: And use our brag sheet. Tell them  
about the budget that we've created for this  
year, for the coming school year.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any  
other questions? Well, thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT AMY CREEDEN: Thank you  
very much. Thank you.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NORVAL  
CONNELL: Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Mayor?

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: I'm back. I  
just want to thank the council president and the  
council for recognizing our city historian and  
also James McClinsey. Jim was a personal friend.

And I spoke to his son today. The  
services will be Friday, and Peter's services  
were last week. So I think it's at Cornelius and  
Dodd, if I remember right, from 2 to 4 and either  
6 to 8 or 7 to 9 with the funeral on Saturday.  
So I wanted to extend my heartfelt condolences to

his wife Susan and his children.

To begin with -- Maria, I think you got that wrong. Should be the drug trafficking. There you go. This past week, I joined Chief Ewanciw and a large group of law enforcement regarding a multi-agency targeting of an organized drug-trafficking ring that was distributing large amounts of cocaine and fentanyl in Middletown, Middletown area, and across other communities in Orange County.

The case originated in Middletown where the Middletown Police Department immediately recognized our narco unit, developed intelligence, and worked closely with the DA, Sheriff Arteta, District Attorney Hoovler, and with other agencies, federal, state, and local partners. I believe, if I remember, Port Jervis, and Warwick, and Monroe's name mentioned. But there was a large amount of agencies involved in this.

But it originated here, and it was basically controlled in part by the City of Middletown Narco Unit. Law enforcement, as I said, seized significant amounts of cocaine, fentanyl, firearms, over a quarter of a million

dollars in cash, and they made numerous arrests.

The message that we were just trying to see -- and myself, I was joined by the council president as you can see in the picture, along with Chief Ewanciw, if you bring guns, drugs, violence into our community, eventually we will find you. That was the message that day, and that resonated with other communities too. It wasn't just Middletown. The district attorney focused on that quite a bit.

But I want to personally thank Chief Ewanciw, the men and women of the Middletown Police Department, every officer and agency involved, and the Middletown Narcotics Unit and involved -- and for their professionalism and persistence.

This was a nine-month investigation. In speaking to the taxpayers, as the school district just did, these are the kind of efforts that save lives. These are investments, especially when dealing with these type of drugs, these type of weapons, and the devastating impact that it has on our communities, not only here in Middletown, across our state and across our country.

But let me be clear, and we think we've emphasized this message over and over, that we will not tolerate those who prey on our residents, the undermining of public safety, or threaten the quality of life in our city. And we will use the resources necessary to not only deter you, but to arrest you.

In this case alone, the Middletown Police Department invested 6,500 officer hours into this investigation. If you stretch that out, it probably approaches \$1 million of investigative work that this department put in. I was briefed along the way about the message -- not the message, but the activity that was going on by the chief.

And believe me, I don't get specifics on details. I just get a general here's-where-we're-going, here's-where-we're-spending-our-money, and we then support. And I know I've discussed it with the council president and some of you members of the council, and you've all been very supportive and I appreciate that.

So the message was heard loud and clear. I'm sure the next day it started all over again in all the communities. It stretched from

Middletown to New Jersey to New York City and everywhere in between. But the police, law enforcement, the Middletown Police did a great job, and I want to say thank you to Chief Ewanciw and the men and women and just give them (indiscernible).

You saw the number of weapons involved. You know the danger that was involved with all those people in this case. So, they did a great job.

So moving from that little saddening thing, we'll move to more positive happenings. I attended the -- at the Temple Sainai, the prom -- I think it's called the Prom Awareness or prom giveaway or whatever it's called. Basically, organizations that provide prom dresses, tuxes, suits, to students in high schools, not just in Middletown, but it hosted here at Temple Sinai.

And I know the Minisink Rotary was involved or Kiwanis. But it was a community effort, not just with Middletown, but with the surrounding communities. I want to thank everyone involved in it. I know specifically Josephine Moon Bloomfield, who's been involved for several years now, and Angela Lee for their

organizing skills. They put it together and they do a great job every year.

Thank all the organizers and volunteers, and also Temple Sinai for the -- hosting it once again here in the city of Middletown. We got to meet a lot of the kids that were there, our young people -- I don't think they want to be called kids, but all the young people that were there, and they were very appreciative of the efforts of everyone involved.

And a lot of them probably would not have been able to go to the prom or -- I just wish it was around when I was there. I wouldn't have spent a couple of hundred dollars on renting something. But it's -- it was a great, great thing, and it's great to see the excitement of all the people who participated.

I was also invited, along with Maria Bruni, to attend the YMCA Youth and Government Luncheon this past week. We recognized the outstanding achievements of many young people in the community. They're already stepping forward. They're involved. I know Antonio Contreras was seen to be the lead spokesperson, and they really did a great job.

Assemblymember Paula Kay was there. Maria Ingrassia represented Congressman Ryan's office, and it -- they offered dinner, but they also offered a lot of questions directed at each of us. And we were happy to address them. We were happy to invite them to participate in our youth and government programs, our mayor's youth council, and also invite to come to common council meetings and give their opinions on matters.

So I want to thank Ross Miceli and his staff at the YMCA for organizing it. I want to believe there are 90 -- this has been going on for 90 years, but the first time in Middletown. So this is a significant movement to this program for the YMCA. And I want to commend the students and the Y for putting it all together.

This past weekend, a group of us attended a series of events here held in the city of Middletown recognizing Cinco de Mayo. We had Assemblymember Kay, Legislators Janet Sutherland and Sparrow Tobin, Alderman Masi and Alderman Gomez, along with Maria Bruni. We did attend all of the events. They were sponsored by -- most of them sponsored by the bid district.

Some of them sponsored by the local restaurants who did not want any recognition, primarily the Mexican restaurants. They paid for entertainment. They paid for dancers. They really did a great job.

The festivities began on Saturday afternoon at Garcia's Market across the street in the park. Traditional music and dance. That -- later on we had -- the recreation department did face painting and other activities in Jerry's Park. And then in the evening, we had more music and traditional dance over in Run4 Downtown Park. And despite the colder weather, we had a decent turnout.

Sunday we also had in Degnan, I think, the Middies' Mariachis. That's where I was. Somebody yelled it from the back of the room. The Middle Mariachi Band was there along with others, and that was a great time. It was very cold, windy, and so thank all of those who were performing, and thank those for coming out.

And today, of course, is Cinco de Mayo Day. And today's my mother-in-law's birthday too, by the way. So happy birthday, Rosa.

We also joined another event that we

attended over the last couple of week, we've had a busy couple of weeks, was we were in -- met with a group of mayors who wanted to go to Albany to lobby our legislators on behalf of our constituents regarding auto insurance. It's a killer. It's a killer for us. It's a killer for the school district. It's a killer for the taxpayers.

And so Governor Hochul has made a proposal that would not only cap auto insurance, but it would reduce. And even the people who oppose it that we met with, because we met with other legislators, they admitted that there is a savings. So -- but they also admitted that they opposed it. Not ours. Senator Skoufis and Assemblymember Kay said they were supportive and they would do anything necessary to help get it passed.

But to know what we're up against is we're up against attorneys. Kevin's an attorney, but he's a good one. Right? And you know, they're talking about some tort reform, and they're looking at fraud. They're looking at databases that would develop -- they have people that are suing -- groups of litigants, doctors,

and just a network of people that move around within the state and commit this fraud.

And so she's made a significant proposal. We had the opportunity to meet with the governor also and discuss the issue. She laid out -- we were all in favor of it prior to getting there, but when we met with the governor, she really laid it out for us on how this will be beneficial to our residents not only from the premium point of view, but from the property tax point of view.

I believe New York has maybe the highest or the second highest auto insurance rates in the country. Probably if we're second, it's probably behind California. So it's significant money. It's one of the issues that makes living in New York much more expensive. When you hear people move, this is one of the things that you hear about.

But this is a legitimate one. And so we offered our support, and we were very happy when we met with Senator Skoufis and Assemblymember Kay that not only were they knowledgeable of her proposal, but they were also very supportive of it.

And I also want to say last night I attended the school board Meet the Candidates night. We had six candidates for three spots, and I wanted to congratulate all six members. They all did a great job. Mr. Masi was there. Maria, Rick McCormack, we all attended, and they all demonstrated their commitment to the community and to our students.

And of course while we all may be rooting for somebody differently in the race, it's important to recognize that every one of them just stepping up and running, you all realize that, just running for office is a commitment for you and your family. So, I want to thank all six members who are competing.

Alderman Johnson, our moderator from last night, calm down. He did a great job. How's that? He kept the conversation moving and giving each candidate an opportunity to speak. I think there were six questions. He had a rotation basis. He did a great job. We appreciate his efforts, and I'm sure they did too.

I just could do without his French lesson on one of the questions, but I told him so

today too.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Don't get him going.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Yeah, I know. But it was encouraging to see the knowledge that all the board members have. They have different perspectives on things. And as I said, we'll all have an opportunity to vote on May 19th not only in the election, but also on the budget. So Middletown should give their -- let your voices be heard and that's through the vote.

I also want to thank Superintendent Creeden and Dr. Norval Connell for their comprehensive budget presentation this year. You make this presentation annually. It's very informative. I believe a lot of the folks who -- we get positive feedback from our residents when they're watching Channel 20 either live or over one of the replays of it.

But the transparency is important. People need to see the numbers, not just hear the critics. They need to hear the numbers. I will be supporting the budget. I'm voting yes absolutely, and I encourage our residents to take a deep look at what was presented tonight, and

hopefully you'll do so also.

And I want to emphasize one broader point on school budgets. And -- because we always talk about the kids, and rightfully so, but it's not always about the kids. It's about the community also. Because when a budget fails for whatever reasons, usually the community starts to turn a little bit.

Property values drop. People don't want to relocate into the -- into your community. So it's important that when we have responsible budgets presented, that we, as elected officials, go out there and talk to our people and encourage them to support it.

I know you're going to get some naysayers who are going to say no, I vote no on everything. Well, God bless you. Vote no on everything. But fortunately, I don't believe there's ever been a Middletown School budget voted down. And that is responsible budgeting, and it's transparency. It's communication and all of the good things that come with it. But more importantly, it's a commitment to what the programs that are being offered in the Middletown School District. And the progress speaks for

itself.

Last night, Mr. Estrada, for example, mentioned that it wasn't too long ago that the Middletown graduation rate was 54 percent. That's a low number. Not good work. But they're very proud to say, and it's on the Legacy cards that they've handed out, today's graduation rate is 94 percent. That's a huge difference. That's a plus 40. And Trump's the only one that worse off with a minus 40. This is a plus 40 for the Middletown School District.

So -- and it's responsible budgeting. That's what it is. It's responsible. It's talking to us and talking to the residents, talking to the students. You know, some of them do vote too. So let's keep the momentum going in the city.

It's important that we support the district, but more importantly, it's important that we support our residents, communicate to them the importance of a school budget passing, especially when it has a 1.99 percent increase in it that is far below what a lot of other districts will be proposing, in my opinion, especially over the next couple of years.

So, I did attend, as Superintendent Creeden said, the audit presentation or the financial advisor presentation. And all he had were kudos for how the district administration has handled their investments, how they handle their budgeting, and how they handle the operation within the Middletown School District. That's a credit to them. It's also a credit to the residents and the city for supporting it all these years.

And I know this is not a school board meeting, but it is school board night with Perrino and now this. So we're going to -- I'm going to be out calling friends and family and asking them to support the budget, and I hope you do also. If you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to address them.

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

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Going back for the good of the city, I think we have two people that want to come up.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Yes.

Alderman -- former Alderman Gerry Kleiner.

GERRY KLEINER: Thank you. I came tonight to hear the school board presentation, and -- but also as president of the historical society of Middletown and the Town of Wallkill, Inc. I just wanted to recognize Peter Laskaris. He's been there every Wednesday. He's been -- he's -- I didn't know he was Dr. Peter Laskaris until I read that in the obituary.

So that was a week ago, but he never talked about that because he never talked about himself. I think much like Mr. Perrino, everything was about Middletown. And the work he did -- I first met him when I joined the committee to celebrate Middletown's centennial, 100 years, and I joined because I wanted to get Zambelli to do our fireworks presentation. I wanted it to be the best ever.

And Peter was very supportive of that, but he also -- I worked with him on the calendars. There was a series of five calendars starting in 1984. The last one was in 1988. So I worked with him on the photos, but Peter, in the same time, did Middletown, A Photographic History. This book is unbelievable in what you can learn about Middletown.

When I did the 2013 125-year calendar, Peter did all the research. So he did all the writing. I did the photos. And that's what we kept doing, but Peter would never talk about himself. He'd only talk about Middletown. So I've been enthusiastic about Middletown. Peter was the encyclopedia of Middletown history. So the loss is incalculable. There is no one to take his place.

In 2019, he did Old Middletown Homes. And if you look up an address -- and this has been sold out since a few weeks after it came out. There's one copy out in the case outside, so I have to see where that goes eventually. But you look up an address, and you'll find out not only where the lot came from, who bought the lot, who originally decided what should be built there, who the architect was, who the builder was, just a tremendous amount of information.

When they were born, when they died, where they came from, what they did where they came from, his research was absolutely unbelievable. So this book on Middletown postcards, it's photos of postcards, but it's also all the great people who catch them. And

A.H. Still, who's buried in Hillside Cemetery, all the people who did that, it's -- we had asked him about updating that. I think it was impossible to update that book.

So, this was for our 100th anniversary in 2023, and these were a bunch of seldom-seen photos that Peter wrote all the history of the photos. So I worked on the photos to get them to print well, but Peter did the history. And all our recent -- there's part 1 and part 2 on Hillside Cemetery, all our newsletters.

This was Dr. Julia Bradner. That's actually a painting we have at the historical society, and that's North Street right at Orchard Street. I think it was done probably in the 1880s. But she was amazing. She started Thrall Hospital. And of course we have a picture of -- in one of these that was the house that Mrs. Thrall lived in on Grove Street. It's now Cornelius and Dodd Funeral Home.

And we have Thrall Park. We had Thrall Hospital. We had Thrall Library. It's -- the people who stepped up and made a difference in Middletown, and Peter was so good at recognizing all of them. There's a two-part series on

Hillside Cemetery. So I just wanted to say we will miss him. I will miss him like crazy.

We'll still be open every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. His work is there, but the loss to the city is incalculable. And he would never say that, but I would. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you. Next speaker.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Susan Depew.

SUSAN DEPEW: Good evening. I'm Susan. The mayor called me The Litter Lady from the very beginning.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: In good ways.

SUSAN DEPEW: In a good way. Certainly. On April 18th, we had our annual litter cleanup day, and it was with good wishes. And the mayor and the common council, all the employees of the city showed up. It was wonderful.

But what made it wonderful was the people who showed up, the people who cared about Middletown, the children and the moms and the dads and the grandparents. The clean-up day was on April 18th, and from my viewpoint, I thought it was great. It could've been better, but I

thought it was great because we saw people care about Middletown.

The day was clear, a bit brisk, but perfect. City of Middletown residents and employees, as well as volunteers, came and so many people from civic groups showed up and Middletown High School and the entire school district showed that Middletown means something to them.

I would just like to thank everybody who showed up. A good thank you to my friend Rick for doing all the things that I couldn't do. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Remarks of the department heads, Economic Development?

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: Good evening, everyone. And congratulations, Mr. Perrino. A few items I have tonight. We're going to have an open house at 168 Linden Avenue. That's the Community Development Agency home that we rehabbed and we are selling now as part of our program, our homeownership program. So from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., we are holding an open house with our partners PathStone.

Also on the agenda tonight, you have the Municipal Tourism Grant. I'm looking for your support. That is the grant for \$4,999, and that will be applied towards promotional efforts for the Run 4 Downtown this year.

Yesterday we had a ribbon-cutting Sunrise Bowls right here on West Main Street. Go check them out. Delicious smoothies and drinks, acai bowls. I can't say it, but it's really good. Mr. Masi, I think you had lunch there today.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: The Berry Bowl.

DIRECTOR MARIA BRUNI: The Berry Bowl.

There you go. I know the mayor touched up Cinco de Mayo. I just want to personally thank the committee that helped the Business Improvement District and is made up of the members of the district Alvaro Garcia, Garcia's Market; Juan Avalos, Taco Factory; Jose Linares, Alondra's; Nohemy Cid of Nohemy's Beauty Salon; and of course our bid volunteers and part -- and my team, John Naumchik and Stefania Sande.

Again, special thanks to all the entertainers, and especially the Middie Mariachi Ensemble were amazing. And we have also now hot

off the press, everybody's been looking for these, the Summer Concert Series handouts. The concerts begin May 28th and 29th. We are working with the Juneteenth Committee right now for that celebration, so stay tuned for a post on what's coming out with our Juneteenth celebration.

And the Paramount Theater Journey tribute Hugo May 15th. Tickets are still available. Come have a good time and check out this wonderful Journey tribute group. And then for the rest of like May and June, we have graduations, recitals, ceremonies, and movies all at the Paramount. So spring has sprung, and here we are, and we look forward to a great season.

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. Sorry, but I'm not dressed properly tonight because I was in seminar all day. So we'll start off with the -- I'll start off, honestly, with Jim McClinsey. I want to send my condolences, my sincere condolences on

behalf of DPW. Obviously, the city and the council president expressed their condolences on behalf of the city, but he was a good enforcement officer working for us.

He was right there in the room next door to us, and he was really a gentleman all the time, absolute professional doing all he could to straighten out the city and improve quality of life.

A couple of months ago, he ran into the mayor, or the mayor ran into him, and Jim told him bring Jacob over here, I want to see him. And then -- and sure enough, I went there with the mayor and Alderman Masi, and it was very -- I mean, he was there mentally. He was very sharp. I have always known him to be a very sharp man, and he'll be missed. May he rest in peace, Jim McClinsey. Of course, for our city historian as well.

And congratulations to Mr. Perrino for his recognition. Well deserved.

The reservoirs, Alderman Masi, they are at 99 percent. Hopefully with tomorrow's rain we'll be up to 10 percent. We'll be fully full and we'll be in very good shape where already

we've been in good shape, and we'll continue to be in good shape as far as providing treated water for our residents and our customers within the city and outside the city.

With that, I'll stay with that topic. DCM Smith is moving along with their study about the construction -- about the valuation for potential of construction of a new reservoir at Indigot or utilizing -- and/or utilizing ground water as a source. And that will increase the city of Middletown safe yield, and we will be in a better position to supply water to Goshen and Wawayanda and some parts in Wallkill if needed.

And it's really a regional project, but the City of Middletown is working with the County of Orange to develop that important source. That will be needed for generations to come, not only for us here.

Staying with the water lines, we have raw water lines from Kinch all the way down to Shawangunk, and we are at 30 percent right now completion in the plans. And that's for Phase A and Phase B. And we'll be having a meeting with the engineers next week to answer any questions they may have so that we can push this project

forward as well. And that's about \$16 million project.

With that theme, again, we have finished water main that Barton & Loguidice is working on with us to go from the water treatment plant all the way down to Monhagen Avenue to replace an old 24-inch potentially much larger water main to meet the city's demand and will, again, account for the future and how to distribute water to adjacent communities, adjacent districts, and all that.

So we might go from the 24-inch to 36-inch or potentially 42-inch. And that design is like 80 percent complete at this time with Barton & Loguidice.

Spring cleanup, just to update the community here, we're almost done. This week we'll be completed with the spring cleanup month. We're finishing the Third Ward. First, Second, and Fourth were done, completed. So this week the city will be all cleaned up, and we urge residents not to put out anymore junk please.

If you have a bulk pickup, just call DPW to schedule a bulk pickup and we'll be happy to come and pick it up later. But let's finish

cleaning up the city.

Flushing our water system, we have done First, Second, Third Ward, and now we are in the Fourth Ward. And we will be finishing very soon. Hopefully next week we'll be done with the entire flushing of the water distribution system. So be very careful before you do any laundry, please. Just watch for the water to make sure the quality is good before you start any washes.

As some of you -- as all of you would know is the mayor, the council president, and the common council, they shifted Parks Department from Parks and Recreation. They put it under DPW now. And I want to thank Brian Smith, Deputy Commissioner Brian Smith and Deputy Commissioner Ross Mastria.

They really stepped up and they took personal interest. And they are doing everything they can in order to help address any issues in there. And I just want to thank them. I mean, they're up 6:00 in the morning evaluating the parks before anybody gets in there after rain and so on and so forth. They're doing great job, and I want to thank them, Brian and Ross.

The project city court, it's moving

along, the construction, very well. Should be done next week, completed, and then we will be waiting for the furniture, which will be within a couple of weeks after that.

O&W, I expected the mayor to talk about it because that's his pet project, and it's moving along very well. And you can see cranes in there with O&W. That's a tremendous -- a huge project that is for the city of Middletown, restore its history. I'm sure Mr. Kleiner will be very proud of it as well, as so as many here on the common council.

And that Short Line terminal Middletown transportation hub, hopefully that will be picking up very soon. We're doing some financial -- some real estate transaction to make sure that everything is in the name of the City of Middletown, or private properties involved, they will be in the name of the City of Middletown.

So that the federal grant that's available, seven and a half million dollars, under the County Planning Department will be eligible to spend that money on city-owned property only. So that's almost complete, and we will be moving hopefully straight forward.

Parking garage project is moving along very well as well, and hopefully next month they will be bringing the precast slabs to set up the first deck of the parking garage that's across from the Paramount Theater. And with that, I would conclude. If you have any questions?

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

COMMISSIONER JACOB TAWIL: Yep.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: City treasurer.

TREASURER LEONORA LIZ: I really don't have anything this evening. I do want to thank the Middletown School District. I have two small children currently in the school district, and it's nice to see the transparency of the budget. I can empathize on how complex it is to put a budget together, so thank you so much. Do you have anything for me?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions? Thank you. Police chief?

CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Good evening. Just to comment on the mayor's remarks about the narcotics case, I appreciate all your support. You've always supported us as the council all

through the years, so I appreciate that.

It did come with a cost, as does everything that we do. But that's -- as the mayor said, it's an investment into the safety and quality of life of our community. The nice part is we do have some federal partners in this case that we should be getting some of our monies back hopefully. So that's -- we'll look forward to that, and I'll definitely keep everybody up to speed with that.

The accolades and thank yous and everything are amazing, but they really belong to our Narcotics Unit. Sergeant Beaudette, Jason Beaudette, and his Narcotics Unit is a team of highly, highly dedicated individuals. We hand select individuals that go in there because of their motivation, and I think this is a true testament of their motivation.

It's been nine months of dedicated work in between all the other stuff that they do as well. The last three months were pretty much spent on this along with many, many partners that we're super grateful for because it had a very, very meaningful impact on our community.

As the mayor said, it started right

here, it ended right here, and it's -- we truly believe it's going to have a positive impact on the quality of life here in the city. So, again, I appreciate all of the support that you give us throughout the year day in and day out. So thank you for that.

For those that have not seen it, we did put our digital sign on Fulton Street to help with the school bus red light situations. Many people don't realize that Fulton Street, being a four-lane road, that you're still required to stop in either direction if the school bus is on the opposite lane of traffic with the red lights on. We do get a lot of tickets that come through, a lot of questions in regard to that.

They're automated tickets for those that don't know. The school buses have light -- or cameras on them that are automatically activated and then it goes through the whole process. But over the last couple of months I have heard a lot of feedback about Fulton Avenue specifically near Fulton Street. So we did put that up there as awareness and to bring some attention to that situation.

Lastly, Mr. Perrino, congratulations.

Well deserved. Very proud to know -- to say that I've been part of many events that I've seen you at. So, congratulations. Other than that, I have nothing unless you have questions for me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the police chief? Alderman Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you. Thank you, Chief, and for your work that your team did do on the drug bust and the allocation of those resources. It's very much appreciated.

I just wanted to follow up on a discussion that you and I had last week about the motor scooters that seem to be everywhere. And with the weather getting better, I'm on Wisner Avenue multiple times a day near Twin Towers and the high school and all the side streets. And it's a growing problem.

And I think what also adds to it is our young people also have headphones on and earplugs, so they lose that ability to also process the speed or the sounds of the other vehicles. So can you share any thoughts on where we are with that, please?

CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Yeah. So --

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you.

CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: -- eventually the -- I guess while we were talking last week about that, we had three of them drive right by us in close proximity, which just highlighted the whole purpose.

The council was very supportive of us in this matter as well. We changed some local law to give us a little bit more enforcement efforts. We have done some enforcement efforts in the past. I've actually just reiterated that after our conversation.

Our downtown officer, Officer Lane, has been actually giving citations out over the last week. And then I spoke with Sergeant McCann to put together another enforcement detail. I -- we tried education. We've done handouts. We've done pamphlets. We have done stops and details where we have handed out the information rather than citations, but it's not getting the impact that we need.

I don't think it's anything other than people think they could do whatever they want on them. I don't think they realize that they are subjected to the laws and rules just like everybody else. So I truly feel at this point it

is an enforcement effort. Today on my way here I saw it again. It's kids, and they don't realize -- they're in and out of traffic and they don't realize the jeopardy that they put themselves into.

I don't think that the headphones -- they just add to the problem because they are not paying attention. They're just zoned out in their music, but I do feel like we have to start enforcing it.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Anyone else? Alderman Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: I want to reiterate publicly again, on behalf of our communities, our appreciation for Operation Slow Down and the critical role that you played in the Middletown Police. I think -- these press conferences I think sends the message out that our community is no place to do drug business or any kind of criminal activity, and that we will hunt them down and hold those who threaten our public safety -- as the mayor pointed out, we will hold them accountable. So thank you once again.

CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: You're welcome.

Just to add onto that, one of the things I spoke about at the press conference is something that came to my attention that kind of hit me a little bit different through this whole process is many of our defendants are parolees, active parolees.

Some of them are lifetime parolees.

And to know that they feel comfortable enough to continue this criminal behavior is alarming to me. So I did address that in our press release or in our press conference about that because it is something that I feel needs to be addressed on both the state and the federal level. The programs are just lacking to make sure that those people that when they are released from prison, they have a pathway to be better citizens.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Thank you, Chief. City Clerk?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the city clerk? Okay. Remarks of alderman? Alderman Masi.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Just a couple of things. One, I want to thank our outstanding

police department for another great job keeping our citizens safe. We really appreciate that.

Two, thanks to the Superintendent Creeden and Dr. Connell for the budget proposal presentation. Please, people, remember to get out on the 19th and vote. And no matter who you decide to vote for, for the board, make sure you do support the budget.

And then finally, congratulations to John Perrino. Many of you had John as a teacher. John, I'm old enough to have had your mother as my fourth grade teacher at Albert Street. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you very much. I will hop on board again with the school budget. Even though I did get to get in a picture finally, I will put on my other hat as district communications.

Along the line of that transparency, all of the information that you heard tonight, as well as every board presentation, as well as every -- of Dr. Connell and Mrs. Creeden speaking about everything is all on the district website.

You can see the candidates' forum that took place last night. You can see bios, short profiles of all the candidates. We took pictures last night of them, and they were -- today all that information was put up.

So everybody can look at that information at your own leisure. But every time anyone has spoken about this officially at a meeting, it is available for you to watch. Whether we go back three months or whatever it is.

Also, our community will be receiving a publication in the mail that will take a deeper dive into what was spoken about tonight. It'll be at your home before the budget vote, and it's lots of detail, more photos. We opened it up a little bit. Little bit of an easier read for people. So you'll have that as well as a reminder postcard to come out and vote.

So, lots of information available for people who really want to break it down. They also have the opportunity if they have any election questions about the election, they can call the District Clerk Crystal Monchery at 326-1196. Or budget questions can be emailed at

budget@ecsdm.org.

So -- and just one thing about the information that we had, and I'm usually halfway decent at remembering this stuff. But on this document about the tax levy, before this was lowered 6.9 percent for the '22-'23 school year, I think I'm right on this. But in the four previous years, it was like 0101 percent. So this is a very conscientious group of board and administration that has put this budget together.

And I can say if you back these up the four years, the amount of money, the 76 million -- I don't have my glasses -- plus that -- the tax levy, I dare say, is very close to what it was eight years ago. So I don't have that particular. If I'm wrong, I'll clarify that somewhere else, but the information is out there, friends.

So March -- or May 19th, excuse me, please come out and vote. You can go to the board office. You can go to the Maple Hill Annex at Truman Moon or Presidential Park. And if you have any questions where you vote, that's also available by calling the district clerk. Thank you for letting me sneak that advertisement in

here.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Thank you.

Thank you to the school district for coming here and showing great fiscal responsibility in looking forward. It's always, you know, important to look at where we are now and where we came from. But to know that there's a cushion for looking forward and far ahead, you know, preparing for times that may not be so great in terms of state funding and things like that, you know, it just shows how great things really are in terms of finances there.

I had a meeting with him last night, but to Mr. Perrino, it's great to see you again this evening. You know, there's a few things you can say about some people who demand respect. But I've never seen someone command as much respect just by walking into a room.

You know, going in through school years and through young grades up through high school, I don't think there's a single student in the district at all who I ever came across or who I see now have anything negative to say about you,

Mr. Perrino. And that's just amazing.

I think we've all, you know, had some people we've had some run-ins with in our lives, but just to know that nobody has anything bad to say about you is just -- that's a testament to all the good will you've done in your life and in your work and as much as you're going to be doing forward as well.

You know, now having a son in the district and a daughter who will be coming up in the district soon enough, to know, you know, that they're in a district that you've helped shape so much is truly an honor, and an honor to call you a friend and a colleague as well is just a great thing.

And just for the police department, yes, a fantastic job. Chief, I think one of the things that people don't understand is just how much fentanyl there was. When I read that number, the -- just the tiniest bit is enough to kill a human being. And the amount that was seized, just mind-blowing on top of the other narcotics and drugs and guns like that.

You know, just the amount of that is such a dangerous drug that people, I don't think,

realize. And thank you so much to the narcotics team and all of the agencies who really put in the work to see that that's not on the streets anymore. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Gomez.

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Thank you. I join the sentiments expressed by my colleagues. Mr. Perrino, you've been a mentor to so many generations, including myself. And you give true meaning to the saying that a wonderful teacher, wonderful mentor will forever live in the hearts of his students. And clearly, you're that person.

And again, I want to commend our school administration for again, once again, presenting a safe, fiscally sound budget. And I will note both to Mr. Connell and Superintendent Creeden, you mentioned one of my favorite topics on funding mandates.

And as we know, on funding mandates cause a burden, not just on school districts but on municipalities. And we need to continue advocating for comprehensive reform in that area. One thing I always proposed was that if the state

could allow both municipalities and school districts to somehow apply for particular mandates for a waiver, if they could demonstrate a more cost-effective way, I think something along those lines will work, and we just need to continue fighting the good fight.

And again, I also -- as to final remarks by our police chief concerning the revolving door of parolees, I definitely -- we do need state funding I think in an area such as -- a lot of responsibility has been put on local probation departments since the bail reform laws nonetheless, but we need to put the money where the mouth is.

We need to provide the funding so that probation and other local organizations and government entities could make sure that we cut this revolving door and prevent -- and allow people to become productive citizens and follow a narrow path as opposed to going back to doing wrong. Again, thank you for your comment.

And again, thank you, Mr. Perrino, for your lifetime of service, which we hope will continue for many, many years to come.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you. So I think the meeting this evening really speaks to how many things we have to be thankful for. Our colleagues who have passed recently and their contributions to our city, the work of the mayor and the supervisor from the Town of Wallkill, the work of our esteemed colleagues from the board of education, the school administration that puts together the budget, law enforcement that keeps us safe, the projects that are going forward, we have a lot to be thankful for; Susan Depew for her work as The Litter Lady. And we have a lot to be thankful for, and that's a good thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes. Good evening. First of all, I'd like to say congratulations to Mr. Perrino. I truly have to say you are an icon to our community. Thank you for all your work. Thank you for what you do.

And our police department, Chief Ewanciw and your staff, great job. I know you guys fight on the daily to keep our streets and

our community safe of drugs and guns. Thank you for all you guys do. Thank you for everyone that was involved.

In respect to the DPW, Commissioner, you and your staff, you guys did an excellent job this year. I don't know if people realize the Fourth Ward is one of the biggest wards, the biggest ward. And we have a lot of stuff out there this year. And in my mind, I'm thinking it's going to take weeks for us to get done. These guys did this job within two or three days.

These guys did great work. Thank you for DPW, Department of Sanitation, and the street department. Great job. Thank you for everyone that's involved. And I encourage the community to come out Super Tuesday, May 19th. Come out and support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Rodriguez.

ALDERMAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ: The good news is I'm the last one. I can't even follow up with that. I want to congratulate you, Mr. Perrino. That's fantastic for a lifetime achievement accomplishment and the award that was given.

So, Jacob, I want to say thank you.

The streets are clean. They're clean. I mean, the stuff was put out there. I know. I put stuff out there and it was clean, so amazing job.

You already know I gave him a nice little email over there to our police chief. Great job to all the people that was out there. And that's about it. Everything else is fantastic. Happy Cinco de Mayo. (Speaking Spanish). Congratulations.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: New business.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Good evening. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Rodriguez authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Montgomery Veterinary Hospital.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Rodriguez. Seconded by Alderman Green. 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: 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 Green  
authorizing the acceptance of a municipal tourism  
grant from the County of Orange for the Run 4  
Downtown promotional efforts.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green. 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing the city to waive sidewalk sale fees for the Cinco de Mayo celebration 2026.

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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Si. I mean,  
aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President  
Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson  
authorizing a \$20,846.36 budget transfer within  
the police department budget.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing a \$28,850 budget transfer to the Business Improvement District for fertilizing and weed control.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson.  
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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: 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 proposal from Stratagem for security upgrades at city hall.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution by Alderman Jean-Francois. Seconded by Alderman Green. 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries. A resolution sponsored by Alderman Gomez authorizing the naming of the courthouse in Middletown as the Honorable Angelo J. Ingrassia Middletown City Court.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: 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: Motion

carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois awarding bids for street materials and asphalt materials.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois.

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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: 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 Timothy Welch as Civil Service Commissioner.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt. Seconded  
by Alderman Green. 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: 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: Motion

carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi  
confirming the mayor's appointment of Kelly  
Connolly as Deputy City Treasurer.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: A

resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: 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

law.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Your turn.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

ALDERMAN JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes.

Motion for the floor. I request for a  
handicapped parking spot in front of 11 Low  
Avenue.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois.  
Do I have a second? 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: 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  
law?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: We have Local  
Law 2 of 2026, a local law amending the City  
Charter Employee Residency Requirements.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:  
Sponsored by Alderman Johnson. First reading?

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It'll be on  
for a vote at the May 19th meeting.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: 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:  
Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson.  
Seconded by -- I mean, Masi, seconded by 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: Gomez?

ALDERMAN KEVIN GOMEZ: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt?

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi?

ALDERMAN JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President

Rodrigues?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Move

for adjournment?

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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**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
MAY 5, 2026 - 7:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS
5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY
  - 5.1. Enlarged City School District of Middletown 2026 Budget Presentation
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
  - 114- Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Montgomery  
26 Veterinary Hospital
  - 115- Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Municipal Tourism Grant from the County  
26 of Orange for Run 4 Downtown Promotional Efforts
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122- Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Reappointment of Timothy Welch as Civil  
26 Service Commissioner

123- Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Kelly Connolly as Deputy City  
26 Treasurer

124- Authorization to Amend City Code to Place a Handicap Parking Space in front of  
26 11 Low Avenue

13. LOCAL LAWS

Introduction of Local Law #2: A Local Law Amending the City Charter Employee  
Residency Requirements

14. AUDIT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

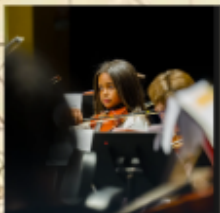
14.1. Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the  
Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

15. ADJOURNMENT

# Middletown City School District

## *Legacy Makers*

Budget Presentation  
May 5, 2026



# M Middletown City School District

## Mission Statement



We strive to provide *fiscally sound educational opportunities* in a *safe environment* that continuously supports our **diverse student population**. We will enable all students to graduate, to reach their full potential, to become lifelong learners, and to be competitive, productive members of society.

# Superintendent's Goals

Culture	Goal Description	Communication	Instructional Alignment	Learning Experiences	Relationships	Safety + Well-Being
Academics	Enhance scholar academic achievement and honor our district's diversity by overseeing the implementation of instructional practices and personalized support. Ensure these practices include clear success criteria and clarity of learning priorities and are designed to provide equitable access to success for all scholars.					
Attendance	Improve daily scholar attendance to raise district-wide attendance from 92% to at least 93%, with an annual growth target towards 95% attendance rate.					
Engagement	Sustain a culture of engagement across the school district by fostering active participation, collaboration, and meaningful interactions among scholars, educators, families, and the community to enhance scholar achievement and overall well-being.					
Financial Responsiveness	Support financial resilience by maintaining a stable district budget.					
Development	Strengthen the leadership capacity of educators, campus leaders, and district leaders to ensure organizational efficiency, improved scholar outcomes, and overall district success.					
Responsiveness	Advance a culture of responsiveness throughout the school district, ensuring that every scholar, educator, and stakeholder is supported and valued according to their individual needs and circumstances.					

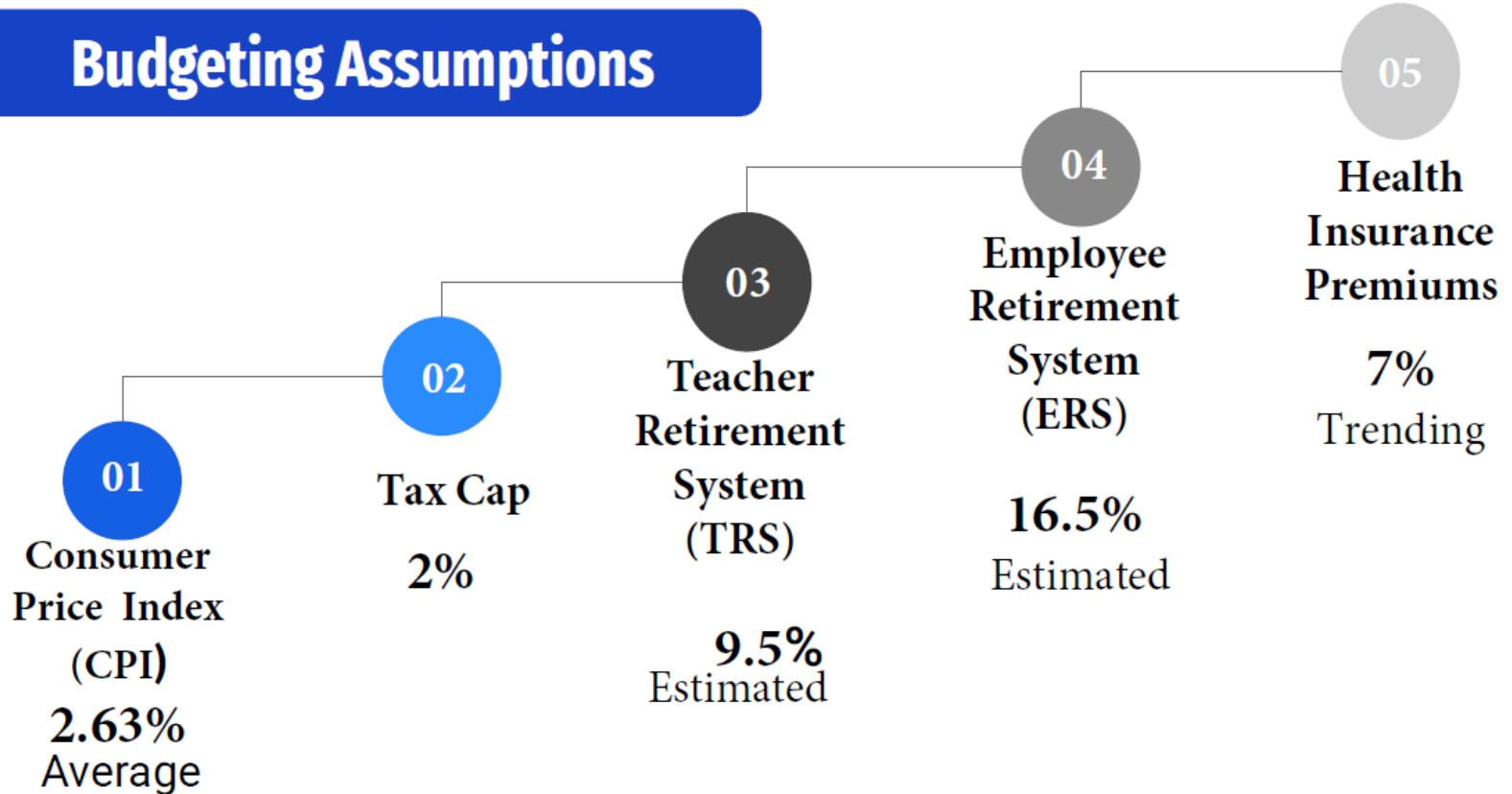
# Community Partners

## Budget Development Collaboration



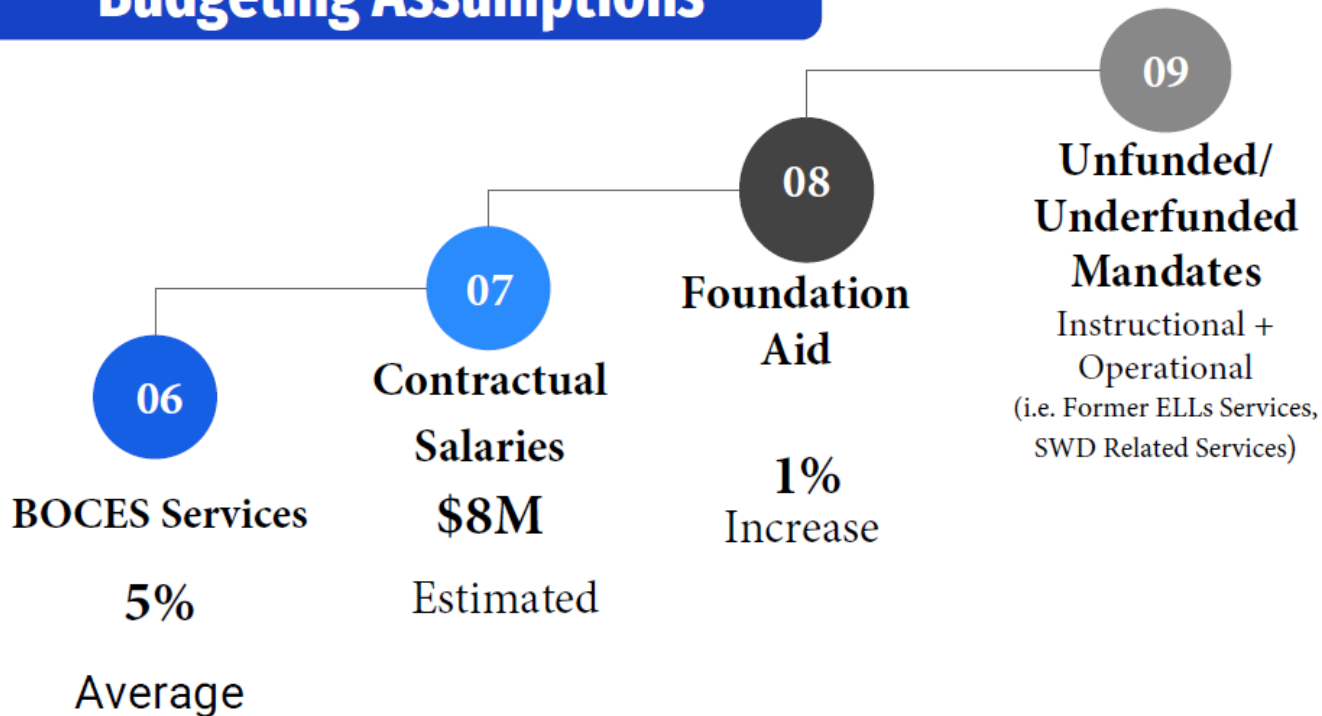
# Middletown City School District

## Budgeting Assumptions

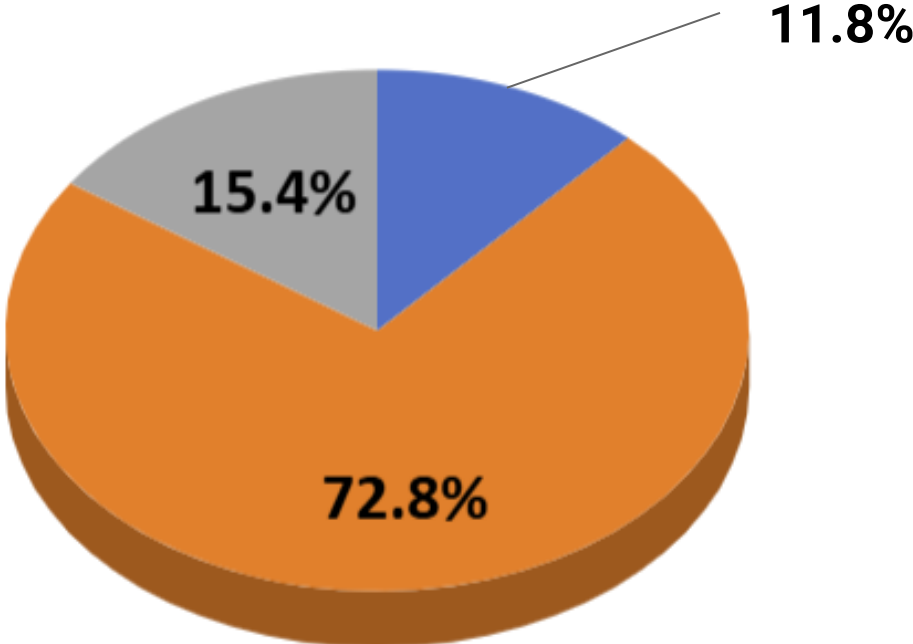


# Middletown City School District

## Budgeting Assumptions



# Expenditures



● Admin ● Program ● Capital

# Administrative Expenses

Administrative	2026-27 Estimated	2025-26 State Approved	Change \$	Change %
Board of Education	<b>\$190,413</b>	\$175,158	\$15,255	8.71%
Central Administration	<b>\$500,717</b>	\$489,868	\$10,849	2.21%
Finance/Central Services	<b>\$7,845,563</b>	\$7,489,211	\$356,352	4.76%
Contractual Expenses	<b>\$4,687,161</b>	\$4,628,600	\$58,561	1.27%
Curriculum	<b>\$13,021,163</b>	\$12,904,653	\$116,510	0.9%
Benefits	<b>\$7,210,359</b>	\$7,025,585	\$184,774	2.63%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,455,376</b>	<b>\$32,713,075</b>	<b>\$742,301</b>	<b>2.27%</b>
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# Program Expenses

Program	2026-27 Estimated	2025-26 State Approved	Change \$	Change %
Regular Instruction	<b>\$98,558,858</b>	\$97,979,360	\$579,498	0.59%
Students w/Disabilities	<b>\$49,181,853</b>	\$46,222,330	\$2,959,523	6.40%
Athletics	<b>\$2,066,754</b>	\$2,047,837	\$18,917	0.92%
Transportation	<b>\$14,123,488</b>	\$13,615,486	\$508,002	3.73%
Interfund Transfers	<b>\$666,900</b>	\$666,900	\$0	0.0%
Benefits	<b>\$41,867,298</b>	\$40,794,405	\$1,072,893	2.63%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$206,465,151</b>	<b>\$201,326,318</b>	<b>\$5,138,833</b>	<b>2.55%</b>
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# Capital Expenses

Capital	2026-27 Estimated	2025-26 State Approved	Change \$	Change %
Operations & Maintenance	<b>\$21,767,911</b>	\$21,374,780	\$393,131	1.84%
School Resource Officers	<b>\$957,749</b>	\$929,853	\$27,896	3.00%
Claims & Judgments	<b>\$50,000</b>	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%
Debt Service	<b>\$14,393,871</b>	\$13,545,499	\$848,372	6.26%
Interfund Transfers	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Benefits	<b>\$6,647,837</b>	\$6,477,479	\$170,358	2.63%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,815,368</b>	<b>\$42,377,611</b>	<b>\$1,437,757</b>	<b>2.55%</b>
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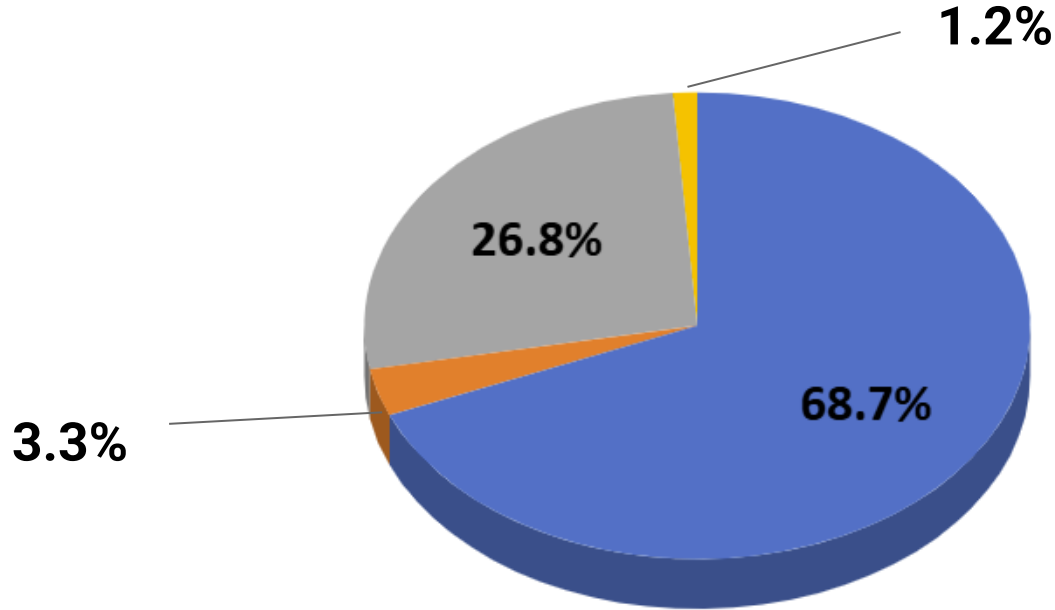
# Total Expenses: Estimated

Expenses	2026-27 Estimated	2025-26 State Approved	Change \$	Change %
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$283,735,894</b>	<b>\$276,417,004</b>	<b>\$7,318,890</b>	<b>2.65%</b>
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# Revenue Sources



- STATE AID
- OTHER REVENUE
- REAL PROPERTY TAXES
- FUND BALANCE



# Year over Year Revenue Sources Comparison

<b>Revenue Sources</b>	<b>SY 26-27</b>	<b>SY 25-26</b>	<b>Change</b>
State Aid	68.7%	69.6%	-0.9%
Local Taxes	26.8%	27.2%	-0.4%
Other Revenues	3.3%	3.2%	0.1%
Unappropriated Funds	1.2%	0%	1.2%



# Total Revenue: Estimated

<b>PROPOSED (1.20.26) Executive State Aid</b>	<b>2026-27 Estimated Aid</b>	<b>2025-26 State Approved Aid</b>	<b>Change \$</b>	<b>Change %</b>
State Aid	<b>\$195,049,789</b>	\$193,014,795	\$2,034,994	1.05%
Other Revenues	<b>\$9,291,825</b>	\$8,816,953	\$474,872	5.39%
Local Taxes	<b>\$76,069,504</b>	\$74,585,256	\$1,484,248	1.99%
Fund Balance	<b>\$3,324,776</b>	\$0.00	\$3,324,776	100%

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$283,735,894</b>	<b>\$276,417,004</b>	<b>\$7,318,890</b>	<b>2.65%</b>
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# Proposed Tax Levy

School Year	Tax Levy	Increase/Decrease
2022-23	\$72,404,150	-6.9% (\$5M decrease)
2023-24	\$72,404,150	0%
2024-25	\$73,128,192	1%
2025-26	\$74,585,257	1.99%

<b>2026-27</b>	<b>\$76,069,504</b>	<b>\$1,484,247</b>	<b>1.99%</b>
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These proposals represent the total costs associated with operating departments/programs inclusive of salaries, supplies, equipment, contractual items, insurance premiums, and programs.

	1)	<b>Prior Year Tax Levy</b>	\$ 74,585,257	1
TIMES	2)	<b>1 + Tax Base Growth Factor (provided by Commissioner of Tax &amp; Finance by February 15th.)</b>	1.016	2
		<b>subtotal</b>	\$ 75,778,621	
PLUS	3)	<b>PY PILOTS</b>	\$ 711,764	3
MINUS	4)	PY Levy for Judgements over 5% of total tax levy		4
		PY Levy for excess increases to ERS		
		PY Levy for excess increases to TRS		
		<b>PY Capital Tax Levy</b>	\$ 3,254,961	
EQUALS	PY	<b>TAX LEVY LIMIT</b>	\$ 73,235,424	
TIMES	5)	<b>Allowable Levy Growth Factor (1 + inflation factor, up to 2%)</b>	1.02	5
		<b>subtotal</b>	\$ 74,700,133	
MINUS	6)	<b>CY PILOTS</b>	\$ 636,235	6
PLUS	7)	Available Carryover	\$ -	7
EQUALS		<b>CY TAX LEVY LIMIT (to be submitted to State Comptroller, Commissioner of Tax &amp; Finance and the Commissioner of Education by March 1st)</b>	\$ 74,063,898	
PLUS	8)	CY Levy for Judgements over 5% of total tax levy		8
		<b>CY Levy for excess increases to ERS</b>		
		CY Levy for excess increases to TRS		
		BOCES EXLUSION		
		<b>CY Capital Tax Levy</b>	\$ 4,155,521	
MINUS	9)	Erroneous levy plus interest from prior year		9
EQUALS		<b>ALLOWED TAX LEVY WITH 50% plus 1 approval</b>	78,219,419	
		<b>Maximum Tax Levy Increase</b>	\$ 3,634,162	
		<b>Increase from Last Year</b>	4.87%	



# 2026-27 Proposed Budget Overview

1	<b>Proposed Budget - \$283,735,894</b>
2	<b>Budget Increase from 25-26 - \$7,318,890</b>
3	<b>% Budget Increase - 2.65%</b>
4	<b>Tax Levy Increase - \$1,484,247</b>
5	<b>Tax Levy Percent Increase - 1.99%</b>

**These proposals represent the total costs associated with operating departments/programs inclusive of salaries, supplies, equipment, contractual items, insurance premiums, and programs.**

# 2026-27 Contingent Budget Rules

First Vote Rules  
(When Budget is Under Tax Cap)

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

Budget Passes with 50% + 1  
positive votes

**Budget being presented to the  
community is BELOW the 2% Tax  
Cap**

Contingent Budget Rules  
(If first vote fails)

- Same tax levy as 2025-26  
(Levy was: \$74,585,257)
- No Additional budget request  
can be honored
- No equipment purchases except  
health and safety
- Applicable facilities charges

# 2026-27 State Budget Advocacy

**The senate accepts the executive proposal to fully fund the existing Foundation Aid Formula, with the following:**

1. Increases the Foundation Aid minimum from 1% to 2%
2. Adds new funding weight for homeless students and students in foster care (0.12)
3. Increases support for English Language Learners (weight rises from 0.53 to 0.6)
4. Fully funds updates to school aid data systems

# VOTE

Enlarged City School District of Middletown

## SUPER TUESDAY

### MAY 19, 2026

### Voting Locations

**Board of Education Office**

223 Wisner Avenue, Middletown, NY

**Maple Hill Annex at Truman Moon**

53 Bedford Avenue, Middletown, NY

**Presidential Park Elementary**

48 Roosevelt Avenue, Middletown, NY

**Polls Open: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.    Questions: (845) 326-1196**



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman, 4th Ward  
Rodriguez  
Seconded by: Alderman Green  
Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
Index No: 114-26

**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.**

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Montgomery Veterinary Hospital**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Middletown and Montgomery Veterinary Hospital.

Prepared by:  
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

1.	MOU Montgomery Veterinary Hospital
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# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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Between the City of Middletown and Montgomery Veterinary Hospital

This Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Middletown, located at 16 James Street, Middletown, New York 10940 (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), and Montgomery Veterinary Hospital, located at 718 River Road, Montgomery, New York 12549 (hereinafter referred to as the "Veterinary Hospital"). Collectively, the City and the Veterinary Hospital may be referred to as the "Parties."

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms under which the Veterinary Hospital will provide limited veterinary services for dogs that are located as strays or seized by the City due to suspected animal cruelty, neglect, or related enforcement actions.

## 2. Services Provided

The Veterinary Hospital agrees to allow the City of Middletown to transport sick or injured dogs to its facility for the purpose of conducting an initial physical examination. The examination shall be limited to an assessment of the animal's general health and condition. The veterinarian shall document findings and identify any additional treatment, medical care, or follow-up services that may be required.

## 3. Medical Documentation and Follow-Up

The Veterinary Hospital shall document any recommended medical treatment or follow-up care. This information shall be provided to the animal shelter or facility where the dog will be placed following the initial examination so that appropriate care can be arranged.

## 4. Humane Euthanasia

In the event a veterinarian determines that a dog is suffering from severe injury, illness, or other condition where humane euthanasia is medically necessary, the veterinarian at Montgomery Veterinary Hospital may perform euthanasia in accordance with accepted veterinary standards and applicable laws.

## 5. Veterinary Evaluation Form

When an animal is brought to the Veterinary Hospital by the City, the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer transporting the dog shall provide a City of Middletown Veterinarian's

Statement / Animal Evaluation Form. The attending veterinarian shall complete the form at the time of examination and return it to the officer for City records.

## **6. Fees and Costs**

The Parties have mutually agreed upon the costs associated with the initial physical examination and any humane euthanasia performed. A schedule of these agreed-upon fees is listed and incorporated into this Agreement below. In circumstances where, following examination, the Veterinarian determines that treatment of the animal would require significant or extraordinary medical costs, the City shall have the discretion to decline such treatment and may authorize or request that the Veterinarian perform humane euthanasia in lieu of further medical intervention. Any such euthanasia shall be performed only if, in the professional judgment of the Veterinarian and in accordance with applicable veterinary standards and laws, the procedure is medically and ethically appropriate.

**Euthanasia <41lbs: \$125**

**Euthanasia >41lbs: \$140**

**Bloodwork In-house (senior profile >7yo): \$322.52**

**Blood work In-house (young profile <7yo): \$278.44**

**Office Visit: \$85.75**

**4DX In-house (tickborne test with Heartworm): \$77.87**

## **7. Independent Contractor**

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Veterinary Hospital shall perform services under this Agreement as an independent contractor. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be interpreted to create an employment, partnership, or agency relationship between the Veterinary Hospital and the City.

## **8. Indemnification**

The Veterinary Hospital agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Veterinary Hospital in the performance of services under this Agreement.

The City agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Montgomery Veterinary Hospital, its officers, agents, volunteers, and employees from any claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses arising from the City's breach of this Agreement, violation of applicable law, or negligence in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

## **9. Insurance Requirements**

Montgomery Veterinary Hospital shall maintain, at its own expense, appropriate professional liability insurance and general liability insurance covering the services provided under this Agreement. Such insurance shall be maintained for the duration of this Agreement and any renewal periods. Upon reasonable request, Montgomery Veterinary Hospital shall provide proof of such insurance to the City of Middletown. The maintenance of insurance coverage shall not be interpreted as limiting the liability or indemnification obligations set forth in this Agreement.

## **10. Payment**

In consideration for services provided under this Agreement, the City shall remit payment to Montgomery Veterinary Hospital within thirty (30) days after the City Council has audited and approved for payment the Veterinary Hospital's submitted voucher for each incident.

## **11. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties regarding the subject matter described herein and supersedes all prior negotiations, discussions, or agreements. Any modification to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

## **12. Term and Renewal**

The term of this Agreement shall be from May 15 2026, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 unless terminated by either party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

## **13. Termination**

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other Party. Upon termination, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure the orderly conclusion of any services in progress.

## **14. Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. Any legal action or proceeding arising under or relating to this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction located within the State of New York.

## **15. Notice**

Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered personally, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by recognized overnight delivery service to the following addresses:

For the City of Middletown:  
16 James Street  
Middletown, New York 10940

For Montgomery Veterinary Hospital:  
718 River Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549

Either Party may update its notice address by providing written notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Agreement as of the dates below.

For the City of Middletown	For Montgomery Veterinary Hospital
Name: <u>Joseph M. DeStefano</u> Title: <u>Mayor</u> Signature: <u><i>Joseph M. DeStefano</i></u> Date: <u>5/6/2026</u>	Name: <u>Melissa Grech-Attard</u> Title: <u>Owner</u> Signature: <u><i>Melissa Grech-Attard</i></u> Date: <u>04/13/2026</u>



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Green  
 Seconded by: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward Gomez  
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Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	8			1

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

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Municipal Tourism Grant from the County of Orange for Run 4 Downtown Promotional Efforts**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and hereby authorizes the City of Middletown to accept a Municipal Tourism Grant from the County of Orange in the amount of \$4,999.00, to be applied toward promotional efforts for Run 4 Downtown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to accept and administer said grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2026 Budget as follows:

Type	Account	Amount
Increase Revenue	A.2802 County Aid & Grants	\$4,999
Increase Expense	A.7011.498	\$4,999

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

**Attachments:**

1.	Municipal Legislative Tourism Grants Program 2026
2.	TOURISM GRANT-001

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**  
**Office of Economic & Community Development**

April 27, 2026

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

**RE: Municipal Tourism Grant Programs**

Dear Members:

I am requesting authorization to accept a Municipal Tourism Grant from the County of Orange in the amount of \$4,999.00. Additionally, I request authorization for the Mayor to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.

I am also requesting authorization for the Treasurer to increase the A.7011.498 expense line by \$4,999.00 and to increase the revenue line A.2802 (County Aid & Grants) by \$4,999.00.

These grant funds will be applied toward promotional efforts for the Run 4 Downtown.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director  
Economic & Community Development

**COUNTY OF ORANGE  
MUNICIPAL TOURISM GRANT AGREEMENT  
PROGRAM YEAR 2026 (“PY-2026”)**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is made as of this 14 day of April 2026, by and between the County of Orange, a municipal corporation and a County of the State of New York, with principal offices at 255-275 Main Street, Goshen, New York 10924 (“County”), by and through its Tourism Office, with an office located at 99 Main Street, Goshen, New York 10924 (“OCT”) and City of Middletown, with its principal place of business located at 16 James Street, Middletown, New York 10940 (“Grantee”).

**WHEREAS**, OCT, on behalf of the County Executive, administers a County-funded municipal tourism grant (“MTG”) program which supports tourism-related events, marketing initiatives and activities by local governments in Orange County that promote tourism, increase awareness and lead to the attraction of visitors to Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantee submitted to OCT an application for MTG containing a proposal to provide such tourism-related events and/or activities (“Application” and “Activities”); and

**WHEREAS**, OCT, on behalf of the County Executive, has reviewed the Grantee’s proposal and is willing to provide funding therefore, and the Grantee is willing to perform the activities detailed in the Application on the terms and conditions specified herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County and the Grantee agree as follows:

1. Acceptance of Proposal. OCT, on behalf of the County Executive, hereby accepts the Grantee’s Application together with all attachments, additions and supporting or supplemental materials, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Schedule A**.
2. Grantee Performance of Project Services. The Grantee hereby agrees to perform, or cause to be performed, the activities described in the Application (“Project”). The Project shall commence on or after April 14, 2026 and be completed no later than September 15, 2026 (“Term”). The Term may be modified and/or extended by written consent of both parties.

County Funding: Limitations. The County hereby agrees to fund the Project in an amount not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE (\$4,999) DOLLARS payable within ninety (90) to one-hundred and twenty (120) days of full execution of this Agreement. The Grantee acknowledges that the County is providing funding for the Project in reliance on the Application submitted by Grantee, including, but not limited to, the technical and financial information and budgets submitted, as applicable, and based upon such items OCT has determined that the Grantee will be able to satisfactorily perform. If there is a material change in the facts, estimates or projections contained in the Application including, but not limited to, a change in any item of receipts or expenditures, a change in or discontinuance of any operation or program conducted or projected to be conducted by the Grantee, the Grantee shall immediately request approval from OCT of such change. Such requests for approval shall be submitted by the Grantee on the Project Change Request Form attached hereto as **Schedule**

B. If OCT, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines that such change will impede or impair the Grantee's ability to carry out the approved activities, or such activities can no longer meet the goal or purpose of this grant, then the County shall have the right either to terminate this Agreement without further liability, or to limit the scope of the Project and reduce the funding payment to the Grantee in such amount as determined by OCT in its sole discretion. Notwithstanding the dates within which the Project may be completed pursuant to Section 2 above, the grant funding must be fully expended before the end date of PY-2026 which is December 31, 2026. Rollover of grant funds into the following calendar year is not permitted except, in limited circumstances, upon prior written approval of the County. All requests must be submitted to OCT on the Project Change Request Form.

4. Representations. Grantee represents that:
  - a. The Grantee has met all the necessary procedural and substantive requirements and is qualified to receive the grant funds for the purposes set forth in the Application.
  - b. The Project will be performed or executed in Orange County, New York.
  - c. The Grantee made only one (1) application for municipal tourism grant funding in this calendar/program year, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule A**.
  - d. The Grantee will use the verbiage "*This project is made possible, in part, with funds from the County of Orange and Orange County Tourism,*" in all promotion and advertising for the Project.
  - e. The Grantee, at its sole expense, has obtained or will obtain any and all easements, required authorizations and permits to carry out the Project before disbursement of grant funds by the County.
  - f. None of the grant funding shall be expended on costs inconsistent with the Grantee's Application.
  - g. The Grantee will hold the grand funds provided by the County under this Agreement in an appropriate municipal account such as, for example, a publicity fund account, as may be applicable.
  
5. Independent Contractor. The Grantee acknowledges that it is an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of either OCT or the County of Orange. In accordance with such status as an independent contractor, the Grantee covenants and agrees that neither it nor its employees or agents will hold themselves out as, nor claim to be officers or employees of either OCT or the County, or of any department, agency or unit thereof, and that they will not make any claim, demand or application to or for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of OCT or the County, including, but not limited to, worker's compensation coverage, health coverage, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage or employee retirement membership or credit.
  
6. Reports; Deliverables. The Grantee shall submit such reports and other items as may reasonably be requested by OCT relating to the Project and the performance thereof and the Grantee's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. A final report shall be submitted to OCT, in the form prescribed in the attached **Schedule C**, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of completion of the Project, together with copies of all marketing materials. Failure to submit this report will render the Grantee ineligible to apply for MTG the following year.

7. Retention of Records. Grantee shall maintain complete, accurate and current records of all income and expenses relating to its operations and the activities performed pursuant to this Agreement. During the Term, and at any time within six (6) years thereafter, the Grantee shall make such records available upon request to OCT. OCT shall have the right, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, to inspect the Grantee's books and records, its offices and facilities, for the purpose of verifying information supplied to OCT or any other purpose reasonably related to monitoring the Project.
8. Termination; Default. Without limiting any other rights under this Agreement, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if it determines that the Grantee has misrepresented any fact or supplied any false or misleading information to OCT in its Application or other material or reports, or has diverted any payments made under this Agreement to a purpose other than the performance of the Project, has failed to maintain or provide any records or reports required to be maintained, has failed to abide by any other term, provision or condition of this Agreement, or is unable to satisfactorily perform all or any part of the Project, or any of the Grantee's other obligations hereunder. In the event of termination, OCT may require the Grantee to refund any or all of the grant funding made under this Agreement. In the event of termination pursuant to this Section, the County will have no further liability under this Agreement.
9. Termination; Convenience. Without limiting the provisions of Section 8, if OCT determines that terminating this Agreement, in whole or in part, is in the best interest of the County, then it may terminate this Agreement by giving the Grantee written notice. Said termination shall become effective upon the mailing of such notice. In such event, OCT shall pay the Grantee for its pro rata share of costs incurred pursuant to this Agreement to the date of termination. Such payment together with any payments previously made to the Grantee shall not exceed the lesser of the value of the services performed as of the termination date or the amount set forth in Section 3.
10. Assumption of Risk; Indemnification; Insurance; Taxes. Grantee hereby assumes all responsibility for the risk of operation related to the performance of the Project, and shall indemnify, defend and hold OCT, the County, and their officials, employees, contractors, and agents harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation and/or settlement) arising out of the Project and the activities and programs performed by the Grantee relating to the Project, excluding claims arising out of the County's own negligence or willful misconduct. The Grantee shall carry all insurance and pay all taxes required by law in connection with the Project.
11. Assignment. This Agreement cannot be assigned without the prior written consent of the County Executive on behalf of the County.
12. Prevention of sexual harassment. Pursuant to the New York State Finance Law §139-1, by execution of this Agreement, the Grantee and the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the Grantee certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the Grantee has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides

annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of Section 201-g of the New York State Labor Law. A model policy and training has been created by the New York State Department of Labor and can be found on its website at:

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

The County's policy against sexual harassment and other unlawful discrimination and harassment in the workplace can be found on the County's website at:

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

- 13. Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. Any and all disputes involving this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to arbitration unless specifically agreed thereto in writing by the County Executive, but instead must only be heard in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, with venue in Orange County or if appropriate, in the Federal District Court with venue in the Southern District of New York, White Plains division.
- 15. Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and all such counterparts shall be deemed to constitute but one and the same agreement as if all signatures were set forth on the same agreement. A manually signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission will be deemed to have the same legal force and effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.
- 14. Entire Agreement; Inconsistencies. The rights and obligations of the parties, their permitted successor and assigns, shall be subject to and governed by this Agreement, which supersedes any other understandings or writings between or among them. In the event, however, of any conflict between the terms of the Application and Proposal and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

**COUNTY OF ORANGE**

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stefan ("Steven") M. Neuhaus  
County Executive

By: Joseph M. DeStefano  
Joseph M. DeStefano  
Mayor

**SCHEDULE A**  
**APPLICATION AND PROPOSAL**

Orange County & Municipalities Working Together

# Municipal Tourism Grant



Municipality Applying:

City of Middletown

Date of application:

3/30/2026

Date you need the funds by:

7/1/2026

In effort to provide resources to municipalities as they plan and execute tourism events in Orange County, the County Executive launched a grant program. The program was approved by the Orange County Legislators and funding has been added to the 2026 Tourism Budget.

■ **PLEASE MAIL OR E-MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION**

- **E-mail** - LSantiago@orangecountygov.com
- **Mail** - Orange County Tourism, ATTN: Lisa Santiago, 99 Mail Street, Goshen, NY 10924

■ **PROGRAM DETAILS AND PROCESS**

- Requests for grants will be accepted from municipalities **only**.
- Applications will be sent out to each municipal leader.
- Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2026, until July 31, 2026.
- Completed applications should be sent to the County's Tourism & Film Office and will be reviewed by the Municipal Tourism Grant Committee (MTGC).
- MTGC will meet on a monthly basis or on an *as needed* basis. Committee will not exceed five members.
- MTGC will recommend grant recipients to the County Executive after reviewing the application.
- Once approved, municipality will be required to enter into an agreement with the County of Orange (see sample agreement attached).
- Within 30 days of event or initiative completion, **municipality will be required** to submit final report (see sample agreement attached).

■ **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

- Grants will be awarded to municipalities to use the funds towards a tourism event and/or activity that will result in the attraction of visitors to Orange County. You are encouraged to spend 25% of grant funds on promotion and advertising of approved event or approved activity.
  - Examples of awards: (may include, but are not limited to)
    - Funds awarded to a municipality for advertising and promotion expenses associated with XYZ event.
    - Funds awarded to a municipality towards the enhancement of signage for the event/activity.
    - Funds awarded to a municipality for enhancements to their website so that they are more user-friendly to visitors.

■ **AMOUNT OF GRANT**

- Grant range is \$2,500 - \$4,999 (on "as-needed" basis not to exceed \$4,999)
- Deadline for applications is July 31, 2026
- Grant must be used towards a tourism related event or marketing related initiatives that will ultimately lead to the increased awareness and visitation in the **current calendar year**. The awarded funds must be **fully expended in 2026**. Rollover is not permitted without the County's prior written consent.

**Contact Information :**

First Name : Caitlin

Last Name : McNamara

Title/Role at Municipality :

OECD Assistant Director

Address : 16 James St.

City :

Middletown

State :

NY

Zip Code :

10940

Phone Number :

8453464170

E-Mail :

cmcnamara@middletownny.gov

# Orange County & Municipalities Working Together Municipal Tourism Grant



## Request information

Amount of funds you are requesting :

\$4,999

Date of Event (If Applicable) or date of completion of marketing related initiatives :

8/15/2026

Will you be using a portion of these funds to promote your event or Municipality?



YES



NO

Description of event/promotional material and reason for the request of funds:

Funds will be used to promote the City's Annual Run 4 Downtown weekend (8/13-8/15), which includes free outdoor music. Promotional materials will include mailers.

Purpose of event and Key Outcomes:

Encourage visitors/participants of the race to spend the weekend in Middletown, not just race day. Hotels and restaurants benefit from those who decide to enjoy all the events offered. Event will also promote The Paramount Theatre and future events.

Overview of how funds will be spent: Reminder that a portion of the funds must be used to promote the event or municipality.

Funds will be spent on approximately 22,000 mailers, along with free outdoor music

A portion of grant funds must be used towards **promoting a tourism-related** event or **marketing-related** initiatives that will ultimately lead to **increased awareness** of the event and visitation to the county in the current calendar year. Please provide an explanation of how receiving these funds will lead to **increased awareness of your event and visitation to Orange County and how you will use a portion of these funds to promote your event:**

Funds will be spent on approx. 22,000 mailers. This 3-day event will encourage visitors/participants of the race to spend the weekend in Middletown and surrounding area, and encourage repeat visits. Local businesses will benefit from the increased foot traffic, and the Paramount Theatre will promote future events.

Joseph M. DeStefano

Name Of Applicant: Please Print

Mayor

Title of Applicant at Municipality

  
Signature Of Applicant

4/1/2026

Date

OFFICE RESPONSE:

Date Application was Received

Date of Committee Meeting

Approved for Funds:

YES

NO

Total of funds approved:

**SCHEDULE B**

**MUNICIPAL TOURISM GRANT  
PROJECT CHANGE REQUEST FORM**

Grantees must complete and submit this form to Orange County Tourism for approval prior to the execution of any changes that materially deviate from the initial proposal outlined in the Application.

*Date*

*Grantee*

*Contact Name*

*Phone Number*

*Mailing Address*

*E-Mail*

*Website*

*Project Title*

*Date(s) of Project*

**1. What parts of the original proposal need to be changed?**

**2. Describe proposed changes:**

**3. Why is this change necessary?**

**4. How will this change affect the project's impact and goals?**

**Name & Title (print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval Status – Orange County Tourism (For Office Use Only)** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Denied

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE C**

**MUNICIPAL TOURISM GRANT  
FINAL REPORT**

*Date of Report*

*Grantee*

*Contact Name*

*Phone Number*

*Physical Address, City, State, Zip Code*

*Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code (if different from physical address)*

*Email*

*Website*

*Project Title*

*Date/s of Project*

*Location/s of Public Presentation/s of Project*

*\$ Requested*

*\$ Received*

*# of Attendees (if applicable)*

**Were you able to accomplish the project as it was originally described in the grant application?**

Yes  No

**If the answer above was no, please explain what changes (date, time, venue, artists, budget changes, etc.) were made and why they were necessary.**

**Did you submit a grant change form to Orange County Tourism for approval of the above changes?**

Yes  No

**List specifically what the grant funding was spent on and how much was allocated to each aspect.**

**Name all modes of promotion that were used for the project. *Please attach copies of all promotional materials directly related to your funded project. (examples may include, but are not limited to, advertisements, posters, press releases, postcards, social media screenshots/printouts, etc.)***

**How did you measure the success of this project?**

**What was the biggest challenge, if any, to accomplishing the project?**



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 116-26

**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*

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing the City to Waive Side Walk Sale Fees for the Cinco De Mayo Celebration 2026**

Resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to waive the fees for sidewalk sales in the Downtown Mixed Use District for the weekend of May 1-5, 2026, as part of the Business Improvement District's Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Prepared by:  
 Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

None





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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson  
 Seconded by: Aldermwan, 2nd Ward Gomez  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 117-26

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 Clerk to the Common Council

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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.**

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing a \$20,846.36 Budget Transfer with the Police Department Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$20,846.36, in the following manner,

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.3120.100 Personal Services	A.3120.200 Other Equipment For the purchase of a new police patrol bicycle and necessary equipment	\$5,400
	A.3120.200 Other Equipment	\$6,875

For the purchase of a metal  
detector \$4,500

A.3120.200 Other Equipment  
For the purchase of 5 modems  
for wireless connection in \$4,000  
patrol cars including  
installation costs

A.3120.432 Background \$71.36  
Investigation  
To cover the cost of the  
background process for  
upcoming replacement officers

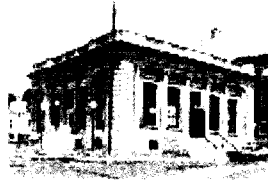
A.3120.434 Background  
Investigation  
To cover the cost of shipping  
expenses on the postage line

Prepared by:  
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

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JOHN EWANCIW  
CHIEF OF POLICE



TELEPHONE  
845-343-3151  
FAX NUMBER  
845-346-4140

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
2 JAMES STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940  
ESTABLISHED 1888

April 29, 2026

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

Mayor DeStefano and Members of the Board of Estimate,

I am requesting that the City of Middletown Common Council approve the following transfers requests within our 2026 budget lines:

From	Amount	To
A.3120.100 Personal Services For the purchsae of a new police patrol bicycle and necessary equipment	\$5,400	A.3120.200 Equipment
A.3120.100 Personal Services For the purchase of a metal detector	\$6,875	A.3120.200 Equipment
A.3120.100 Personal Services For the purchase of 5 modems for wireless connection in patrol cars and installation costs	\$4,500	A.3120.200 Equipment
A.3120.100 Personal Services To cover the cost of the background process for upcoming replacement officers	\$4,000	A.3120.432 Backgrounds
A.3120.100 Personal Serices To cover the cost of shipping expense in the postage line	\$71.36	A.3120.434 Postage

Very truly yours,

John Ewanciw  
Chief of Police



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson  
 Seconded by: Alderman Masi  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 118-26

**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.**

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing a \$28,850.00 Budget Transfer to the Business Improvement District (BID) for Fertilizing & Weed Control**

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 \$28,850.00, in the following manner,

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
General Fund Balance	A.6200.400 Contractual Services	\$28,850.00

To cover the cost to transfer to the BID District for fertilizing and weed services under the Monaco Proposal.

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

**Attachments:**

1.	042126 MONACO PROPOSAL-001
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# **PROPOSAL**

**TONY MONACO LANDSCAPING, INC.  
60 SCOTCHTOWN DRIVE  
MIDDLETOWN, NY 10941  
TEL: 845-343-9772 FAX:  
845-343-9774**

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**Date: 4/8/2026**

**Proposal To: City of Middletown Business Improvement District**

**Email: mbruni@middletownny.gov**

**Phone: 845-346-4170**

**Address: 16 James Street Middletown, NY**

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## **Landscape Maintenance Contract To Include the Following Locations**

**\*City Hall \*Police Station**

**\*Erie Way Park (Including parking lot behind Tapped)**

**\*John F. Degnan Square \*King Street Park**

**\* Run4 Downtown Park \*Jerry's Park**

**Orchard Street Lot \* Rail Trail Commons Lot**

**\*South Street Lot \*James Street Lot \*Canal Street Lot**

### **Spring Fertilizing & Weed Control – April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026**

- Fertilize all shrubs and trees. 1 time.
- Supply and Install Pre-Emergent weed control in all flower beds. 2 times.

### **Bi-Weekly Maintenance – May 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026**

- Weeding beds and sidewalks, manually and with herbicide.

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE FOLLOWING.**

**\*John F. Degnan Square \*Erie Way Park**

**\*Run4 Downtown Park \*Jerry's Park**

**First application APRIL – Pre-emergent weed control with fertilizer**

**Second application MAY – Fertilizer, herbicide with post emergent weed control**

**Third application JUNE - Fertilizer, insect control with post emergent weed control**

**Fourth application SEPTEMBER - Fertilizer, with post emergent spot weed control**

**Fifth application OCTOBER - Fertilizer and lime**

**TOTAL: \$28,950.00**

**To be paid in 7 monthly payments of \$4,135.71**

**OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS -**

**Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.**

- **A service charge of 2% per month will be charged to all overdue accounts and any legal or collection fees will be the responsibility of the owner.**
- **This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 20 days.**
- **All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices.**
- **Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate.**
- **All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control.**
- **Owner is to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance.**

**Authorized Signature:** *Anthony N Monaco*

**Acceptance of Proposal-** The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. Tony Monaco Landscaping, Inc. is authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Acceptance:** \_\_\_\_\_



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois  
 Seconded by: Alderman Green  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 119-26

**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.**

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing a Proposal from Stratagem for Security Upgrades at City Hall**

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 \$2,956.51, in the following manner,

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
H.0776.200 Police Camera Surveillance	H.0933.210 IT Equipment	\$2,956.51

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and hereby authorizes acceptance of the proposal

from Stratagem to update the security system within City Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that, upon completion of the camera surveillance project, the remaining balance of \$2,956.51 is hereby authorized to be appropriated to fund necessary security upgrades within City Hall.

Prepared by:  
Leonora Liz, Treasurer

**Attachments:**

1.	City of Middletown City Hall - Access Update for Lock Down Proposal (003)
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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: May 5, 2026  
Index No: 120-26

**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*

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Authorizing the Naming of the Courthouse as the Honorable Angelo J. Ingrassia, Middletown City Court**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Angelo J. Ingrassia was a lifelong Middletown area resident who raised his family in the City of Middletown since 1958; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ingrassia’s wife, Judy, and daughter, Maria, continue to reside in the City of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ingrassia had an extraordinary career in public service, including serving as Orange County District Attorney, Orange County Court Judge, and Chief Administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ingrassia served with distinction, integrity, and dedication to justice throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown wishes to honor Judge Ingrassia's legacy and lasting contributions to the City, Orange County, and the judicial system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the naming of the courthouse as the Honorable Angelo J. Ingrassia, Middletown City Court;

Prepared by:  
Joseph DeStefano, Mayor

**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: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 121-26

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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	8			1

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

*Joseph M. DeStefano*

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Awarding Bids for Street Materials & Asphalt Materials**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and hereby awards the bids for highway materials to the lowest qualified bidders, as reviewed and recommended, with consideration given not only to unit pricing but also to proximity of the material source to the City, availability, and operational efficiency, with copies of the bid tabulation sheets attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the following vendors are awarded contracts for the materials listed below, to be utilized as needed and as determined by the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works based on time considerations, distance traveled, and quantity required:

**Dick's Concrete Co., Inc., 1053 County Route 37, New Hampton, NY 10958:**

Screened Gravel: Stockpile @ \$25.95/ton; Plant @ \$21.45/ton  
 NYS Item 304-2.02: Stockpile @ \$19.00/ton; Plant @ \$15.00/ton  
 Crushed Stone #2: Stockpile @ \$25.45/ton; Plant @ \$21.45/ton  
 Crushed Stone #3: Stockpile @ \$25.45/ton; Plant @ \$21.45/ton  
 Run of Bank Gravel: Delivered @ \$19.50/ton; Loaded into City Trucks @ \$15.50/ton

**Callanan Industries, 93 Sullivan Road, Monticello, NY 12701:**

*(Products from Montgomery or Monticello quarry)*

NYS Item 403.16 T.C. Type 6: F.O.B. @ \$82.00/ton  
 NYS Item 403.18 T.C. Type 7: F.O.B. @ \$90.00/ton  
 NYS Item 403.13 A.C.B.C. Type 3: F.O.B. @ \$80.00/ton  
 NYS Item 403.11 B.C. Type 1: F.O.B. @ \$80.00/ton  
 NYS Item 403.12 B.C. Type 2: F.O.B. @ \$84.00/ton  
 Asphalt Pre-Mix for Cold Patch: Delivery @ \$159.50/ton; F.O.B. @ \$144.00/ton (*Monticello quarry only*)

**E. Tetz & Sons, Inc. / Tetz Asphalt, 63 Cemetery Road, Middletown, NY 10941:**

NYS Item 403.14 A.C.B.C. Type 4: F.O.B. @ \$89.00/ton  
 NYS Item 403.16 T.C. Type 6: F.O.B. @ \$89.00/ton  
 NYS Item 403.18 T.C. Type 7: F.O.B. @ \$91.00/ton  
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 Asphalt Pre-Mix for Cold Patch: F.O.B. @ \$145.00/ton

**Quarry Management LLC, 131 US Route 6, Port Jervis, NY 12771:**

NYS Item 304-2.02: Stockpile @ \$23.50/ton; Plant @ \$11.00/ton  
 Crushed Stone #2: Stockpile @ \$26.50/ton; Plant @ \$14.00/ton  
 Crushed Stone #3: Plant @ \$14.00/ton  
 Rip Rap: Stockpile @ \$29.50/ton; Plant @ \$17.00/ton

**Aden Mining & Materials, 22 McBride Road, Slate Hill, NY 10973:**

Screened & Washed Sand: Stockpile @ \$33.95/ton; Plant @ \$28.95/ton (Bloomingburg)

Prepared by:

**Attachments:**

1.	2026 STREET MATERIAL and ASPHALT BID TAB SHEETS.xlsx PG2
2.	2026 STREET MATERIAL and ASPHALT BID AWARD LETTER RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL
3.	FINAL 2026 STREET MATERIAL and ASPHALT BID TAB SHEETS

### PRE-MIX/ASPHALT MATERIALS

BID OF April 17, 2026	E. Tetz & Sons LLC. 172 Prospect Hill Rd. Brewster NY 10509	Tilcon New York, Inc. 9 Entin Rd Parsippany NJ 07054	Callanan Industries, Inc. PO Box 15094 Albany NY 12212		
Item 403.16 Top Course Type 6	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$89.00/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$94.40/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$82.00/TON		
Item 403.18 Top Course Type 7	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$91.00/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$96.40/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$90.00/TON		
Item 403.14 Asphalt Concrete Binder Course Type 4	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$89.00/TON	NO BID	NO BID		
Item 403.13 Asphalt Concrete Binder Course Type 3	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$88.00/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$90.40/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$80.00/TON		
Item 403.11 Base Course Type 1	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$87.00/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$89.15/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$80.00/TON		
Item 403.12 Base Course Type 2	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$87.00/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT NO BID	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$84.00/TON		
Cold Patch	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT \$145.00/TON	DEL. TO CITY NO BID F.O.B PLANT NO BID	DEL. TO CITY \$159.50/TON F.O.B PLANT \$144.00/TON (MONTICELLO ONLY)		
Material upon which quotes are made is produced at:	63 CEMETARY RD. MIDDLETOWN NY 10940	GOSHEN QUARRY 2 QUARRY RD. GOSHEN NY 10924	93 SULLIVAN RD. MONTICELLO NY 12701 AND/OR 215 MONTGOMERY RD. MONTGOMERY NY 12549		

**\*PRICES ARE THE SAME FOR BOTH  
LOCATIONS EXCEPT FOR THE COLD  
PATCH- ONLY FROM MONTICELLO  
LOCATION**

**\*\*AWARDED BASED ON TIME CONSIDERATION, DISTANCE  
TRAVELED AND QUANTITY NEEDED PER JUDGEMENT OF  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.**

## **PRE-MIX/ASPHALT MATERIALS**

# Department of Public Works

## City of Middletown

**Jacob S. Tawil, P.E.**  
Commissioner of Public Works



16 James Street  
Middletown, NY 10940  
Phone: 845-343-3169  
Fax: 845-343-4014

April 30, 2026

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Common Council  
City of Middletown, NY

RE: Award Recommendation Letter  
Street Materials & Asphalt Material Bids of April 17, 2026

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the above captioned bids and respectfully request awarding the lowest qualified bidder the following. (Copy of bid tabulation sheets are attached). Please note, that a recommendation of award is not based on the unit bid price alone, but also on the close proximity of the source to the City.

**Dick's Concrete Co., Inc., 1053 County Route 37, New Hampton, NY 10958:**

Screened Gravel: Stockpile @ \$25.95/ton and Plant @ \$21.45/ton  
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(Bloomingburg)

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Respectfully submitted,

*Jacob S. Tawil, P.E.*

Jacob S. Tawil, P.E.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**SAND AND GRAVEL**

BID of April 17, 2026	E. Tetz & Sons LLC. 172 Prospect Hill Rd. Brewster NY 10509		E. Tetz & Sons LLC. 172 Prospect Hill Rd. Brewster NY 10509		Aden Mining & Materials PO Box 217 Montgomery NY 12549		Aden Mining & Materials PO Box 217 Montgomery NY 12549		Aden Mining & Materials PO Box 217 Montgomery NY 12549		Aden Mining & Materials PO Box 217 Montgomery NY 12549		Tilcon New York, Inc. 9 Entin Rd Parsippany NJ 07054		Dick's Concrete 1053 County Rte 37 New Hampton NY 10958		Quarry Management LLC 237 Masthope Plank Rd Lackawaxen PA 18435		Callanan Industries, Inc. PO Box 15097 Albany NY 12212		
	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	Stockpile	Plant	
Screened & Washed Sand per ton	\$37.00/TON	\$30.00/TON	NO BID	NO BID	\$33.95/TON	\$28.95/TON	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$36.95/TON	\$31.00/TON	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
Screened Gravel per ton	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$28.60/TON	\$23.60/TON	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$25.95/TON	\$21.45/TON	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
NYS Item 304-2.02 per ton	NO BID	NO BID	\$23.50/TON	\$17.50/TON *10.00 PER TON MIDDLETOWN	\$20.90/TON	\$15.90/TON	NO BID	\$15.90/TON	NO BID	\$15.90/TON	NO BID	\$15.90/TON	\$35.60/TON	\$19.60/TON	\$19.00/TON	\$15.00/TON	\$23.50/TON	\$11.00/TON	\$30.00/TON	\$14.50/TON	
Crushed Stone: #2 per ton	\$30.00/TON	\$24.00/TON	NO BID	NO BID	\$25.45/TON	\$20.45/TON	NO BID	\$20.45/TON	NO BID	\$20.45/TON	NO BID	\$20.45/TON	NO BID	NO BID	\$25.45/TON	\$21.45/TON	\$26.50/TON	\$14.00/TON	\$36.00/TON	\$20.50/TON	
Crushed Stone: #3 per ton	NO BID	NO BID	\$29.00/TON	\$23.00/TON	\$28.40/TON	\$22.50/TON	NO BID	\$22.50/TON	NO BID	\$22.50/TON	NO BID	\$22.50/TON	NO BID	NO BID	\$25.45/TON	\$21.45/TON	\$26.50/TON	\$14.00/TON	\$36.00/TON	\$20.50/TON	
Rip rap(light stone fill) per ton	NO BID	NO BID	\$31.00/TON	\$25.00/TON	\$31.95/TON	\$26.95/TON	NO BID	\$26.95/TON	NO BID	\$26.95/TON	NO BID	\$26.95/TON	NO BID	NO BID	\$32.50/TON	\$28.00/TON	\$29.50/TON	\$17.00/TON	\$39.00/TON	\$23.50/TON	
Run of Bank Gravel delivered to various locations within the City of Middletown, NY per cu.yd.	NO BID		NO BID		\$25.85/CU. YD.		NO BID		NO BID		NO BID		NO BID		\$19.50/CU. YD.		NO BID		NO BID		
Run of Bank Gravel loaded into City owned trucks by the successful bidder per cu.yd.	NO BID		NO BID		\$18.90/CU. YD.		NO BID		NO BID		NO BID		NO BID		\$15.50/CU. YD.		NO BID		NO BID		
The material upon which the prices are quoted is produced at:	3078 US 6 Slate Hill NY 10943		66 Tetz Rd. Chester NY 10918		680 Bloomingburg Rd. Bloomingburg NY 12721		90 Collabar Rd. Montgomery NY 12549		574 Rt. 416 Montgomery NY 12549		83 Black Meadow Rd. Chester NY 10918		Goshen Quarry 2 Quarry Rd. Goshen NY 10924		1053 CR 37 New Hampton NY 10958		Quarry is located in Lackawaxen, PA Distribution yard is in Port Jervis NY		93 Sullivan Rd. Monticello NY 12701		
	*4 MILES 10 MINUTES		*14-16 MILES 20-25 MINUTES		* 7 MILES 13 MINUTES		*11 MILES 19 MINUTES		* 11 MILES 22 MINUTES		* 13 MILES 26 MINUTES		*11 MILES 20 MINUTES		*6 MILES 13 MINUTES		8 MILES 22 MINUTES AWAY		*25 MILES 31 MINUTES		

**\*\*AWARDED BASED ON TIME CONSIDERATION,  
DISTANCE TRAVELED AND QUANTITY NEEDED PER  
JUDGEMENT OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.**



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt  
 Seconded by: Alderman Green  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 122-26

**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.**

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Reappointment of Timothy Welch as Civil Service Commissioner**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Timothy Welch as Civil Service Commissioner for a six-year term commencing June 1, 2026 and expiring May 31, 2033.

Prepared by:  
 Joseph DeStefano, Mayor

**Attachments:**

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Witt  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 123-26

**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*

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Kelly Connolly as Deputy City Treasurer**

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown confirms the Mayor's appointment of **Kelly Connolly** as **Deputy City Treasurer** to fill the unexpired term of **Rosa Tumminia**, which expires on **August 31, 2027**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that this appointment shall be effective **June 1, 2026**.

Prepared by:  
 Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

None



**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: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 124-26

**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*

5/6/2026

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

**Authorization to Amend City Code to Place a Handicap Parking Space in front of 11 Low Avenue**

**BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and hereby amends Chapter 460 of the Code of the City of Middletown, specifically §460-28, entitled “No parking zone; handicapped permits only,” to add a handicapped parking space in front of 11 Low Avenue.

Prepared by:  
 Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1.	11 Low Ave
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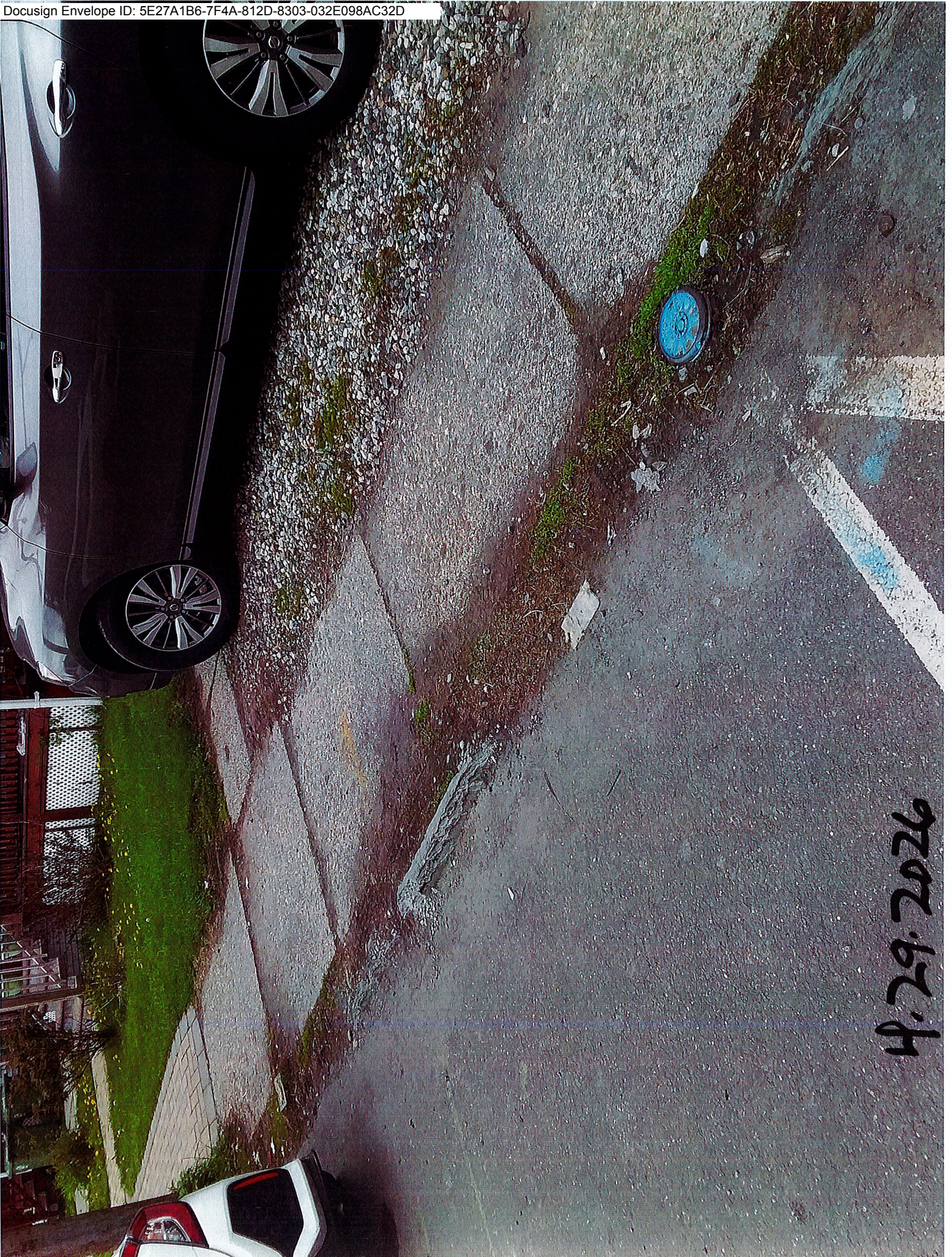
2.	H C Permit Appl 11 Low Ave
3.	Handicap spot 11 Low Ave



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# City of Middletown, NY

## Department of Public Works

### Handicap Parking Permit Application

#### Per City Code Section 460-28

DATE: 4/26/2026

OWNER NAME: Jay (Y & J Inc.)

OWNER'S ADDRESS: 13601 SW 26<sup>th</sup> street Davie FL 33325

PHONE NUMBER: (845) 893-3182

LOCATION OF PARKING SPOT: 11 Low Avenue

IF RENTAL PROPERTY, SUPPLY TENANT'S NAME REQUESTING PARKING SPOT:

Luis Torres

RENTAL PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE: ~~1/1/30~~ 6/1/2026

\*Please attach a copy of your (or Tenant's) driver's license/photo ID and a copy of your (or Tenant's) valid handicap parking permit.

*I hereby certify that the above information given is true and correct as to the best of my knowledge.*

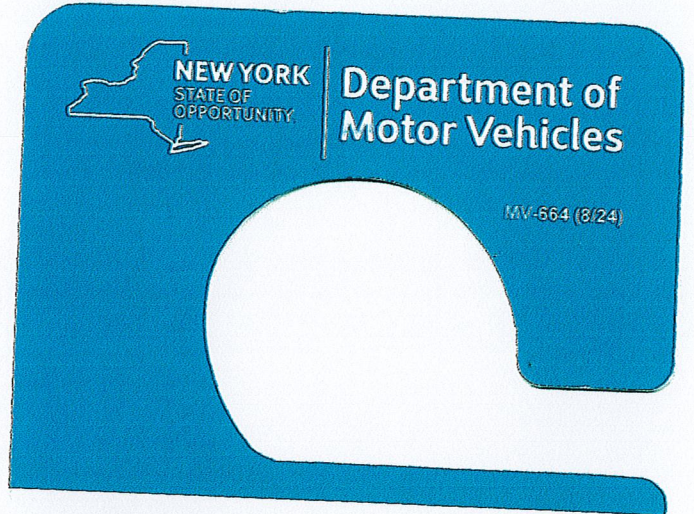
Applicant Signature: 

Commissioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

City Parking Permit Expires two years from issuance date

Denied



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**NOT TRANSFERABLE**

JAN  
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APR  
MAY  
JUN  
JUL  
AUG  
SEP  
OCT  
NOV  
DEC

2025  
2026  
2027  
2028  
2029  
2000

Permit expires last day of month & year punched.

11-30  
286

Issuing Locality and Phone No.:

MPD  
845-343-3151

**REMOVE FROM REARVIEW MIRROR WHEN DRIVING**

**NEW YORK STATE USA**  
DRIVER LICENSE

Class DM

DOB: 10/06/1974  
Issued: 09/21/2022  
Expires: 10/06/2030

TORRES  
LUIS A JR  
11 LOW AVE  
MIDDLETOWN, NY 10940

ID: 303 640 286

Sex: M Height: 6'-00" Eyes: BRO

NOT FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 29, 2026  
To: Honorable Mayor DeStefano, Council President J. Miguel Rodrigues,  
Alderman Jude Jean-Francois, City Clerk Rick McCormack  
From: Jacob Tawil, Commissioner of Public Works  
Re : Handicap Parking Permit Application – 11 Low Ave.

Please find attached an application for a Handicap Parking Spot in front of 11 Low Ave. for consideration at your next meeting.

Also attached is a photo, taken today, of the current parking area.

Thank you.

ATT.



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson  
 Seconded by: None  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 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				
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 of Local Law #2: A Local Law Amending the City Charter Employee Residency Requirements**

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 give the Common Council authority to waive the City Charter employee residency requirements in limited and critical hiring situations.

Section 2. Section 14a of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the existing sentence, to read in its entirety as follows:

The Common Council shall have the authority, by a majority vote of its members, to waive these residency requirements if the Council finds that an exhaustive recruitment effort to fill a critical position cannot find a qualified candidate who resides within these required boundaries.

Section 3. Severability.

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

Section 4. Effective Date.

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

Prepared by:  
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

None



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi  
 Seconded by: Alderman Johnson  
 Date of Adoption: May 5, 2026  
 Index No: 125-26

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 Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Rodriguez	X			
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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	8			1

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

5/6/2026

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:

**Attachments:**

None