

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 15, 2021**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL (COUNCIL CLERK)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Council Meeting, May 18, 2021
Council Meeting, January 19, 2021
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND GRIEVANCES
 - Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2021
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (COUNCIL CLERK)
5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
6. REMARKS OF THE MAYOR
7. REMARKS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS
8. PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS (NOTHING THIS EVENING)
9. REMARKS OF THE ALDERMAN AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NOTHING THIS EVENING)
11. NEW BUSINESS (RESOLUTIONS)
 - Resolution to accept a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Middletown in the amount totaling \$180.00 for Summer Camp Scholarships.
 - Resolution to accept a donation from the Lions Club of Middletown in the amount totaling \$900.00 for Summer Camp Scholarships.
 - Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$6,000.00 from the 2021 budget to cover the cost of an agreement between the City and St. Paul's Church for selected usage of their parking lot.
 - Resolution to approve the State to convey certain portions of properties to the City at the completion of construction to the Heritage Trail and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents.
 - Resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a "Fence Agreement" with 44 James Street, LLC.



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- Resolution to approve the Minisink Kiwanis use of the mobile stage on Sunday, September 12, 2021 for their annual Sweet Corn Festival.
- Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Middletown and the Town of Wawayanda.
- Resolution to close streets from Sunset Street to Highland Place on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 11:00AM to 7:00PM for a block party.

12. LOCAL LAWS (NOTHING THIS EVENING)
13. AUDIT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS (FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR)
14. ADJOURNMENT

The agenda is tentative and established on all accessible information at this time.
Items may be eliminated at any time. Resolutions are added on an emergency basis.





Common Council
City of Middletown
May 18, 2021

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Ald. Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues - 8. Jean-Francois - Absent.

Pres. Rodrigues: For the Good of the City, we'd like to invite the Mayor and the Chief up.

John Ewanciw, Chief of Police: Good evening. Before I begin this evening, I'd like to thank Mayor DeStefano, the Common Council, and the Police Commission for providing me with this opportunity to publicly recognize three members of the Police Department for their recent promotions, and to acknowledge the outstanding bravery and courage exhibited by Police Officer Evan Barone during a critical incident that took place in August of 2020. I would also like to thank the family members, friends, city residents, and the members of the Middletown Police Department who have joined us either in-person or remotely this evening, to celebrate the accomplishments of these four members.

At the conclusion of my remarks I will officially pin each officer, but I will first provide a brief overview of each officer and their service to our organization.

Lieutenant Evan Colon began his career with MPD on September 4th, 2007. He has a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Delaware.

Early within his career, Lieutenant Colon was recognized as being one of the future leaders of MPD due to his professionalism, commitment to service, and his ability to constantly perform his duties with the departmental goals and objectives in mind.

As a Patrol Officer, Lieutenant Colon was extremely active, and consistently ranked as one of the agency's top performers, which led to various special assignments and duties, including his assignment to the department's "Crime Suppression Team," which consisted of a group of highly motivated police officers tasked with addressing various types of street crimes and quality of life issues.

Lieutenant Colon became a certified police instructor, developing detailed lesson plans and presentations to aid in the instruction of police officers on critically important topics such as legal updates, the use of deadly physical force, and stop and frisk procedures.

Lieutenant Colon became a Field Training Officer, where he trained and supervised newly appointed police officers, which afforded him an opportunity to impart his experiences and proactive work style to the newest members of our department. He was selected for this role in hope that he would use his experiences to train and emulate his work performance in the new officers he was training.

Lieutenant Colon also became a certified Crisis & Hostage Negotiator, which tasked him with establishing communication with high risk individuals such as barricaded or suicidal subjects, in an effort to achieve peaceful resolutions to these potentially life-threatening situations.

In June of 2015, Lieutenant Colon was promoted to the rank of Detective, and assigned to the Department's Investigative Division, where he joined the ranks of some of the most talented and dedicated criminal investigators within our region. As a Detective, Lieutenant Colon continued to demonstrate his dedication and commitment to the City of Middletown, investigating serious crimes, and conducting countless interviews of victims and witnesses. This position required him to work closely not only with the various units of MPD, but also with our fellow law enforcement partners on the local, state and federal levels.

In August of 2017 Lieutenant Colon was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and was assigned back to the Patrol Division. In this very important role he provided direct supervision over the field operations of a patrol squad, where he was responsible to ensure that the Patrol Officers served this community with professionalism and within the guidelines of our Departmental Policy and Procedures.

Throughout his tenure, Lieutenant Colon has been honored with numerous awards and commendations for his excellence in police work, and he has proven time and time again his outstanding dedication to the City of Middletown Police Department. I am honored to recognize his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, as he is now one of the top-ranking members of the Middletown Police Department.

Congratulations.

Sergeant Richard Regino began his career at MPD on September 10th, 2012.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Mount Saint Mary College.

As a patrol Officer, Sergeant Regino was extremely active, constantly being one of the Department's top performers in regards to arrests and traffic summons. He was also known for his sincere interest in addressing quality of life issues and addressing the root cause of community problems. Sergeant Regino's proactive patrol style and great communication skills ultimately led him to his assignment as one of the Department's Neighborhood Enhancement Officers. He accepted this responsibility in November of 2016, and quickly demonstrated his unique ability to listen to residents' issues and work collectively with them and our community partners to resolve the issues. As a Neighborhood Enhancement Officer, Sergeant Regino was tasked with addressing quality of life and nuisance issues throughout the city, and in doing so he not only creatively utilized resources from within MPD, but he also established partnerships with the City's Code Enforcement Department, the schools, and various other local organizations. This multifaceted approach provided a foundation for reinventing the manner in which our agency addressed neighborhood complaints. In this role, Sergeant Regino built lasting relationships, and quickly became known throughout the city as one of the "go-to" officers for assistance in resolving and solving difficult problems.

In addition to his role as a Neighborhood Enhancement Officer, Sergeant Regino also wore several other hats, to include being a Field Training Officer. He trained and supervised newly appointed police officers, imparting his knowledge and experience, to include how to effectively build a stronger bond with the community. Sergeant Regino is also a certified police instructor, and is one of the Department's lead instructor for CPR & AED, as well as other lifesaving medical procedures, given his strong medical background as a paramedic prior to becoming a police officer.

Sergeant Regino is also a certified bicycle officer and Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician. As a bicycle officer, Sergeant Regino utilized the bicycle as a means to further enhance his community and youth engagement, during his patrols throughout the city, especially on the newly created reservoir trail system. As a certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians, Sergeant Regino educated and assisted parents with the acquisition and installation of car seats, ensuring that parents had the correct style and size car seat needed to correctly fit their child, so as to afford a safe and comfortable car ride. This was probably very helpful for him as he and his wife just welcomed their second child three weeks ago.

Throughout his tenure with our organization, Sergeant Regino has been honored with numerous awards and commendations for excellence in police work, to include being recognized as a department leader in the issuance of traffic summonses for several years. He is also the recipient of five Lifesaving awards.

Sergeant Regino continues to demonstrate his professionalism and commitment to The Middletown Police Department, and I am honored to have him

serving in his new role as a Patrol Sergeant. I am confident he will draw on his extensive knowledge and experience to guide the members of his squad, and ensure that they continue to provide the highest level of professionalism and service to the City of Middletown. Congratulations.

Detective Andrew Rosen began his career at MPD on March 3rd, 2008 and has an Associates' degree in Social Science from Middletown's own SUNY Orange.

Like his two colleagues who stand beside him, Detective Rosen has always been a very active, and committed member of the department who has constantly endeavored to provide the residents of this great city a police service that is second to none.

One of the many highlights of Detective Rosen's career was his 4-plus-year assignment to the Narcotics Unit, where he worked diligently, investigating high level narcotics related offenses. In this role, Detective Rosen worked hand-in-hand with our various law enforcement partners on the local, state, and federal level, bringing countless narcotics operatives to justice, and removing dangerous drugs and weapons from our streets. While assigned to the Narcotics Unit, Detective Rosen was instrumental in the gang and narcotics investigation that led to the arrest and conviction of the four persons responsible for the murder of Corey White.

During his career, Detective Rosen was tasked with several other important responsibilities, to which he was fully committed. These responsibilities included being a Field Training Officer, where he trained and supervised newly appointed police officers. He is also a certified police instructor, as well as a firearms and less lethal impact munitions instructor. In these two very important roles, Detective Rosen is responsible for training the members of our department in the safe and proper handling of firearms and less lethal weapons, as well as achieving proficiency under varying high stress conditions.

Detective Rosen also spent some time in the department's Neighborhood Enhancement Unit, where he worked collectively to address nuisance and quality of life issues. Detective Rosen's most recent assignment, however, was the very challenging position of School Resource Officer in the Middletown High School. In this role, Detective Rosen was tasked with helping to create a safer environment for the staff and students at the High School, but more importantly, he had to work as an educator and department liaison, working to develop trust between the students and the police department. His commitment, compassion, and outstanding communication skills allowed him to excel in this position. Detective Rosen served as a role model for students and was able to connect with and build lasting relationships with many people, inspiring them to do their very best. He became the conduit for information between the school, the police department, the community, and various local organizations and services. He will definitely be missed in this role.

Detective Rosen was honored with several awards and commendations for his work as a police officer, to include a life saving award.

Throughout his career, he has demonstrated time and again his professionalism and commitment, to the Middletown Police Department, always going above and beyond what was expected of him. I am honored to recognize his promotion to the position of Detective, where he will work hand-in-hand with an elite group of dedicated criminal investigators to bring closure to criminal cases. Congratulations.

Now we're going to come forward to conduct the actual pinning ceremony of the new promoted members.

A round of applause for them? (Applause) Just a few more words and I'll let you get back to sit with your families.

Lieutenant Colon, Sergeant Regino, & Detective Rosen, your dedication and commitment to the Middletown Police Department is inspiring and so greatly appreciated. I know that each of you have put in countless hours studying and working hard to achieve these promotions. I commend you for efforts and your dedication to this community.

Without a doubt, each of you will be faced with new challenges as you embark upon this next chapter within your careers. In today's environment, we are all seeing that policing is undergoing significant change and reform, but you have my promise that I will support and assist you every step of the way, as will the other dedicated men and women of this organization. I encourage you to stay true to yourselves, and true to the strong morals and ethics that have led you to your new positions. I ask that you always remember the oath that you took, in which you swore to protect and serve the people of this community. I also ask that you always remember why you became a police officer. As you enter into your new roles, I implore you to strive for excellence in everything that you do, and also from the people you serve with, so that you can continue to work diligently towards achieving the goals and objectives of our organization, and ensuring the safety and security of this great city. Lastly, I ask that you embrace the words of Lieutenant General David Morrison "the standard you walk by is the standard you accept", and please maintain the integrity of our organization that has existed for the past 133 years. Congratulations. (Applause)

Officer Barone, will you kindly join me? Officer Evan Barone, thank you for coming this evening.

Officer Barone began his career with the Middletown Police Department on October 16th, 2017, at 23 years old. Besides playing football, there was nothing Officer Barone wanted to do more than to become a Police Officer, and even more so a City of Middletown Police Officer where he could serve the community that he was born and raised in. On August 14th, 2018, after completing the Police Academy and his field training, Officer Barone hit the streets ready to take on the challenges of policing, with his great demeanor, his joyous personality, and his huge smile guiding him on his way. Helping people came natural to Officer Barone, and he excelled in his position, lead-

ing to his assignment within the Neighborhood Enhancement Unit in December of 2019. In this assignment, he worked diligently building trust throughout the community, while working to resolve the root causes of neighborhood issues. Officer Barone embraced this assignment which is clearly evident by the following statement that he wrote on his evaluation in February 2020: "I love coming to work everyday for an organization as great as the City of Middletown Police Department. I am thankful for every and all opportunities that should come my way. I would like to continue helping my hometown community on the more personal level that I am awarded via the Neighborhood Enhancement Unit".

It's obvious that serving his hometown is very rewarding to Officer Barone, and he did it every day with honor. Then came Saturday August 29th, 2020. This day started out as any other day did for Officer Barone—he headed out of headquarters smiling ear-to-ear, ready to patrol his assigned neighborhoods. Unfortunately, we all now know, this day ended up being anything but close to ordinary, in fact this day ended up being the day that changed Officer Barone's life forever.

At approximately 7:42 PM, as Officer Barone, was driving up Myrtle Ave., he was flagged down by a female in front of 28 Myrtle Avenue for an unknown problem. Officer Barone pulled over to the side of the road and exited his patrol vehicle to speak with the female. The female advised Officer Barone that her ex-boyfriend had arrived at her residence uninvited, and was refusing to leave. She further went on to state that he was armed with a gun. Just as the female was explaining the situation to Officer Barone, the unwanted male subject burst out of the residence and onto the front porch with a handgun, and fired without warning, striking Officer Barone in the left forearm. Without hesitation, Officer Barone immediately returned fire, striking the male subject in the lower extremities and head. In a fraction of a second, Officer Barone's entire world was flipped upside down. Not only was he just involved in a near-death experience in which he was wounded, he also had multiple people all around him yelling and screaming. Officer Barone knew that he had to maintain control of this chaos in order to not only protect himself, but also protect the numerous adults and children that were all around him at 28 Myrtle Ave, as the suspect was still an active threat in possession of a firearm. Officer Barone did just that—he took a few steps back, called for assistance, assessed himself, and like a true warrior, he took control of the chaos, ensuring the safety of all. With the assistance of his fellow officers the scene was quickly secured.

I want to take a minute to put this incident into perspective. This entire incident, from the moment that Officer Barone exited his patrol car until the time that his backup arrived, was approximately 2 minutes, most likely the longest two minutes of Officer Barone's life. But even more noteworthy is that it was actually less than 20 seconds from the time Officer Barone exited his patrol car until the moment he was engaged in a gunfight, a fight for his life. So when you break it down even further, Officer Barone, had only moments to comprehend the fact that he was being shot at and to react.

This is the tragic and unfortunate reality of policing, officers have to make life changing decisions in fractions of seconds, while under extreme stress. Most of the time in these high-stress, rapidly evolving situations, the involved officers do not have the benefit to discuss or explore their options, they don't have the luxury to call a time-out and review camera footage, they must simply react in a manner that not only protects themselves, but also to protect others, and that is exactly what Officer Barone did on August 29th, 2020.

We are all very fortunate that Officer Barone has amazing instincts, that he utilized his training and experience and that he reacted as he did, because if not the results of this incident could have been very different. Let's face it, the defendant in this case, Desean Owens, who had an extensive violent criminal history, came to Middletown on August 29th, 2020, unannounced and armed with a handgun. I think it is safe to say he didn't come here with good intentions.

It is for the selfless, heroic, lifesaving actions Officer Barone demonstrated on August 29th, 2020, that he is being recognized and awarded for this evening.

Officer Barone: It is with great honor, I present you with the Medal of Valor, which is awarded to Department members for conspicuous gallantry while acting in the line of duty. This award is presented to officers for acts of exceptional bravery performed at very high risk to their own lives with full awareness of the danger involved. It is also with great honor that I present you with the Law Enforcement Purple Heart award, which is issued to law enforcement officers who are injured, wounded or killed in the line of duty.

If I could have everyone stand please? Before you go back to your seats, I would like to have everyone salute you. If you don't mind joining me, I think he definitely earned it in the circumstances.

At this time, I would once again like to thank everyone that came out this evening, and I'd like to once again congratulate Lieutenant Evan Colon, Sergeant Richard Regino, and Detective Andrew Rosen on their achievements. Congratulations again, gentlemen. I would also like to once again thank Officer Evan Barone for his bravery and the extreme sacrifices he made in service to the City of Middletown and the City of Middletown Police Department. Thank you once again. (Applause)

Mayor DeStefano: I don't have my mask on. Today is the... there's only a little more time to vote on the Board of Education, so please go out and vote. But more importantly, on behalf of myself as Mayor and also Chairman of the City of Middletown Police Commission and Common Council and residents, I want to acknowledge the bravery, the courage, and the commitment of Evan, his wife and family, and well, I've known Sam since we were kids at our street playground, and the trauma that they went through, the family, also has to be recognized. I think Evan's reactions are an indication of good upbringing too, and also the investments that we make as a body, as a, as a Common Council into training and the decisions that we make as a body, that as the chief acknowledged, we look at as an investment, and that investment reaps us the

professionalism and the courage of a professional Police Department here in the city of Middletown that has the support of our community and has the support of the Common Council and has the support of the police commission and to also acknowledged the great professionalism of the chief and his management staff. So congratulations to all, congratulations Evan on a well-deserved honor and we are 100% behind you and I want to thank you and your families for all your commitment to our community. Thank you.

John Ewanciw, Chief of Police: That concludes our presentation this evening. I'd like to thank the council for allowing me to publicly recognize the members of the department for their amazing accomplishments and for Officer Barone's heroic behavior and performance. Thank you.

Pres. Rodrigues: Thank you Chief. At this time, we'll take a short 10-minute break.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Green to accept the minutes of February 09, 2021, February 16, 2021 and March 02, 2021.

All in favor.

4. Correspondence

Nothing this evening

5. For the Good of the City

Nothing this evening

6. Remarks of the Mayor

Mayor DeStefano: We'll keep it short

Pres. Rodrigues: Thank you.

Mayor DeStefano: The garbage can distribution is still continuing. The BID district portion is on hold for now because there is such a large demand, plus we didn't buy enough of the smaller cans, that we had to order more so we're looking to figure out what we're going to do for now in the interim for the BID district. But the rest of the city we're going to be — once passed, I think it's on the agenda tonight for passage — we will be putting together the brochure that will be delivered and either mailed, it will be online, and we will be trying to deliver it to "problem properties" or people who are not following the rules, to have it explained exactly what the program is. We ask people to go online now and read what the resolution states but we're going to wait for the brochure. But you need to put the lids on, and you can't use it for yard waste. You should have an idea by now whether the one large can is going to be sufficient; if not, you can order a second can. I paid my \$100 last week, the next day I had a second can in my yard and it would be \$100 additional per year.

Recycling is up, the only complaint I've heard is that cardboard takes up a lot, but we're talking about breaking down the cardboard and not just putting a box into the can. For the most part the feedback from the community is very positive. The feel it's keeping the neighborhoods cleaner, with less animals going through the trash and no cans blowing around, and just the overall appearance has been very positive.

Other than that, the CDA program: we sold another house at the corner of Beattie and Wickham. It's working well, four more properties went into the CDA upon discussions with Maria Bruni, Economic Development Director. We're looking at possibly the funding the CDA with some more of these homes, using RPA money also. That might be a proposal to you folks, as we come down with all of the money that needs to be spent over the next two years.

In regards to the O&W Station, we did get a report from our engineer. We're putting that together, we're meeting with Head Start, with ABCD Head Start as a potential tenant. I think it's doable. We're going to present the numbers to you folks within a couple of weeks, once we get all our answers from the different elected officials that we're seeking funding from. But we think it's a very doable project, and that's probably, uh, probably the most impactful project from my perspective, that we can have in the RPA monies.

Other than that I have nothing further. If you have any questions I'll be more than happy to address them.

Pres. Rodrigues: Alderman Kleiner?

Ald. Kleiner: Just very quickly, I have a request for an update on the Heritage Trail. Is there any news?

Mayor DeStefano: The meeting was canceled again. They keep cancelling the meetings. Jacob did though have a conversation with Mr. Sorensen, the new County planner who's been there a few months now, and he did tell us, or told Jacob, that all of the funding is in place. It's going to happen, it's just a matter of us sitting down with him to see that final plan. As you know, they modified it where they're going to have two branches coming through downtown. That's what they were looking at the last time we met. But the last two meetings have been postponed for, I don't know what, for what reasons, but I think personal reasons on their side, not on our side. But we are pushing it, we want this thing to go out to bid this year, and we can't do so until we agree on the passageway through downtown.

By the way, we will also be fencing in with decorative fence the skateboard park. We had our insurance agent review it also. We were getting complaints of people flying off the skatepark down onto the sidewalk and into the road, and it created somewhat of a hazardous condition. Maria had money in her Community Development budget, Economic Development line, so we will be doing a nice decorative fence around 3/4 of the facility so that people can't end up landing on the sidewalk or going out into the road, onto Union Street

and onto Depot Street. So you might be seeing that go out. We did a purchase order for it. It's federal money, it's not City money. But we did so after consultation with Greg Townsend from Marshall & Sterling and he agreed with our analysis that we should do something there. But it will look nice, it's a nice decorative black fence.

Pres. Rodrigues: Anyone else for the Mayor? Thank you Mayor.

Mayor DeStefano: Thank you.

7. Remarks of Dept. Heads

Maria Bruni, Economic Development: Good evening. Just a couple items. This Friday we have a ribbon cutting at 7 South Street, Touchdown Sports Cards just opened up a few weeks ago, so we're going to have a ribbon-cutting, and that's on behalf of the City and the Business Improvement District. So, 3:30 p.m., see you for the ribbon-cutting there.

Also, June 5th, the Farmers Market will begin. We're going to be at our new location, but we're going to utilize Union Street until the Erie Way Park is fully completed. We're waiting for sod, irrigation, and then I believe the Pavilion is on its way to, to go up, so we're going to utilize Union Street until that's ready to go. It will be a nice transition. You'll see it on the agenda tonight, to close Union Street on Saturdays beginning June 5th, I believe we asked up until August just to give us a little time. So we're looking forward, uh, I know the BID in our department along with Stephanie, Eileen and Joseph, have been working really hard to make this move and get the farmers online, and you know, transition to the new location. And of course follow COVID rules and stuff that we have to still abide by. That's all I have for tonight.

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for Maria? Thank you Maria.

Maria Bruni, Economic Development: Thank you.

Jacob Tawil, DPW Commissioner: Good evening all. So, we'll start off you have couple of new resolutions from DPW before you. One of them is 10 acres subdivision right for the property adjacent to our water treatment plant. Like we talked about, we discussed at the last time, it's going to be purchased hopefully for \$200,000 subject to, subject to appraisal agreeing with that number. It's going to be just there for the future, whenever the City of Middletown decides to expand their water treatment plant, their water treatment system, new technology, new requirements, new whatever, they'll be ready to have property for them to expand, rather than being constrained like they are right now. So we urge your support. The engineer would be doing the lot subdivision in there, and to create a 10 acre lot for us, for the water treatment plant, will be merged into the water treatment plant.

That is an item. The other item is the reservoir. Alderman Masi, we're at 100% capacity, they're all topped off, we're in very good shape, I wish we had more volume to store, but we're good with that.

Yesterday we started our first algae treatment, which is using copper sulfate

added to our reservoirs, and that was concluded yesterday, so that's a treatment just to be used as a preventive maintenance. We have a low dosage of copper sulfate in there to control the algae so it doesn't become a problem, and we keep on at it, we monitor it on a weekly basis, we monitor the oxygen, PH, and different parameters in there on a weekly basis so we will not be blindsided because many times in the past the City did hit, uh, was hit with algae blooms, which caused it to lose some of its reservoirs. Hopefully, we're being proactive, we were very successful with that technique the last few years, so hopefully it will not happen again, and we'll be on top of it.

Tomorrow night as you know we have the finished water mains, and they are starting from from the water treatment plant, down to Monhagen Avenue and they are under construction at this time. And tomorrow night we're going to be doing a critical switchover — actually tie-in, not a switchover yet — tie-in the new pipes into the existing pipe at the water treatment plant. For that we have to have a shutdown on the high-pressure system. That will take place tomorrow night 11 o'clock until 3 o'clock, that is the shutdown. We don't anticipate to have any water shortages in there because there's very minimal demand at the time, for the high pressure system; about 900 gallons per minute. We have water storage tanks available and then we have the County Route 78 back feed into the system available for us. So we don't expect any issues, but the Fire Department has been advised, the Health Department has been advised because that's a major step. I will be there tomorrow night throughout the process until the tie-in is completed and line is flushed, and so we're in good shape. We did send the Nixle this morning to everybody, we'll send another Nixle tomorrow morning and towards the end of the day.

Again, we don't expect anything to happen, but who knows. You know it's, it's a tie-in, things could happen, so that things could go, could go bad. We will be topping off all of our water storage tank, tanks, throughout the system in preparations just in case.

The full... uh, the, we're preparing for the milling and paving. The Mayor has the final list of streets and he'll be distributing that to you guys, and we will be starting the milling next, this coming Monday, so you know, you're going to, you're going to find some, some traffic issues in there, we'll try our best to accommodate everybody; but please bear with us because we're doing a tremendous amount of milling and paving this year, among everything else that is taking place. So bear with us and just plan accordingly, and be careful when you're driving the rough roads and and we'll try to make it, do our best to make it as smooth as possible, but please be careful, be on the lookout for manholes, there's going to be cones, barrels in the middle of the road in there to identify manhole covers and valves and so on and so forth, because some of them are going to stick out a little bit, so just be careful. Sometimes the, the barrels are blown away, so just be mindful of it please and keep your eyes open. We appreciate that very much, all your cooperation.

The other thing is the DEC, today they concluded the drilling of wells, monitoring wells at the site which is what we call Miamisburg or the or the

Magnolia Park. Basically it's East Main Street and Anthony Street in there, and it is the old, reputed, reputedly, the old landfill for coal ash so DEC is doing that on their own, it has nothing to do with us, has nothing to do that there is pollution or there is any issue like that, but they'll be monitoring the ground water table in there which is obviously none of us, City of Middletown or town of Wallkill, we use, we use that, that area or that aquifer. But that's their job, they're going to be monitoring it and hopefully everything will be okay. They'll be doing some sampling and so on.

New York Rising, in there you know that we signed two contracts in there, with RJ Cruz and Boyce Excavation, for two different sites West Main and Grand, Grand Street which is Draper Brook to replace the culverts, underground culverts/bridges and tomorrow we're going to have on-site conference in there, construction conference with Orange & Rockland regarding gas electric and cable, and the contractors, to make sure because many of the poles they have to be relocated in there, because we have to drive sheet piles and so on and so forth. So we've been, we've been preparing for this and so will have our meeting tomorrow at the site. That will be our second meeting for it. Some of you may remember that the Mayor and I have been meeting with DEC several times in the past about water withdrawal permits in there. The DEC, they have a new system in there that they have to before we had individual permits, maybe five of them, to draw water from different places now they combined everything in one, in one place, in one permit, so we're working with them right now with the draft permit, and so, so you would know hopefully we'll get it resolved in a very good way for the City of Middletown, and we should not have an issue with it. But we have some comments about the draft and hopefully the DEC will accommodate our request.

Davidge Park expansion: in there we're still almost wrestling with the, with the, with the, you know, to try to get this job up and running; and, and every time we think we plugged one thing, another things open up. Today I have sent a letter out and I copied the council president and the Mayor, and I copied, I sent it to John, so John will be sending it to all the council members in there, basically going through all the steps that were taken and where we are. So they may try all the best, I'm trying my best, and you have to get this job going, and to make a job out of it, but I'm very extremely frustrated. But we will see what happens, I'll just keep, will keep slugging, and then we'll get it, we'll get it, we'll get it going at some point.

With that, do you have any questions for me? Oh, the grass! The grass, please, reminder: we send out 414 letters for the residents in there, for the high grass. Many of you guys complied and we appreciate it very much and we thank you for it. We started cutting private lots and. and we billed up to \$2,500 so far, so please when you get our letter considered it as a reminder, a reminder. It will count against you. The second, the second reminder is going to be 2 days, and then we'll start cutting. So please help us out, keep the properties clean and cut and we appreciate that very much and we thank the people who responded to us positively so far.

Any questions for me?

Pres. Rodrigues: Questions for Jacob? Thank you Jacob. Fire Chief?

Nick Barber, Fire Chief: Good evening. I don't have much to say. Y'all heard we had a three alarm fire last night, minor injuries, everybody was lucky last night in that condo complex. Any questions?

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for the Fire Chief? Alderman Masi?

Ald. Masi: On behalf of everyone here, thank you and your entire department, you saved a lot of lives last night.

Nick Barber, Fire Chief: Thank you. PD was there, they did a great job. It was lucky it came in around that time and not at 1 a.m.

Ald. Masi: That ladder truck saved a lot of buildings too.

Nick Barber, Fire Chief: The two people up there. Thank you.

Pres. Rodrigues: Police Chief?

John Ewanciw, Chief of Police: Good evening once again. I do have a few things just to address this evening. As the weather warms, so we're starting to deal with fireworks calls; and as we move into the Fourth of July, you know, weekend, is not that far away in reality but I just want to remind the residents and everyone else that's listening. Fireworks are not legal here in the city Middletown, in no form or fashion. Even though you could buy them at Walmart and other stores and ShopRite in and around the area, they are legal in other municipalities, however, as the council knows, they opted out of the fireworks law a couple years ago. We are putting in place a plan for more enforcement this year to try to address it prior to that weekend.

We'll be participating May 26th with school and a career expo. It's a virtual career expo. I know when we did our police panels several months ago, that was one of the topics that came up is how are we reaching out to the members of the community, to entice members of the community to take the police test and join the force; so on May 26th I have officers assigned to participate in the career expo. Again, it is virtual, it is being hosted by the Middletown School District and they invited us to participate in it .

This coming weekend, the 22nd, Scott Gallagher — he's our Downtown Officer — he's coordinated along with the BID district a downtown clean up on a smaller scale than what we traditionally have done in the past of the city wide cleanup. He's organized with a couple of organizations, local organizations, to do a few hours in the downtown to get the streets cleaned up. Just in case anybody doesn't know or just for information, he did a similar project in collaboration with the BID district and some of the businesses about a month ago and cleaning up graffiti. They acquired the paint and went around on an early Saturday morning and addressed the graffiti on the buildings. So kudos to Officer Gallagher in the BID district for working to clean up the downtown.

The information cards that I provided the council earlier; I do have additional

ones. We had several printed and we can have more printed as needed; basically the goal actually came as an idea from Alderman Johnson and the Mayor, is to get information out about NIXLE. Get it out to the community as you engage with people in the community. Just a quick cards to hand out that has the NIXLE information as well as some other pertinent telephone numbers.

Just to piggyback on what the Fire Chief said; the Buttonwood fire, it was horrific last night and as he said, everybody did an amazing job. I would like to thank him and his staff, and my staff, all the support services that came out. Really a horrific scene. You know, to me that's one of the worst things you can do, lose your home, everything that you have, and unfortunately we have 16 families that did lose their home as a result of that. On a more positive note, Sgt. Welch worked with Buttonwood organism, uh, organization today and some of the other support services, to get some information about the families that lost their homes, and she's putting together a list of needs. We will be pushing it out through social media and on our website, and we're going to make our job building the drop off point; so once we get that out, if anybody is willing to donate, I'm sure the families will definitely appreciate that.

I did speak with Alderman Kleiner in regards the department stats. I know he posed the question regarding stats. I just want to let everybody know, I'm always more than willing to discuss our stats. I typically don't address them in the council meeting cause I do address them in my monthly Police Commission meeting, which is televised. It is the third Thursday of every month right here in this Chambers. We do televise them, we do talk about Police Operations a little more in-depth than I do here at the, at the council meetings. However, I'm always open to discuss them and additionally we post our monthly stats on our website. So for anybody that is interested, it's a quick link on the right side of our website, and I know it's up to date up through April right now, but again, if anybody ever has any questions, I normally have them with me or I'm available most times to discuss them.

Last couple of things. The promotions, I appreciate that you give me the opportunity to recognize those officers on their accomplishments. They truly work very hard to achieve those promotions, and to come here in front of their family, in front of the community, it's very important to them; so thank you for that. Same with Officer Barone, well-deserved, I appreciate the support, and I'd like to wish him and hopefully everybody wishes him, you know, a speedy recovery. He still has a long way to go, but he's, he's really made a lot of strides and it was great to see him in here this evening. Other than that I have nothing unless you have questions for me

Pres. Rodrigues: Questions for the Police Chief? Thank you Chief. Corporation Counsel?

Alex Smith, Corporation Counsel: I don't have anything to report unless anybody's got any questions for me

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for Alex? Thank you Alex. City Clerk?

John Naumchik, City Clerk: I have nothing this evening.

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for John? All right. Remarks of Aldermen, Alderman Masi.

10. Remarks of Aldermen and reports of committees

Ald. Masi: I really don't have anything other than, everyone's going to say the same thing; we are very proud of the officers that were promoted and we're certainly very proud of Evan. And to thank everyone in the community for their involvement.

Ald. Tobin: Must have read my mind. Congratulations to Officers Colon, Regino, Rosen and Barone, thank you. Can't thank you enough. A big thank you to the firefighters and the police department for their heroic work at the Buttonwood condos. Prayers go out to the families, our constituents, the 16 families that lost their homes, and to the victim, all victims of domestic violence. It's a horrible crime, can't imagine what it's like to lose your home. And that's it for me.

Ald. Green: Thank you. I'll echo the congratulations, the recognition, and thank you Office Barone and also to all the police, fire and EMS from last night's event. It was a well-combined effort and we really appreciate all you do. Thank you.

Ald. Johnson: I agree with my colleagues, and I hope that the NIXLE cards which is kind of this best-kept secret, and I think if we can get more participation the world will be a better place. And I'll be in good company: I also will be joining the virtual career night but not as a police officer, as a veterinarian. Thank you.

Ald. Ramkissoon: Good evening. I just wanted to say thanks to the fire department for another great job keeping our community safe in a very serious and scary fire. My congratulations to Lt. Colon, Sgt. Regino and Det. Rosen, and a big thank you to Officer Barone for his bravery and quick-thinking in his outstanding police work. I think it's just an example of why we have such an exemplary Police Department here that serves our community. We're very lucky to have all of our officers on the department.

Just for a little bit of business for the Third Ward: next week, Tuesday the 25th, will be our third ward meeting for the month of May and we will be at 6 p.m. at Maple Hill Park so look for us there and we like to bring refreshments so it's a good time. That's all I have.

Ald. Kleiner: Thank you. Quite a night here. I also want to thank the Police Department and congratulate the people, the officers, on their promotions. Well-deserved, you know, we worked with them for a long time and, and we have a great department. And Officer Barone, it's nice to see him up and doing well. What can you say, except thank you.

And also to the fire department, last night did not hear the alarm go in, I saw the news today and I went, wow, so what a great job; and this is why LOSAP

is just a no-brainer. Whatever we can do for our volunteers, yeah, move it, move it forward. I hope everyone will support it when it's on the ballot. I also want to thank John Naumchik for doing some work on our minutes, which, Council minutes, which needed a little, needed a little help this time. Thank you John.

We'll be voting on The Ruthie Dino Run tonight, and I will vote for it and closing the street so I want to thank the Chief for his work with the YMCA in trying to minimize it as much as possible as far as closing. In the second ward they will be going in the opposite direction and stopping on Wallkill instead of Cantrell and they will open up as quickly as they can so, it's a good cause, then let's just bear with it for for the short time.

Before our next meeting, our next meeting is the day after Memorial Day, so I want to remind people: May 31st is Memorial Day. There will not be a parade this year. The Middletown American Legion will have a very short service at 11 a.m., a very small service. The Town of Wallkill, in the Town of Wallkill Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial Park, next to Maddie's Diner at 10 a.m., is also going to have a small service. So keep that in mind, remembering all our veterans and thank you. Alderman Masi is our veteran on the council and I thank you. And I will see you next time, thank you.

Ald. Burr: I'd just like to congratulate our officers on all the promotions and a great honor for Officer Barone, it's well-deserved. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

11. Unfinished Business

Nothing this evening

12. New Business

107.21 - Resolution to approve to expand the LOSAP benefit from \$700.00 to \$1,200.00 annually and authorize the City Clerk to place this expansion on the ballot for a vote in November 2021.

On motion of Ald. Masi, seconded by Ald. Tobin.

Ald. Green: I just want to note that as a volunteer, I will be abstaining from this. Thank you.

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve to expand the LOSAP benefit from \$700.00 to \$1,200.00 annually and to place this expansion of the LOSAP benefit on the ballot for a vote in November 2021.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkisson, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Abstained: Green - 1
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

108.21 - Resolution to ratify the contract between the Middletown Professional Firefighters, Inc. and the City of Middletown dated January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

On motion of Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to ratify the attached contract between the Middletown Professional Firefighters, Inc. and the City of Middletown dated January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

109.21 - Resolution to rescind Resolution #228-20 adopted on November 11, 2020 in regards to Chapter 215 COVID-19 Enforcement by requiring the wearing of facemasks or face coverings in the City of Middletown to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

On motion of Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby rescinds Resolution # 228-20 adopted on November 11, 2020 in regards to Chapter 215 COVID-19 Enforcement, in regards to wearing face masks or face coverings in the City of Middletown to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

110.21 - Resolution to close any and all streets and intersections necessary for the YMCA Annual Ruthie Dino Marshall Run on Sunday, June 13, 2021, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

On motion of Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works, and/or his designee, and the Chief of Police, and/or his designee, to close any and all streets and intersections as per the attached route necessary and at their discretion, for the YMCA Annual Ruthie Dino Marshall Run on Sunday, June 13, 2021, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and lasting until such time as it is no longer needed.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown approves the Annual Ruthie Dino-Marshall Run held on June

13, 2021 as per the attached COVID-19 guidelines approved by the Chief of Police of the City of Middletown.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoo, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

111.21 - Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign as the sole signatory all necessary documents required pertaining to DASNY grants for the Davidge Park Expansion Project (Davidge Athletic Park).

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoo, seconded by Ald. Tobin

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign as the sole signatory, any and all necessary documents required pertaining to DASNY grants #15486 (\$250,000) and #15603 (\$100,000) for Davidge Park Extension Project/Wolslayer Field.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoo, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

112.21 - Resolution to approve the new Sanitation Plan for the City of Middletown.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoo, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

113.21 - Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$5,726.00 within the Fire Department 2021 budget to cover unbudgeted costs of training.

On motion of Ald. Burr, seconded by Ald. Masi

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$5,726.00 within the Fire Department 2021 budget to cover unbudgeted costs of training two recruit career firefighters at the NYS Academy of Fire Science in the following manner:

From:	AMOUNT	To:
A.3410.100	\$5,726.00	A.3410.433
Personal Services		Personnel Training

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

114.21 - Resolution to approve an agreement between the City and its Bond Counsel (Orrick) to cover the proposed sale of bonds to E.F.C.

On motion of Ald. Masi, seconded by Ald. Tobin

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve an agreement between the City and its Bond Counsel (Orrick) to cover the proposed sale of bonds to E.F.C. (C3-5315-02-01) which fees are the same as prior years.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

115.21 - Resolution to close Union Street for the Farmers Market, every Saturday from 7 AM to 2 PM from June 5, 2021 to August 5, 2021 temporarily once Erie Way Park is completed.

On motion of Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the closing of Union Street for the Farmers Market from 7 AM to 2 PM from June 5, 2021 to August 5, 2021 temporarily once Erie Way Park is completed

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

116.21 - Resolution to award the bids for surplus vehicles auctioned off through Auctions International for a total of \$11,020.00.

On motion of Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Burr

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to award the bids for the following surplus vehicles auctioned off through Auctions International:

1999 Chevrolet Malibu (VIN# 1G1ND52J0X6249668) - \$450.00

2000 Acura TL (VIN# 19UUA5664YA044856) - \$560.00

2002 Lincoln LS (VIN# 1LNHM86S72Y674502) - \$540.00

2006 Ford Expedition XLT (VIN# 1FMPU16596LA75875) - \$630.00

2006 Audi A4 (VIN# WAUDF78E16A0178712) - \$1,325.00

2008 BMW 3-Series (VIN# WBAWC73508E065749) - \$2,600.00

2008 Dodge Charge SE (VIN# 2B3KA43RX8H280171) - \$810.00

2008 BMW 5 Series (VIN # WBANV93588CZ60757) - \$1,550.00

2008 Ford Focus (VIN#1FAHP34N68W297392) - \$1,475.00

2008 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#2FAHP71V68X159142) - \$610.00

2009 Ford F450 Shuttle Bus (VIN#1FDFE45P39DA03016) - \$470.00

Total \$11,020.00

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
 Pres. Rodrigues - 8
 Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

117.21 - Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement from Fusco Engineering to provide professional services for a 2-lot subdivision at 28/30 Pilgrim Corners Road in the Town of Walkill.

On motion of Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Kleiner

Pres. Rodrigues: I will be abstaining, I represent the owner as a Real Estate agent.

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement from Fusco Engineering to provide professional services for a 2-lot subdivision at 28/30 Pilgrim Corners Road in the Town of Walkill.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$14,500.00 to fund the agreement in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Water Fund Balance	\$14,500.00	F.1940.900
		Purchase of Land

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoo, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi - 7
Abstain: Pres. Rodrigues - 1
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

118.21 - Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer a total of \$127,638.00 to cover the purchase of additional carts for the rollout of the new Sanitation Collection Program.

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoo, seconded by Ald. Masi

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer a total of \$127,638.00 from the General fund and within the 2021 DPW budget to cover the purchase of additional carts for the rollout of the new Sanitation Collection Program in the following manner:

H.0988.201	\$127,638.00	H.0988.450
Sanitation Vehicles		Sanitation Equipment

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoo, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

13. Local Laws

Nothing this evening.

14. Audit of claims and accounts

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Green

I move that the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted, and the City Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoo, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues - 8
Absent: Jean-Francois - 1

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Greco

Common Council

Meeting

City of Middletown

January 19, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance -

Please remain standing for a moment of silence for Ald. Jean-John Francois, his brother passed away. May he rest in peace. Thank you.

Roll: Ramkissoon - here, Tobin - here, Kleiner - here, Johnson - here, Jean-Francois - absent, Burr - here, Green - here, Masi - here, President Rodrigues - absent.

Ms. Sisco: May I have approval of minutes?

Motion to approve the minutes of December 1st and November 17th, 2020 and January 4th, 2021, as submitted.

Mr. Masi: Motion by Ald. Ramkissoon, second by Ald. Kleiner. Any comments?

There were no comments.

Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.

Mr. Masi: Correspondence.

Ms. Sisco: We have one correspondence from the Howels Fire District. They would like to express their gratitude for the donation made towards the utility terrain vehicle and trailer that was purchased to protect the public using the reservoir trails.

Mr. Masi: All right, file it.

Ms. Sisco: Okay, that's it for correspondence.

Mr. Masi: Anything else?

Ms. Sisco: That's it, thank you.

Mr. Masi: Okay. For the good of the City, anyone want to address the council for the good of the City. Eileen, I understand you have a couple of people.

Eileen Francis: We do. The first individual we have is Alexi Fernandez.

You are unmuted, go right ahead, you have three minutes.

Alderman Masi: You got three minutes Alexi.

Alexi Fernandez:

My name is Alex Fernandez. I'm general manager of one of the recycling centers in the Middletown area and one of the individuals leading the charge against pollution, and corruption in New York. I'm making this (inaudible) not here, not now, then when - one planet, one life.

I want to talk today because I'm afraid of what big money is doing to free speech. It started with the banning of the (inaudible) Alex Jones. But now even in the ban - they even turned on the president of the United States, which I admit, I'm not a fan of. But I'm no fan of Joe either.

However, I am a fan of constitution and the freedom of speech. What we need right now are more - not less. I also want to talk - pollution and how much for recycling and drinking a lot of water, there's a huge fracking power movement poisoning our ... a lot of us tried shutting it down before it opened, but the Mayor pushed for it. Even calls ... at least the Mayor got us a ten million dollar check, but in recent 2020 Cornell University (inaudible)

Ald. Masi: Are you still there?

Alexi Fernandez:

I believe the reason God put us on his world is to make it better, not to destroy it - poisoning. Whether it's poisoning, whether pollution or corruption, our fight for air and water isn't over yet. And we will keep fighting until we shut it down.

Also, I want to talk about systemic racism. My father is an NYPD officer. And recently, a black lives matter rioter attacked my dad and gave him a concussion. But a few bad people do not invalidate the fight of the oppressed. We need more love, not less.

I mean look at the racial makeup of our police department - last time I checked in 2017, our police were ninety percent - ninety-one percent white. Yet our community is thirty percent white, thirty percent black and thirty percent Hispanic. Our Town not represent our community and it is the gate keeper's fault. While I respect the gate keeper's for his military service and for teaching math, the gate keeper saying it is the minorities fault for not scoring high enough, should be enough for him to be removed. If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck, then it's a duck. Therefore, it comes with personal responsibility and systematic racism, I'm asking for Joe Masi to resign or to be removed. Once again, thank you for your service. (Inaudible) problem of our day.

Lastly, I want to talk about the election. How is it that Kanye West got no votes from the huge State of New York. Well I know one person who voted him in, as an experiment (inaudible)

some of those votes. Even though I think Trump would have still lost, it is both corrupt republicans and democrats who silenced the voices of those who want something different. If it's not rigging, then I don't know what it is. I believe we should be run by people who believe in man, in science and love.

Alderman Masi: Alexei, you better wrap it up.

Alexi Fernandez:

(Inaudible) and big money. Thank you.

Alderman Masi: You're welcome. Thank you. Anyone else, Eileen?

Eileen:

Yes, uh, we have Ms. Vanessa Cid. Vanessa, you can unmute yourself.

Alderman Masi: Vanessa, are you there?

Vanessa Cid:

Hello everyone, good evening, Vanessa Cid here. I am now in Ward 2 and I am so happy to see you all safe and healthy. Unfortunately, the reason why I am here today, um, as some of you may have heard, there are community members in our ward that are facing eviction under an eviction moratorium. It is illegal. It is unsafe. And it is very disappointing to see that happening, um, when we have the resources available, but unfortunately, they're limited; and there has been some outreach and communication done since finding the resources necessary, unfortunately, it's gotten to the point where the landlord is now harassing the family. And the only form of communication between the landlord is happening through their fifteen-year-old daughter, who happens to be a high honor roll student, but unfortunately is having direct contact through, technically, the landlord, translating the horrible things and comments that he's saying.

And this is what we need to see that these resources weren't readily available, uh, the Middletown sees, and it's something that I would love to see. And I also wanted to come today and ask you all not to take a stand, but definitely, read a little bit more of the Bill that's currently in the State Senate. It's S8802 and I will email all of this after tonight's meeting.

It's a Bill that would not only cancel rent, but also cancel mortgage payments for the small home owners, because it's something that we need, we were hit by COVID. COVID did not discriminate. And unfortunately, a lot of folks are facing the same exact situation that I talk about today. But a lot of them are afraid to speak up because of their status. And that's something that should not be happening and I think it's something that the community should all stand behind.

And in a few days, I know you will all be hearing about this, uh, through the news. But I did invite, uh, her children today to speak, because they did want to speak from their own experience, what they're going through. And they would also love for you all to take into

consideration, the senate Bill, S8802, and hopefully to sign on the letter of support to be sent to Albany. Because right now, it's in Albany, and we really need it to pass.

And so right now, here I have Melissa, who's going to introduce herself.

Melissa Diaz:

Uh, good evening, uh, I am Melissa Diaz. I'm sixteen years old, and I've been having to deal with the landlord, uh, threatening my family, um, harassing them, um, him wanting us to get out of the house and only giving us thirty days to move out. Um, it's been very hard having to deal with the text messages, having to translate them to my parents, having to listen to everything he's been saying, because he hasn't been very considerate about the situation that has been going on. It's very hard to be dealing with all of this. And, I hope you guys can help us with everything that's going on right now. And, um, the realtor, who's also not been helping us much. Uh, he's also been wanting us to get out, the same as the - the landlord, but I hope you guys can, um, can share this - this Bill that Vanessa commented about and, uh, thank you for taking the time and listening. Thank you.

Alderman Masi:

All right, thank you. Eileen, anyone else?

Eileen:

No, that is everyone.

Mr. Masi:

Okay, thank you very much. Remarks of the Mayor.

Mayor:

Well, first, I'd like to agree with Alexi Fernandez, or - that, uh, I'd like to see Mr. Masi step down also.

Mr. Masi:

Well, I've been wanting to step down - I've been -

Mayor:

I don't know, something about you being a math teacher. But, -

Mr. Masi:

I thought it was because I was a Veteran, and I was the only one, and he figured that he shouldn't have any Veterans. I don't know.

Mayor:

Well, I don't know. But in regards to the evictions. Uh, I'm not sure what they're really referring to, because the Government signed the Bill on December 29th, that - uh, you know, prohibits and extended the eviction moratorium until May. So, maybe if she wants to send more information, there is documentation that people have to follow. Uh, the fact that, uh, you have to

prove that you are impacted by COVID - you can't just say that you're not paying your rent because I don't want to pay my rent, you have to have a COVID related reason for doing so. And it doesn't forgive the rent, you eventually have to pay the rent at some point.

So, I'm not sure exactly what they're referring to, but I understand that, uh, the Biden Administration is also going to extend the Federal side until probably, at least May or until the summer. So, uh, there are - there are protections for them, but the tenant must file the appropriate documentation with the landlord. And, uh, and the only people that can evict someone is the court. A landlord cannot turn off your water. They cannot turn off your electric, your heat. They cannot change the locks on your doors.

So, uh, there is adequate protection in place, but they must, uh, bring it to the attention of, uh, the Commissioner of Public Works Office, or you can call my office if you're being harassed by, uh, by a landlord. But, the first question that's going to be is, that you need to provide the appropriate documentation.

In fact, we recently had a case in which a tenant had water shut off at the curb. Um, we - within, uh, within a half an hour, responded to the call, contacted the plumber and made sure that the water was turned back on. You know, there's excuses and it ended up being an illegal conversion from a one-family to a two-family home. And the landlord did not have a permit for either unit, so it compounded more problems for himself, but, uh, we do react on landlord/tenant complaints, and there are protections in State law for the, uh, for the tenants.

Jerry, you wanted to ask a question.

Ald. Kleiner:

Uh, yes, if - if - if this is the same, uh, issue that I spoke with Vanessa about and Maria Bruni also helped. Uh, if it's the Lake Avenue one, it's not a question of paying the rent, cause the rent has been paid. It's the question of the landlord just giving them the one - less than a month's notice and that they have to be out.

So, I've sent them the numbers for Legal Services and other agencies and people to try and help. So maybe if they contact you too, but if they're - if it's the case that we've spoken about - that I've spoken about with her, then we have attempted to help, and are still attempting to help.

Mayor:

Okay, but - but the - the fact is that regardless of whether it's non-payment of rent or whatever, a landlord just can't go in and change the locks.

Ald. Kleiner:

Right.

Mayor: The only people that can evict, is a court.

Ald. Kleiner:
A court.

Mayor:
So, um, so, they - you know, we can't stop a landlord from going through the process. For example, if some one is not paying the rent, and they're still working, and they haven't filed the proper documentation, then a Judge can still evict that person.

Ald. Kleiner:
Yeah.

Mayor:
So, uh, so the - the process is the court. It's not the City. Uh, we - we can't - we can't stop an eviction, but the facts will stop the eviction, when they go into court and they tell the Judge: I filed the - the appropriate paperwork. I have - I've been impacted by COVID, and, uh, the, uh, you know, the story goes on.

Ald. Kleiner:
Well that's why we tried to ...

Mayor:
Yeah, but you're saying ...

Ald. Kleiner:
- for legal assistance. That's -

Mayor:
Yeah, -

Ald. Kleiner:
- that's what it is.

Mayor:
- yeah, yeah. So that - but we don't offer legal assistance through the City, but you - Maria did say she had a note there that she did contact - offered you the - the information too, so -

Ald. Kleiner:
Yes.

Mayor:
- so we're, uh, we're on the same page, I guess, with that.

Ald. Kleiner:
Okay.

Mayor:

But, yeah, they need to, uh, they - they need to contact, uh, possibly legal aid, if they need representation, but eventually, you know, you can represent yourself in court too.

Ald. Kleiner:

Yes.

Mayor:

And, uh, if you can't afford an attorney.

Alderman Masi:

Now, Ald. Johnson had a question.

Mayor:

Yes, sir.

Ald. Johnson:

When you say documentation, is there a form online somewhere or just a -

Mayor:

Yeah, the State has a form that, uh, that you can, uh, - and if they don't have access to it, then we can provide them with a copy. But they can go to the public library and do it. But there are questions and you - you know, the landlord is entitled to the proof that you've been impacted by COVID. How they define impacted by COVID, I don't know if it's solely by losing your job, or - or your hours were cut - could be family illness. There could be a lot of things, but the Governor extended it until May in New York State, and there is also Federal protection.

But in New York State you do need to file the forms.

Ald. Johnson:

But it sounds like in this case, the facts of the case are not entirely clear. This might not even be COVID related.

Mayor:

Right. It may not be - it doesn't sound like it's rent related, uh, uh, lack of rent payment. It sounds like - but - but the - and if they are being harassed to the point where, it's inappropriate harassment, they should call the police department, and file a report with the police department. And you can tell that - uh, you know, the police will have to handle as a police matter. But, uh, the, uh, - they're not - a landlord is not entitled to harass a tenant, especially if they're paying rent, and, uh, and they're occupying the building or the - the premises, so - but if they have any trouble, they can - they can contact my office, and they can - we'll bring them and sit them down with the police department also, to address - to address the harassment part of it - of the - of the issue.

Um, the, uh, well, let me - let me get into, uh, this part here. I'm just still - in agreement with -

Mr. Fernandez.

Ald. Johnson: You are very disoriented.

Alderman Masi:

I wish he would call back so that I can find out why I'm supposed to step down. I didn't hear it.

Mayor:

Here's the COVID - the COVID part.

Ald. Johnson:

Be careful what you wish for.

Mayor:

We are up in, uh, - have some pretty big numbers.

By the way, I'm wearing my Green Bay Packer jacket tonight, because I wanted everyone to understand that the Green Bay Packers are playing this weekend, but Miguel is not here tonight because the Giants are not playing this weekend.

[Laughter.]

Mayor:

But, uh, I'm hoping he's watching for just a couple of minutes, and, uh, and - and can root me in for - for - to the Super Bowl. I'd appreciate your - your help.

But let's get back to COVID. We still have a serious problem in Orange County. New York State is, you know, uh, still increasing and the country is, uh, going crazy. And, uh, hopefully the craziness stops tomorrow - we'll, uh, - right now, vaccines have been frozen for the new vaccines. Um, people who are getting a second dose are now into that cycle, so, uh, the - we're hoping from what we're hearing, is possibly next there might be some vaccines, for new people, coming out.

I encourage everyone to go to ny.gov, you can sign up. You can send your information. You can sign up for email contacts. There are sites online where they are giving vaccines, if you qualify. Right now, the, uh - I think Binghamton might have been the closest one to, uh, to Middletown this morning. But the - they are going to open up more sites - State sites. The Federal government is talking about more sites. But in the meantime, please everyone, follow the rules the best you can and - and, uh, we are now into the, uh, the Middletown/Wallkill area. We have two of the top three active cases for communities in the county. So, please follow the directions as much as possible.

The warming station update, you know, as COVID has affected a lot of things, it's also affected our hopes of getting in there very quickly. Uh, we - I wanted to give an update, I know Jerry and

Andrew have been asking, and have been pushing for it. Um, as you know, we - we are using a quarter of a million dollar grant from the Cares Funding, Round Two of Federal Government. Um, this outlines the process that we went through in, uh, November and early December. And we did receive the funds on December 28th. We cannot make any commitments until December 28th to go forward with the program until we had the receipt of the funds.

So we did engage an architect on our own behalf, in early November. The submission was December 28th of the preliminary plans. We met with the architect, and it's Mr. Fucchi (phonetic), on January 5th. The bid opening for the work - for the majority of the work will be January 28th, and the award will be as soon as we can after reviewing the bid.

The City and the Board of Estimate approved the lease on December 10th and the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council, although they're okay with the lease, they will be physically signing the lease on the, uh, on the 15th or right around - right around now, they'll be signing the lease.

So, where does that leave us. Tonight, you'll be voting on a fifty-thousand-dollar fund balance transfer into this project. The money that we - under the Cares grant was two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. That covers some administrative costs also. The cost estimates to do the whole building to bring it up to certain standards, are in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

So, the biggest problem that we had was the HVAC system. Uh, as you know, if you're familiar with the building, there was an add on to the building many, many years, maybe twenty-five years ago. That system that was put into the addition, is now shot. All the baseboards are gone, they're cracked. Uh, you know, was from many years of neglect, I guess, or freezing up - it could have froze up over the winter. We don't when it happened, but it did happen. And, uh, so any hope of just - restarting the system, went out the window.

So the - we - the money that we are going to appropriate tonight, from the Board of Estimate, will address the immediate needs of plumbing and HVAC, and maybe some minor electrical work. The major part of the, uh, the additional funding through the Cares Grant, will address the roof, when appropriate, the wall, the retaining wall outside, the floor has to be done immediately. Some of the kitchen work needs to be done. There's a lot of work to be done in the building in order to bring it up to the specs for the current needs, and then, for what we hope to be long term - a long term arrangement with the Great Middletown Interfaith Council.

We are three - four weeks behind schedule. We've been informed by some of the trades that supplies and equipment are hard to get. Uh, I know personally, I've ordered some flooring, and Home Depot, uh, is about two or three weeks behind on when we were supposed to get our floor for our house. So, I've experienced first-hand. But, uh, we are still focused on it. And we will get it done immediately. After you approve the transfer tonight, I will sign it first thing in the morning. And we already have the plumber and the electrician on board. So, we - we will direct them to begin work immediately. So, that's the best I can do, but on - on that. Paul, did you

want a question?

Alderman Johnson:

I just had a question. Is the capacity of thirty - is that for the foreseeable future?

Mayor:

Yes. Yes, and that's all they want.

Alderman Johnson:

Okay.

Mayor:

Yeah, that, uh, that's all the - the lease also limits it to thirty.

Alderman Johnson:

Thank you.

Mayor:

But that's all GMIC ones.

Alderman Johnson:

Thank you.

Mayor:

Any other questions on that? Okay.

All right, the State of the City will be held on February 2nd, as Jerry point out, Ground Hog Day, right? And, uh, so, we'll see how I see - what shadow I see.

[Laughter.]

Mayor:

I didn't plan it that way until you just said that to me before, but we will be broadcasting on Channel 20. Uh, there will be no in person - uh, we're limited to public participation within the building. And, believe it or not, I don't have much more than that, other than the, uh, the police report that I emailed you earlier today. That is the document that was adopted by the Special Commission, under the guidance of the direction of Governor Cuomo. We will be making that document public, and it will go up on all of our social media, for the public to review and for the council to review. We are required to hold a public hearing, hoping that you can schedule the public hearing on February 16th and that will give about a month for the public to review the document. Uh, people can submit written documentation- written input if they want, or they can speak at the public hearing or do both, give written comments. The - I think if you're, uh, - we have to adopt it by April. I - I think if you're prepared to vote that night, based on, uh, limited public input, and you feel free - comfortable to vote, uh, that would be fine, but if you need

another week or two after the public input, that would be fine also. We need to have it adopted and filed before April. So, uh, so I would say the latest would be the first meeting in March would be to file the document. So, uh, whatever way you want to do that is fine with me.

And I think it's more appropriate for us to have the questions back and forth in a public forum, when the chief will be able to address it, and address the public hearing questions, and - and so we'll - if you have any questions that you would like to prepare for that, you can probably send them. If you need any information data, and not just questions, additional data that you would like that night, please give the chief ample time to gather the data, so we'll be prepared to move on it, have the hearing, address the questions and then vote, hopefully during - very soon, shortly thereafter.

So any other questions?

Alderman Masi:

Any questions for the Mayor? Mayor, thank you.

Mayor:

It's been a pleasure.

Ald. Masi:

Ours.

Alderman Masi:

All right, department heads. Economic Development, Maria Bruni, please.

Maria Bruni:

Good evening everyone. Tonight we had a re-organizational meeting of the CDA Community Development Agency. Um, to date, we've completed successfully, nine properties. We've put them back on the tax roll. We have new home owners, new ownership, and we're on track, uh, to try to accomplish four in 2021.

And tonight, also, you have on - on the agenda, the transfer of two properties, 54 Washington Street and 33 Lafayette Avenue, to the community development agency, so we can start preparing those for the home ownership program, as well.

And that's all I have for tonight.

Alderman Masi:

Any questions for Maria? Maria, thank you.

Maria Bruni:

Thank you.

Alderman Masi:
Fire Chief, Mr. Barber, congratulations and welcome.

Mr. Barber:
Thank you. First, I want to thank Ald. Green and Healey, for their generous donation of a box of masks for us, for the Fire Department. Greatly appreciated and needed.

Uh, second is, the Fire Department is still trying to get our first vaccine. Our first shot for the vaccine. We've tried, the website has crashed. I've written emails. Um, so far we're still waiting. This week we know it's a second dose. Hopefully, next week we can get some members in.

Um, other than that, it's been a quiet month so far this month. And we're going to try and keep it that way.

Alderman Masi:
Well we certainly appreciate your attempts for the vaccine - keep going - hopefully, it will fall in place.

Mr. Barber:
I'm hoping - I'm hoping within the next couple of weeks.

Alderman Masi:
And welcome and good luck to next four years. Anyone have any questions?

Mr. Barber:
Three -

Ald. Masi:
I'm sorry, your wife is probably gonna throw something at me. Next three years. Any questions for Chief Barber?

Mr. Barber:
Thank you.

Alderman Masi:
Thank you very much. Police Chief Ewanciw.

Police Chief:
Good evening all. I have nothing this evening, unless you have questions for me.

Alderman Masi:
Any questions for the chief? Wow.

Police Chief:
Thank you.

Alderman Masi:
Is it me? Superintendent of Recreation, Chris Brinkerhoff.

Superintendent of Recreation & Parks Chris Brinkerhoff:
Good evening. I'm gonna be just a short, uh - we - you do have there for the Mayor to approve the geese police that we use every year. That is a tremendous service to our parks, without it, it's a mess. And they do a great job and they're very fair, uh, with the Davidge park expansion, that will be getting done, that will also be included in that price. So they do a great job. And the only thing I want to do, which - I know you're gonna be accepting a lot of donations, I said it last time, is thank the public for all the donations for these care packages. We continue to stay very busy, in fact, we get more phone calls all the time with people needing food, because the numbers are going up. Um, we're just under, in donations, not even grants, twenty-five thousand dollars. Another check for twenty-five hundred dollars, again, came today, from United Presbyterian's Thrift Shop, that are always giving back as well. So, we thank our entire community. It's amazing. That's all I have.

Alderman Masi:
Any questions for Chris? Ald. Kleiner?

Ald. Kleiner:
Thank you. Uh, Chris, I notice the geese police ask that we post signs saying: Do not feed the water fowl. And they also ask that we pass a local ordinance. They say it's helpful if there's a local ordinance against feeding the water fowl.

Chris Brinkerhoff:
There already is and we do have signage up as well. The signage, however, gets torn down constantly. We have some people that refuse to obey that. We've even called the police up when we find them feeding them bread, which is actually the worse thing for them. So, and I think there's an ordinance that was already put in place years ago.

Ald. Kleiner:
I couldn't - I couldn't find it, searching in code, maybe it's there, so -

Mayor:
It's not the federal code, cause, uh, I can -

Ald. Kleiner:
Yeah, I think it's supposed to be state or federal but they ask -

Mayor:
Yeah.

Ald. Kleiner:

- they ask also for a local ordinance, so -

Mayor:

Because I - I was once a guilty party, bringing my kids up there to feed the ducks when they were little, and I never noticed the sign, and sure enough, there was signage, up there, but, uh, -

Chris Brinkerhoff:

Yeah.

Mayor:

- I think a lot of people do it innocently. But maybe we need to - but they were small signs too. So a local ordinance will be fine with me if you want to talk to Alex and give him a draft one. Because it's damaging to - you know from my understanding, to the - to the birds.

Alderman Kleiner:

Right, and it makes it hard for them, so they do recommend it.

Mayor:

Yeah, yeah, so that's okay with me, if you want to -

Alderman Kleiner:

Okay, very good thank you.

Mayor:

But we need to sign it adequately too.

Ald. Kleiner:

Yes.

Mayor:

Not that little sign that the guy caught me with - It wasn't an officer, it was a - it was a person who lived up by there and told me, you're doing the wrong thing.

Alderman Masi:

Is there a statute of limitation on those crimes?

[Laughter.]

Alderman Masi:

Thank you, Chris. Public Hearings and Grievances?

Karen Sisco:

Nothing this evening.

Alderman Masi:
Petitions and Complaints?

Karen Sisco:
Nothing this evening.

Alderman Masi:
I thought we had come complaints earlier. I don't know. Okay.

Remarks of Aldermen
Ald. Burr?

Mr. Burr:
Nothing this evening.

Alderman Masi:
Ald. Kleiner?

Ald. Kleiner:
Makes it hard. Uh, first, I want to express my condolences to Ald. Jean-Pierre. I - I - this is the first I had heard of that, so - I'm really sorry to hear that, and, uh, my condolences to his family.

Uh, today, is the national day of remembrance is what I was trying to see what they called it. It's a - it's a candle lighting and other lighting around the country. It's a national day of remembrance for the four hundred thousand people who have now died from COVID. So they've asked, you know, everyone light a light, maybe candle, ring the church bells. But that happened today, in D.C. at the National Mall and so, I think we should remember it. I went on the website the first day with the vaccines. I was in that seventy-five and up category, where you're not happy to be in, but you're there, and so, uh, you know, of course I was eligible and then you look at ten miles, then you look at twenty miles, then you look at thirty miles, then you look at forty miles, and they all, when you call, just go, basically, why are you calling? And they - call back in February or March. So, there is no vaccine. I mean we need to remember that this past administration passed on a hundred million doses, and then that reserve supply they were gonna release, turned out to be a phantom. And it's just not there. So we're hoping with the new administration, that they can really ramp up production. But I still - before I came in, on the local - on the New York News, you see the ad from New York State for sign up for your vaccine, it's easy and it's fast. It's not easy, it's not fast and there is no vaccine. But they're still running the ad, so I don't know, it's - it's - it's hard - it's hard to understand. Uh, but, we'll - we'll be patient. I mean, at least New Jersey put smokers to the front of the line, and is something that I don't understand, since that's a choice.

Uh, for Middletown, my, uh, what - what other - the other thing I would like to see - we have a

lot of moratoriums. But I've been thinking about the people who, uh, in our code, the zoning, and I'm doing this tonight, cause I - otherwise I would do it ... I don't want to - you know, we usually focus on the Mayor state of the city, so this is my state of the city. Uh, when the zoning expires, your grand-fathering expires in one year. So if you have a building that's been vacant and you're working on it and you're repairing it or doing anything with it, uh, after a year, if you're in a zone that's been changed and you're grand-fathered in and that's expired, then you have to go to the zoning board and prove hardship. I think we ought to have a moratorium on that expiration, because people who have been trying to fix up properties, you weren't allowed to have work crews, you weren't allowed to have people out working on your properties. You we're allowed, so, I think it's something we should at least look at and, uh, -

Mayor:

We're tolling that, Jerry.

Ald. Kleiner:

What's that?

Mayor:

We're tolling that - we're not - if there's a legitimate -

Ald. Kleiner:

Okay, I mean that's -

Mayor: We're extending - we're extending the time. I don't know of any one case where someone has been impacted by the, uh, by the, uh, the one-year, nonconforming usage here. So, we can demonstrate - it's the same thing, we - I think it's dangerous to make a blanket change. We are considering it on a case-by-case basis of, uh -

Alderman Kleiner:

Okay.

Mayor:

I mean if someone is in the process of renovating a property, and they're having the same problem that we're having with ordering furnaces and things like that, then we're taking that into consideration. But I haven't been informed of one case yet of where that's happened. Now, if you do it blanket, what you're doing is, you're taking a - uh, a large home that has been abandoned for many years, and, uh, I'll give you an example, 37 Broad Street, it's a former six-family, uh, uh, you know, very small apartments and stuff, that under the theory of extending it, you know, you know just to everyone - a blanket, then you open that back up for that type of development. But on a case-by-case basis, we are doing it on a case-by-case basis, and so far, to my knowledge, and if you have any direct knowledge of anyone, please have them contact my office -

Ald. Kleiner:

Okay.

Mayor: - and we will - we'll try to address with them. But I think it's a dangerous thing to do with a blanket, but it is, uh, on a case-by- but they have to demonstrate. Again, the same thing with the COVID relief, you've gotta demonstrate that you've been damaged, you've been hurt, you've been unable to do it, and we're taking all those things into consideration.

Ald. Kleiner:

Okay. I mean I'm thinking you know at the zoning board and there haven't been a lot of filings at the zoning board recently, maybe for that reason. But I had people call me and some who got stopped - they were trying to put siding on their home - a gentleman on Linden Avenue, but he couldn't do it, cause code enforcement came out and told him he couldn't have two people working together. Well - kind of hard to put up siding with one person, so -

Mayor:

Well that was the state - that was the state -

Ald. Kleiner:

But that was an individual, you working on his own home but I'm just thinking of the number of times when people, uh -

Mayor:

But what does that have to do with the use, putting up siding has nothing to do with the use of the building.

Ald. Kleiner:

No, but if someone - if a building's vacant and - and someone is making repairs and then wants to re-rent it, but has a lot of repairs, those cases have come up at the zoning board.

Mayor:

As I said, you've got to be careful, because you're gonna open it up and it's - and it's gonna be uncontrollable. But they have to demonstrate. So that building's been vacant for three years and they bought a vacant building, and then - no, they wouldn't qualify because the building's been empty for three years.

Ald. Kleiner:

Yeah, no, I'm not talking about that.

Mayor:

But we have been taking it under concern. People that have called, I've told them the same thing, if they're having trouble with stuff, we'll extend their time limit, um, if they can't meet the deadline. Everyone has met the deadlines, so there's been really no - no big issue that I'm aware of. But if you have a specific one, anybody on the council, then please feel free, we'll - we'll walk it through.

Ald. Kleiner:

Okay, very good. Uh, the other thing I'm looking at is, thinking ahead in terms of a traffic calming device on James Street, because we're planning on, when we tear that building down, then straightening out that intersection, so you'll have traffic coming straight up Canal Street and going right across to James Street, where we have the handicap crossing, uh, or from the James Street parking lot or City Hall, and the - and the courts and the police station. And then a little farther down, in the future, we'll have the crossing for the Heritage Trail. So, I'd like to see us think about some kind of traffic -

Mayor:

Well understand, with the traffic pattern for the changes, you're gonna have push buttons at all those intersections. You're gonna have crossing, uh, uh, just like in New York City or at a larger city - so, you're gonna push a button and it's gonna tell you when to cross. It's not just putting up traffic lights, this is all the, uh, - especially in the higher pedestrian areas like -

Ald. Kleiner:

Like I mean the crossings where they're in the middle of the street, you know, the ones from the James Street lot to City Hall and the handicap one and then the one from the - further down for -

Mayor:

We have a traffic consultant, I'll mention it to them. But, uh, I don't - uh, you know, it's very close to the - to the intersection there. But that - the James Street - West Main Street intersection is gonna have a pedestrian crossing, uh, push button. So they'll be - it will be ADA compliant. So for people who have a hearing disability or sight disability, they'll be able to also cross safely. It's a State of the Arts stuff, it's a twenty-one million dollar project throughout the city, between the sidewalks and the crossings. But we will mention it to the consultant.

Ald. Kleiner:

Okay. All right, uh, I did say at the last meeting, that we were hoping that the next day or that day, actually we went and met Monday, so it was the next day that the two Democrats, if they won in Georgia, we would be having a Democratic Senate, so we're hoping that we'll get some federal aid - so it's still hope strong. And the Mayor mentioned that and the governor today mentioned that. We're depending on federal aid for the state and for the city budget. And so I - I hope that will happen.

I did also - back in December, remind people that sedition was a crime and I think you maybe see what I was talking about from two weeks ago on Wednesday. And, uh, I actually took a course in that senate parliamentarian's office. And - and, uh, to see it trashed the way it was, and to see people attacking our Capitol, when our - not politicians, our elected officials were there, actually trying to do the self-governing of this country, uh, a country, you know, based on the proposition that all men are created equal, and we had the Civil War where Lincoln said, we are now testing whether that nation or any nation so concede and so dedicated can long endure. Well, this is another great test, uh, we haven't had anything like this since the War of 1812, when the owner

of that building, 42 West Main Street, was up guarding our northern border with the Republican Blues in the War of 1812, so do have direct connections to that.

Uh, there was an attempt to steal the election, obviously, hopefully that attempt has been put to rest. There's absolutely nothing - nothing whatsoever to indicate that the election was anything but free and fair. Biden was ahead on the polls for the whole time of the election, all summer, all fall, he was ahead in the polls. Trump's approval rating never went up. Why in the world would you think that the election wasn't fair. And it's that big lie, and the big lie technique that got people to go and storm the Capitol to try and change the results of the election and overturn it. Uh, I'm sorry to take a lot of time on it, but you know, uh, Qanan and the Boogaloo Bois and the Proud Boys - since when do we want to go back to having white supremacists ruling this country and ruling it by intimidation and force and mob rule. We're a democracy, a Democratic Republic and I've often said, I'm a Democrat small d, and, uh, I'm going on because what - what happened two weeks ago was disgraceful, and uh, I'm hoping that we'll get past it and start to heal. Thank you.

Alderman
Masi:
You done?

Alderman Kleiner:
I'm done.

Alderman Masi:
Alderwoman Ramkissoo

Alderwoman Ramkissoo:
Amen, Jerry. Good job. Uh, I just wanted to say, uh, to the kids going back to school. Once again, this crazy, crazy school year, that I wish them all luck and I hope it goes well. It's been a chaotic year. I think everyone is just trying to muddle their way through it and I just want to say, we're like half way, so, woo hoo! Um, I feel like the new year really starts tomorrow, so, I'm looking forward to that as well, and everyone stay safe, and I hope we see our vaccines come in to keep our first responders safe and healthy. Thank you.

Alderman Masi:
Ald. Johnson.

Ald Johnson:
Thank you. I wish to go to a new beginning, let's see how it works out. With respect to Vanessa and her colleague, who spoke earlier, I hope they were listening long enough to realize they should take the Mayor's advice and contact City Hall and see what their- what kind of relief they can have with respect to the landlord/tenant situation. Thank you.

Alderman Masi:

Ald. Green.

Ald Green:

Thank you. Uh, I too, just want to extend my thoughts and condolences to Ald. Jean- Francois. He's not only a colleague, but a friend. So our thoughts and prayers are with you. Um, just looking forward to, uh - tomorrow, watching one of the, uh, one of the great events of America go down. Regardless of the party, it is ceremonious and a joyous event, and I just look forward to, uh, to watching our government in action and - and seeing how - how America does things. So, uh, that's it. Everyone just please, uh, you know, continue to wear your masks, wash your hands, socially distance. Uh, you know vaccines are coming slowly but hopefully surely, but, uh, you know, we're - we're gonna round this bend. We're gonna get through it and, uh, soon enough, we'll all be packing the beautiful Vessel Square again. Thank you.

Alderman Masi:

Ald. Tobin.

Ald. Tobin:

I'd like to echo Ald. Kleiner's, you know, condemnation of the, you know, the attempted interference of the peaceful transfer of power. I think what's one - you know the greatest - one of the most powerful nations in the world, we can be proud that we're transferring power to the 46th President. And also recognizing the fact that we have an historic, you know, first female Vice President. So this is, uh, a very, uh, historic election, and, uh, I plan listening to the - is it the accepted - no, the speech tomorrow, and, uh, like I have for every President, Republican or Democratic. So I think it's a very important day like Ald. Green said. Thank you.

Alderman Masi:

My only comment, Alexei, I don't want to disappoint you, but I'm not going anywhere. All right unfinished business.

Alderman Masi:

New business.

06-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$1,240.00 within the 2020 Recreation & Parks department budget for repairs to equipment in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.7321.495	\$1,240.00	A.7110.440
Special Programs: Misc.		Parks: Repairs to Equipment

Alderman Masi:

All right, we have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Green. Any

comments?

Roll:

Karen Sisco:

Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.
Resolution passed.

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Johnson.

07-21 RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Tri-State Geese Police contract to control the Geese Population in Watts Memorial Park, Maple Hill Park and Fancher Davidge Park, including park expansion.

Alderman Masi:

All right, we have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Johnson. Any comments?

Roll:

Female Speaker:

Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.
Resolution passes.

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ramkissoon.

08-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement with Fusco Engineering for SWPPP inspections of the new athletic fields which funding for this agreement is included in an approved capital project line.

Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Fusco Engineering for SWPPP inspections of new athletic fields.

Alderman Masi:

Isn't there more onto that? We have - which funding for this agreement has been approved in the capital project line on that resolution?

Karen Sisco:
(Inaudible)
SWPP.

Alderman Masi:
All right. We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon. Any comments?
Roll:

Karen Sisco:
Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.
Resolution passes.

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Ramkissoon, seconded by Ald. Kleiner. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an amended permit agreement.

09-21 WHEREAS; the City upon initial review of the PERMA agreement found operating differences between the current and previous agreement, and

WHEREAS; the City's insurance agent has reviewed and assured the City that the current operating procedures are in compliance with the new amended PERMA agreement.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended attached PERMA agreement.

Alderman Masi:
We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Ramkissoon, seconded by Ald. Kleiner. Any comments?
Roll:

Karen Sisco:
Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Klein - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.
Resolution passes.

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Kleiner, seconded by Ald. Burr. Resolution to accept a total of three thousand, four hundred thirty dollars that has been collected for the Parks and

Recreation letters to (inaudible) program.

Alderman Masi:

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Klein, seconded by Ald. Burr. Any comments?

Roll:

10-21 WHEREAS; During the COVID-19 pandemic the City started two fundraisers for the good of the City, and

WHEREAS; A Christmas Children's Fund was established to provide needy Middletown families Christmas gifts based on the City's letter to Santa program, and

WHEREAS; as of December 31, 2020 \$3,430.00 has been collected and been deposited in the Parks and Rec donation account T-43 per the account summary attached.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to approve and accept these donations and the expenses that will follow.

Karen Sisco:

Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye. Resolution passes.

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Burr, seconded by Ald. Tobin. Resolution to accept a total of eighteen thousand, six hundred and eleven dollars and thirty-eight cents, donations for the food and supply fund raiser during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Alderman Masi:

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Burr, seconded by Ald. Tobin. Any comments?

Ald. Kleiner.

Ald. Kleiner:

Uh, thank you. I just want to thank all the people who donated, uh, very generous, uh, a lot of donations and for both of these resolutions, a lot of outpouring, as, uh, as, uh, Chris Brinkerhoff has said. It's a lot of support, so we thank you.

Alderman Masi:

Thank you, Ald. Kleiner. Any other comments?

11-21 WHEREAS; during the COVID-19 pandemic the City started two fundraisers for the good of the City, and

WHEREAS; a food and supply fund raiser was held to accept money and supplies as donations

from the public to be re-distributed to Middletown needy in the form of food and supplies, and

WHEREAS; since April 20, 2020 thru Dec 31, 2020 \$18,611.38 has been collected and \$12,005.91 has been spent on products and distributed. The details are outlined on the T-83 account summary attached.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to approve and accept these donations and the expenses that will follow.

Roll:

Karen Sisco:

Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.
Resolution passes.

Resolutions sponsored by Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Green. Resolution to authorize the treasury to transfer ten thousand, seven hundred dollars within the 2021 budget to cover the expenses associated with the Black Dirt Sewer Project.

12-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$10,700.00 within the 2021 budget to cover the expense associated with Trans Tech Geotechnical Services that was paid in 2013 and is not covered under the existing finance agreement with EFC in the following manner:

FROM:	AMOUNT:	TO:
G.909	\$10,700.00	H.904.900
Sewer Fund Balance		Black Dirt Sewer Project

Alderman Masi:

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Green. Any comments?

Roll:

Karen Sisco:

Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.
Resolution passes.

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Johnson. Resolution to approve the transfer of 54 Washington Street and 33 Lafayette Avenue to the Community Development Agency.

13-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the transfer of 54 Washington Street & 33 Lafayette Avenue to the Community Development Agency for the purpose of implementing the properties into the homeownership program, authorize corporation counsel to prepare the necessary documents and authorize the Mayor to execute all the documents for this transfer.

Alderman Masi:

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Johnson. Comments?

Roll:

Karen Sisco:

Ramkissoon - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.

Resolution passes.

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon. Resolution to authorize the treasury to transfer fifty thousand dollars from the Journal Fund balance to make additional repairs and maintenance to 8-10 Mulberry Street for the Warming Station.

Alderman Masi:

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon. Any comments?

14-21 WHEREAS; the Common Council on December 15, 2020 approved the use of 8-10 Mulberry Street as a Warming Station, and

WHEREAS; the Council approved a lease between the City of Middletown and the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council regarding the use of 8-10 Mulberry Street for the Warming Station, and

WHEREAS; the City was awarded from HUD a \$200,000.00 COVID grant to make repairs and improvements to 8-10 Mulberry Street for the Warming Station, and

WHEREAS; the estimated cost is \$250,000.00 which more funds will be needed to make

additional repairs and maintenance to 8-10 Mulberry Street in the amount of \$50,000.00.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$50,000.00 from the General Fund Balance to make additional repairs and maintenance to 8-10 Mulberry Street for the Warming Station in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
General Fund Balance	\$50,000.00	A.1620.470
		Maintenance of Buildings

Roll:

Karen Sisco:

Ramkissoo - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.
Resolution passes.

Alderman Masi:

Local laws.

Karen Sisco:

Nothing this evening.

Alderman Masi:

Audit and Claims.

Alderman Johnson:

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

Alderman Masi:

We have a resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson, seconded Ald. Burr. Comments?

Roll:

Karen Sisco:

Ramkissoo - aye, Tobin - aye, Kleiner - aye, Johnson - aye, Burr - aye, Green - aye, Masi - aye.

Alderman Masi:

Motion to adjourn.

Adjourn at 8:51 PM

City of Middletown
Public Hearing
Local Law # 1 of 2021
June 15, 2021 at 8:00PM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Middletown will hold an public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2021 for OPTING OUT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARY LICENSES AND ONSITE CONSUMPTION LICENSES WITHIN THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN on Tuesday, June 15 , 2021, commencing at 8:00PM in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 2nd floor.

The full version of Local Law # 1 2021 will be available for viewing on the City website at www.middletown-ny.com.

The public can attend the public hearing at City Hall, second floor, Council Chambers to discuss the Local Law. All the members of the public entering City Hall must have a face mask.

The meeting will also be conducted via video/tele-conference and live on Channel 20 for viewing.

Members of the public may also access the meeting to ask questions by clicking on the link below to register for the meeting:

<https://middletown-ny.digitaltownhall.com/>

For any person unable to participate at the time of meeting, email comments may be submitted in advance to jnaumchik@middletown-ny.com.

Please note that all meetings will be recorded.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

John C. Naumchik

City Clerk

Publish: June 7, 2021 & June 8, 2021

City Website

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. _____

Sec'd by Ald. _____

Date of Adoption 06-15-21

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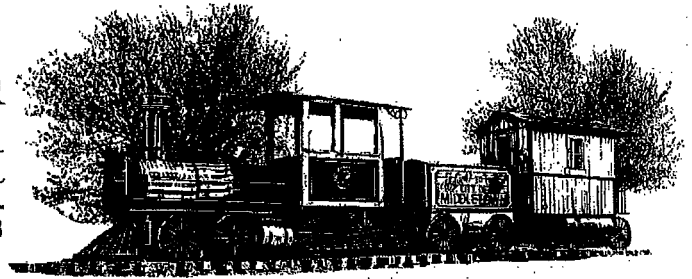
WHEREAS; The Middletown Recreation & Parks Department was given donations in the amount totaling \$180.00; and,

WHEREAS; The Middletown Recreation & Parks Department is requesting these funds be placed into the current trust and agency account known as "Summer Camp Scholarships"; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby authorize the Treasurer to place these funds in the current trust and agency account designated as "Summer Camp Scholarships."

Middletown Recreation and Parks Department

898 CR-78, Middletown, New York 10940 Tel: (845)346-4180 Fax: (845)344-2918



Wednesday, June 2, 2021

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City Clerk
City of Middletown

Dear Board of Estimates & Council Members:

The Middletown Recreation & Parks Department received a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Middletown in the amount of \$180.00. These funds are utilized as "camperships" or scholarships and are provided to youth from Middletown to attend the Junior Police Academy who would be unable to attend otherwise. In order to accept this donation and utilize the funds to offer "camperships" for Middletown Youth, please authorize the following resolution:

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby authorize the Treasurer to place these funds in the current trust and agency account designated as "Summer Camp Scholarships."

Thank you for your continued assistance and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Brinckerhoff".

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent
Middletown Recreation & Parks Dept.

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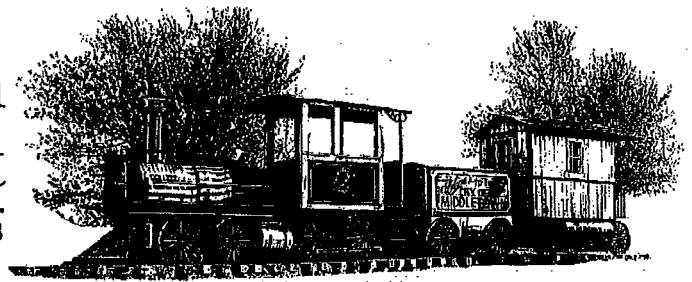
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Thank you for your continued assistance and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Brinckerhoff".

**Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent
Middletown Recreation & Parks Dept.**

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Pres. Rodrigues				
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$6,000.00 from the 2021 budget to cover the cost of an agreement between the City and St. Paul's Church for selected usage of their parking lot for 2021, \$500 per month for 12 months (\$6,000) in the following manner:

From
A.9000.860
State Health Insurance

Amount
\$6,000.00

To
A.1620.474
Rental Parking Lots

June 7, 2021

RECEIVED
JUN 08 2021
City Clerk
City of Middletown

To: The Board of Estimate

From: Don Pairs

Subject: St. Paul's Parking Lot

The Common Council has approved an agreement between the City and St. Paul's Church for selected usage of their parking lot. I am requesting a budget transfer to cover the cost for 2021, \$500 per month for 12 months (\$6,000)

From
A.9000.860
State Health Insurance

Amount
\$6,000.00

To
A.1620.474
Rental Parking Lots

Thank you,



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Pres. Rodrigues				
TOTAL				

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown and Orange County entered into an Easement Agreement, dated September 20, 2018, for the purpose of construction and maintenance of a portion of the Heritage Trail, and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was recorded in the Office of the Orange County Clerk, and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was amended on October 17, 2019, which Amendment was recorded in the County Clerk's Office, and

WHEREAS, New York State is performing construction on parts of the Trail which intersect streets in the City of Middletown, and

WHEREAS, the State intends to convey certain portions of these properties to the City at the completion of construction, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid portions of these properties should be included as a Second Amendment to the Easement Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the cost of acquisition of these properties shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Estimate has approved this acquisition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that it hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the above-mentioned Second Amendment to the Easement Agreement, and all related documents, including conveyancing documents, and a work agreement with the State of New York, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel.

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City of Middletown

RESOLUTION

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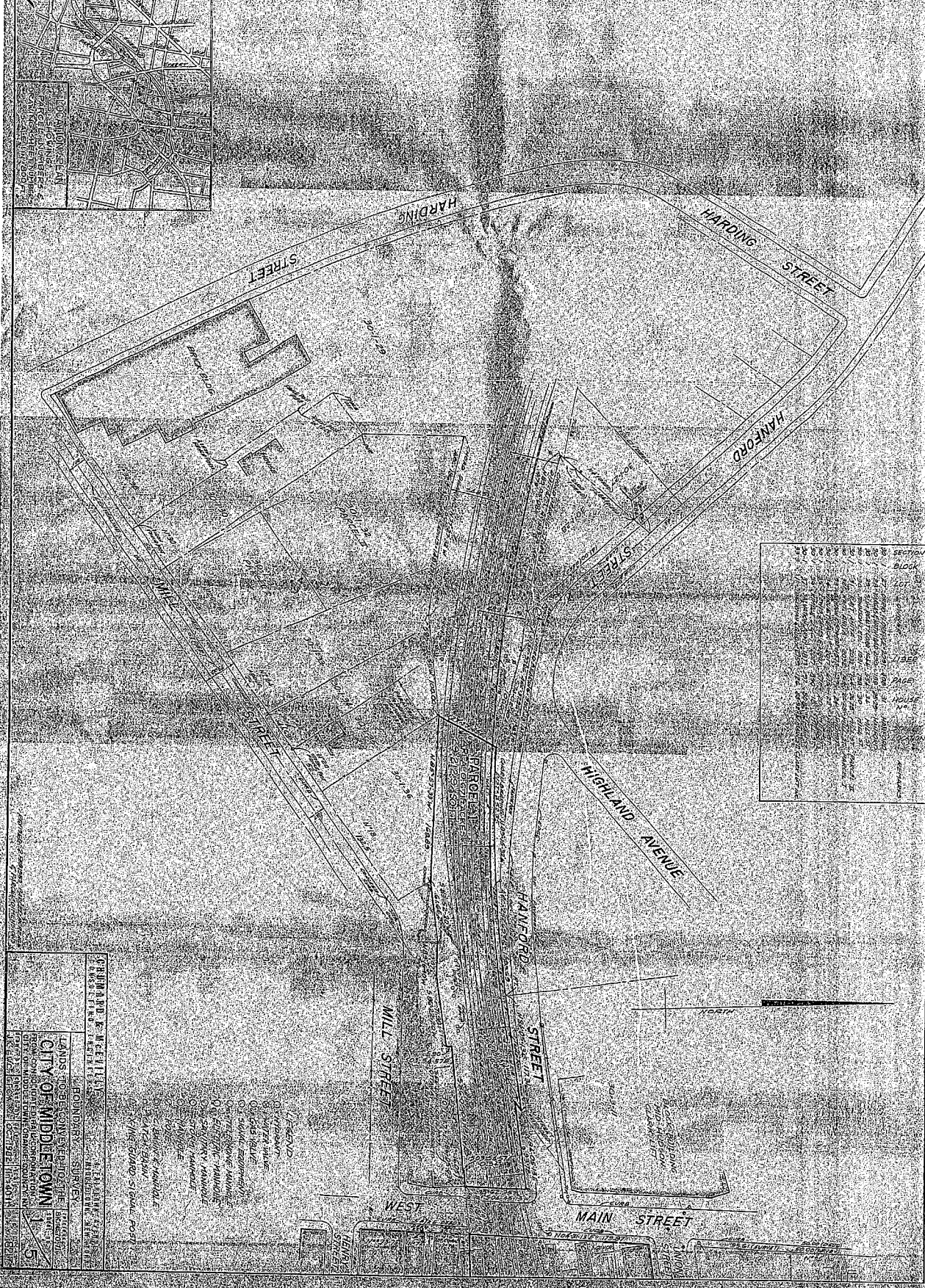
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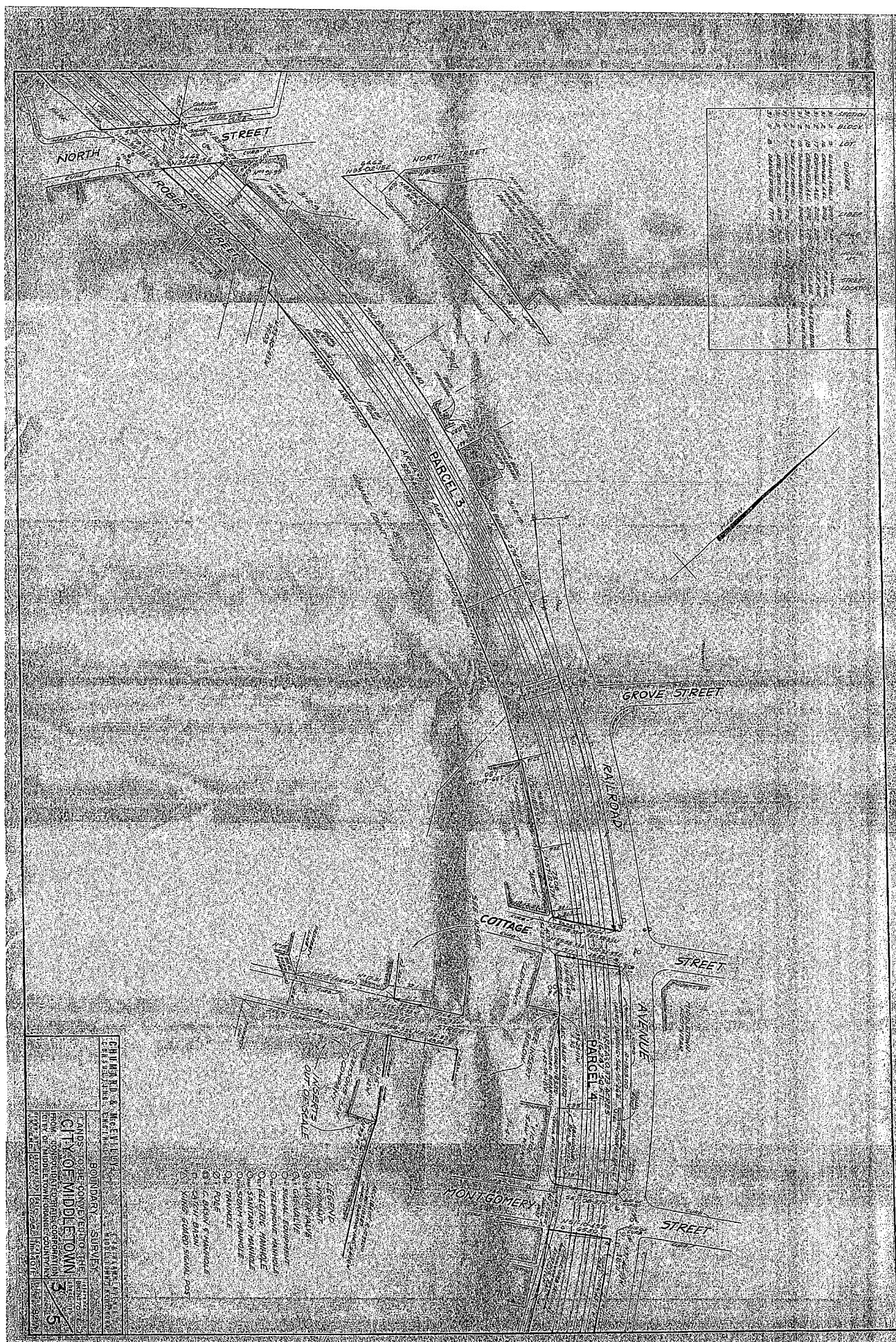
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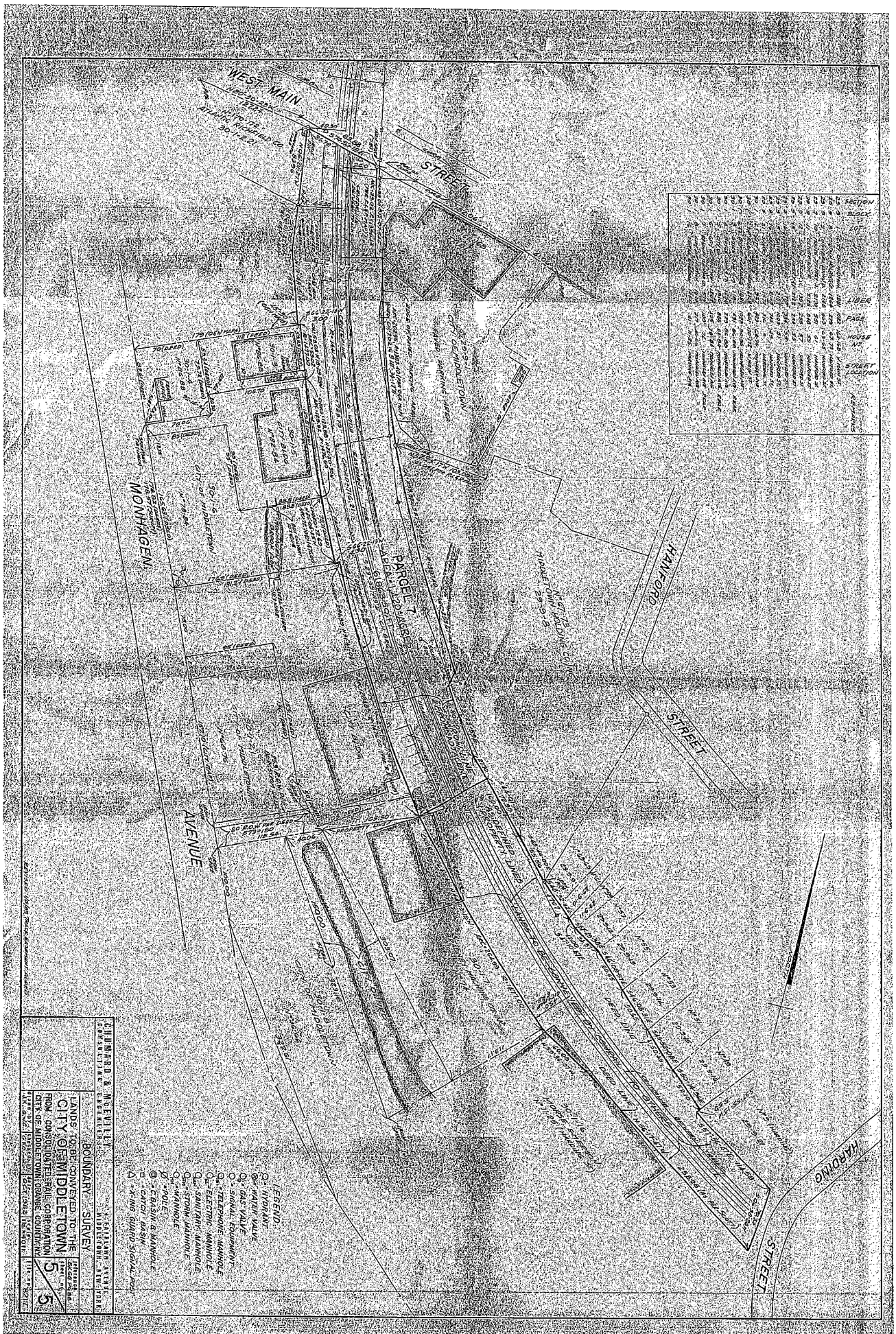
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John Naumchik

From: J Tawil <jtawil14@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 2:12 PM
To: 'Joseph DeStefano'; Alex Smith; John Naumchik
Subject: Re: Heritage Trail
Attachments: 2. Lands of Conrail - Oct. 1982.pdf

Alex,

I do not recall seeing a resolution authorizing Mayor to sign all sale agreements with DOT and ConRail per our discussion with Joe Mahoney.

As you know, the County/DOT are waiting on this to complete the Trail construction up to East Main street.

Thanks
Jacob

Jacob S. Tawil, P.E. | Commissioner

Department of Public Works
City of Middletown | 16 James Street |
Middletown, New York 10940 |
T: 845-343-3169 | F: 845-343-4014



Please consider the environment before printing this email.

On Friday, May 21, 2021, 01:50:01 PM EDT, <asmith22@hvc.rr.com> wrote:

From: Mahoney, Joseph <JJMahoney@orangecountygov.com>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Alex Smith <asmith22@hvc.rr.com>
Subject: Heritage Trail

Annexed is the survey map for the 1983 conveyance from Conrail to the City of Middletown.

Joe

Joseph F. Mahoney, Esq.

Senior Assistant County Attorney

Orange County Attorney's Office

Orange County Government Center

255-275 Main Street

Goshen, New York 10924

Phone: (845) 291-3150

Fax: (845) 378-2374

jmahoney@orangecountygov.com

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By Ald. _____

Sec'd by Ald. _____

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Pres. Rodrigues				
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached "Fence Agreement" with 44 James Street, LLC.

asmith22@hvc.rr.com

From: pbottilawjudy@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:23 AM
To: asmith22@hvc.rr.com
Subject: 44 James Street, LLC with City of Middletown - Fence Agreement
Attachments: DOC000.PDF

Dear Alex:

Attached please find a copy of the proposed Fence Agreement for your review and consideration.

Kindly advise if you require any modifications or additions, or if same is acceptable.

Once approved by you, I will sign three (3) originals and forward them on to you for the Mayor's signature.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Be safe!

Peter G. Botti

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JUN 09 2021
City Clerk
City of Middletown

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

FENCE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this ____ day of June, 2021 by and between **CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**, a municipal corporation, with a principal place of business located at 16 James Street, Middletown, New York 10940, hereinafter referred to as "MIDDLETOWN" and **44 JAMES STREET, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company, with a principal place of business located at P.O. Box 8, Goshen, NY 10940, hereinafter referred to as "44 JAMES".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, MIDDLETOWN owns a piece of real property with improvements thereon known on the Assessor's Rolls of the City of Middletown as Section 31, Block 12, Lot 12.122; and

WHEREAS, 44 JAMES owns a commercial building and parking lot located at 44-52 James Street, Middletown, New York and known on the Assessor's Rolls of the City of Middletown as Section 31, Block 12, Lot 10.22; and

WHEREAS, the above two parcels are contiguous; and

WHEREAS, 44 JAMES owns an existing five (5') foot chain link fence situate on the line between the above two parcels; and

WHEREAS, MIDDLETOWN desires to remove the existing five (5') foot chain link fence and replace and maintain same with a six (6') foot decorative fence to be installed in the same location on the line between the above two parcels; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that it is in the best interest of both parties to remove the existing five (5') foot chain link fence and replace same with a six (6') foot decorative fence.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR and other good and valuable consideration paid, it is agreed between the parties, the following:

1. MIDDLETOWN, at its sole cost and expense, shall remove the existing five (5') foot

chain link fence.

2. MIDDLETOWN, at its sole cost and expense, shall install in the same location of the existing chain link fence, on the line between the above two parcels, a six (6') foot decorative metal fence.

3. MIDDLETOWN agrees that it will forever in perpetuity, at its sole cost and expense, repair and maintain the six (6') foot decorative fence in a proper and substantial workmanlike manner, on the line between the above two parcels.

4. MIDDLETOWN agrees that it will forever hold harmless and indemnify 44 JAMES from any and all claims in connection with the installation, repair and maintenance of the six (6') foot decorative fence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BY: _____
JOSEPH DeSTEFANO, Mayor

44 JAMES STREET, LLC
BY: _____
PETER G. BOTTI, Managing Member

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On the _____ day of June, 2021 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared JOSEPH DeSTEFANO, known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person(s) upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On the _____ day of June, 2021 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared PETER G. BOTTI, known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person(s) upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

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RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the Minisink Kiwanis use of the mobile stage on Sunday, September 12, 2021 for their annual Sweet Corn Festival held in New Hampton.

LET IT BE FUTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the City to set up and take down as well as transport the mobile stage for the Minisink Kiwanis.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Jim Burtis <jim.burtis@gmail.com>
To: Mayor <mayordestefano@yahoo.com>
Cc: Geoffrey Stafford <gstafford51@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 09:07:59 AM EDT
Subject: Minisink Kiwanis - Portable Stage Request

Mayor DeStefano,

Minisink Kiwanis will be hosting our annual "Sweet Corn Festival" on Sunday September 12th from 10am-4pm at 366 County Route 12, New Hampton, NY. This event typically draws a few thousand visitors from our mid hudson valley region. Children's activities, live entertainment, food and craft vendors, petting zoo, corn and hay mazes, corn eating and shucking contests and more!

A major element of the event is our entertainment and contests which are run from a "stage area" that we typically make ourselves. This process requires dozens of hours of volunteer help to set up and take down. We observed a mobile stage in use by the City of Middletown at a few community events and would be interested if we could rent or borrow this or similar equipment for the Sweet Corn Festival?

If the City of Middletown has any agencies or departments interested in participating in the event please feel free to reach out to me for additional information. Additionally we will send a Facebook invite so that you can share on social media with Middletown community residents and businesses.

Proceeds generated from the event are donated back into the community through service projects, donations to charitable organizations and scholarships to name a few. Although the event is a fundraiser the primary goal is to have a family friendly event geared towards bringing the community together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Burtis
Minisink Kiwanis
845-341-8474 mobile

cc: Geoff Stafford- President of Minisink Kiwanis

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. _____

Sec'd by Ald. _____

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RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Middletown and the Town of Wawayanda for the mutual benefit of the parties in the administration of the pretreatment standards contained in the Clean Water Act.

**INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN AND THE TOWN OF WAWAYANDA**

This Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA), is made this ____ day of June, 2021 by and between the City of Middletown, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, with offices located at 16 James Street, Middletown, New York 10940 ("Middletown") and the Town of Wawayanda, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, with offices located at 80 Ridgebury Hill Road, Slate Hill, New York 10973 ("Wawayanda") for the mutual benefit of the Parties in the administration of the pretreatment standards contained in the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1317 and the corresponding regulations, at 40 C.F.R. Part 403.

RECITALS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the mutual agreements, promises and covenants set forth in this IMA and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Middletown owns and operates a wastewater treatment system.
2. Wawayanda Sewer District No. 1 currently utilizes this wastewater treatment system. Sewer District No 1 is administered by the Town Board of Wawayanda.
3. Facilities located in Wawayanda Sewer District No. 1 currently contribute wastewater which includes industrial waste. These facilities are hereinafter referred to as industrial users.
4. Middletown must implement and enforce a pretreatment program to control discharges from all industrial users of its wastewater treatment system pursuant to requirements set out in 40 CFR Part 403. In this Agreement, Wawayanda agrees to amend its sewer use ordinance such that the ordinance subjects industrial users within the boundaries of Sewer District No. 1 to the necessary pretreatment controls, and Middletown is authorized to implement and enforce that sewer use ordinance.

AGREEMENT

1. A. Wawayanda shall amend its sewer use ordinance such that the ordinance is no less stringent and is as broad in scope as the provisions contained in Articles V and VIII of Chapter 389 of the Code of the City of Middletown. This sewer use ordinance shall require industrial users to submit baseline monitoring reports (BMRs) which are at least as stringent as those set out in Section 389-30 of the Middletown sewer use ordinance. Wawayanda shall forward to

Middletown for review a draft of its proposed amended sewer use ordinance within 180 days of the date of this Agreement. Wawayanda shall amend its sewer use ordinance within 90 days of receiving approval from Middletown of its content.

1. B(i). The amended Wawayanda sewer use ordinance shall state that industrial users are subject to all amendments that apply to requirements, administration, monitoring and enforcement of Middletown's pretreatment program. The Wawayanda sewer use ordinance shall state that pursuant to an Intermunicipal Agreement between Middletown and Wawayanda, Middletown possesses legal authority to administer and enforce Middletown's procedures, standards, requirements, and penalties against industrial users in Sewer District No. 1 in the same manner as applied to industrial users in Middletown.

1. B(ii). Whenever Middletown revises its sewer use ordinance with respect to procedures, standards, requirements and penalties applicable to pre-treatment of waste by industrial users, it shall within 30 days forward a copy of the revisions to Wawayanda. Wawayanda shall adopt revisions to its sewer use ordinance that are at least as stringent as those adopted by Middletown. Wawayanda shall forward to Middletown for review its proposed revisions within 90 days of receipt of the Middletown revisions. Wawayanda shall adopt its revisions within 90 days of receiving approval from Middletown of the contents thereof.

1. C. Wawayanda shall adopt pollutant specific local limits which address at least the same pollutant parameters and are at least as stringent as the local limits enacted by Middletown within 180 days of the date of this Agreement. If Middletown makes any revisions or additions to its local limits, Middletown shall forward to Wawayanda a copy of such revisions or additions within 30 days of enactment thereof. Wawayanda shall adopt any such revisions or additions within 180 days of receipt thereof.

1. D. The parties recognize that any substantial changes to the pretreatment program must be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after appropriate public notice is given. The parties agree to take all necessary steps to comply with this approval requirement.

2. A. Wawayanda authorizes Middletown to implement and enforce applicable pre-treatment provisions of Wawayanda's sewer use ordinance against industrial users located in Sewer District No. 1. Middletown may take any action under Wawayanda's sewer use ordinance that could have been taken by Wawayanda, including all rights of entry for purposes of determining compliance and enforcement, and including the enforcement of the ordinance in courts of law. Middletown shall have primary enforcement authority. Middletown shall implement and enforce Wawayanda's sewer use ordinance in the same manner as Middletown implements and enforces the Middletown sewer use ordinance against industrial users in Middletown.

2. B. Middletown is authorized by Wawayanda to perform technical and administrative duties necessary to implement and enforce Wawayanda's sewer use ordinance against industrial users in Sewer District No. 1. Each party shall provide the other party with access to all information that it obtains as part of its pretreatment activities. Middletown will: (1) update the industrial waste survey on an annual basis; (2) issue permits to all industrial users required to

obtain a permit; (3) conduct inspections, sampling, and analysis; (4) take all appropriate enforcement action as outlined in Middletown's enforcement response plan and provided for in Wawayanda's sewer use ordinance; and (5) perform any other technical or administrative duties the Parties deem appropriate. In addition, Middletown is authorized by Wawayanda to take emergency action to stop or prevent any discharge which presents or may present an imminent danger to the health or welfare of humans, which reasonably appears to threaten the environment, or which threatens to cause interference, pass through, or sludge contamination. If necessary, Wawayanda shall assist Middletown in obtaining access to the facilities of industrial users covered by this Intermunicipal Agreement for the purpose of inspection, sampling, and any other duties deemed necessary by Middletown.

3. Before an industrial user located outside the jurisdictional boundaries of Sewer District No. 1 discharges into Sewer District No. 1's sewer system, Wawayanda and Middletown must enter into an agreement with the jurisdiction in which such industrial user is located. Such agreement will be substantially equivalent to this Agreement and must be entered into prior to a discharge from any such industrial user.

4. The parties recognize that Middletown may incur costs in the implementation and enforcement of Wawayanda's sewer use ordinance. Middletown may therefore increase the annual permit fee for any Wawayanda industrial user to cover the actual costs of enforcement of that user's permit during the previous year.

5. A. If any term of this Agreement is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms shall be unaffected.

5. B. The parties shall review and revise this Agreement to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act (42 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.) and rules and regulations (see 40 CFR Part 403) issued thereunder, as necessary, but at least once every 5 years on a date to be determined by the parties.

6. If Middletown's authority under this Agreement is questioned by an industrial user, court of law, or otherwise, Wawayanda shall take reasonable action necessary to ensure the implementation and enforcement of its sewer use ordinance against its industrial users, including, but not limited to, implementing and enforcing its sewer use ordinance on its own behalf and/or amending this Agreement to clarify Middletown's authority.

7. The parties agree to work in good faith to mutually resolve any disputes occurring or arising out of the performance of this intermunicipal agreement. The parties agree to do all things reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms, provisions, and objectives of this intermunicipal agreement. A violation of this Paragraph by Wawayanda shall allow Middletown, upon 90 days written notice, to terminate this Agreement. Upon such termination, all benefits and obligations under this Agreement shall cease.

8. Any disputes between the parties regarding any provision of this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, and jurisdiction and venue shall be in the Supreme Court, County of Orange. For breach of the terms of this intermunicipal agreement, the

parties may seek any monetary or equitable remedies available under applicable law. Either party that breaches this Agreement shall pay all expenses of the non-breaching party, including without limitation, court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees and expert witness fees, in connection with enforcement of this IMA. This provision shall not limit the authority of, or the remedies available to, the United States Environmental Protection Agency in enforcing any applicable requirement of the Clean Water Act against either party in a separate federal administrative or civil proceeding.

9. If Wawayanda provides approved facilities to treat wastewater discharge from industrial users in Sewer District No. 1 and also arranges an EPA-approved regulatory framework for managing their pretreatment program, then Wawayanda may terminate this Agreement with written notice to Middletown. If Sewer District No. 1 and Wawayanda terminate this Agreement, all benefits and obligations under this Agreement will cease following ninety (90) days from receipt of such notice.

10. Any notice or request provided for by this intermunicipal agreement shall be in writing. Notice shall be sent to the email or mailing addresses set forth below, or to such other address as either party may specify in writing. All notices to Middletown must be addressed as follows:

Commissioner of Public Works
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940
jtawil@middletown-ny.com

All notices to Wawayanda must be addressed as follows:

Town Supervisor
Town of Wawayanda
80 Ridgebury Hill Road
Slate Hill, New York 10973
supervisor@townofwawayanda.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this IMA to be executed by their respective representatives on the dates written below. The effective date of this IMA is the date first written at the beginning of this IMA.

THE TOWN OF WAWAYANDA

THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

By:

Denise Quinn, Supervisor

Joseph DeStefano, Mayor

Date: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss:
COUNTY OF ORANGE

On the _____ day of June, 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **DENISE QUINN**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On the _____ day of June, 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **JOSEPH DeSTEFANO**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

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RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown approves and authorizes the closing of Sunset Street from Highland Avenue to Highland Place for a block party on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 11:00AM to 7:00PM.



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
APPLICATION FOR
BLOCK PARTY**

RECEIVED

JUN 15 2021

I, the undersigned, do hereby make application for a Block Party in the City of Middletown, New York
**City Clerk
City of Middletown**

Name of Applicant EVETTE DIBB

Address of Applicant 10 SUNSET STREET
MIDDLETOWN, N.Y. 10940

Phone Number of Applicant

Day and date the Block Party will be held SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2021

Hours Block Party will start and end 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Name of Streets to be blocked SUNSET - From HIGHLAND AVE
TO HIGHLAND PLACE

BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

On a separate sheet of paper, please indicate the following information:

Name, addresses and signatures of no less 75% of homeowners on the closed street area for permission to have Block Party.

A description of any equipment to be used, including whether music is to be played and what devices are needed for the provision of such music, when applicable.

Description of any vendors within the closed street area.

By signing this application, the applicant agrees to all the provisions of the Middletown City Code pertaining to Chapter 332 Noise and Chapter 319 Litter.

Signed: P. Dore

Date: 6/15/21

For Office Use Only:

Resolution Number and Date _____

RECEIVED.

JUN 15 2021

City Clerk
City of Middletown

Dear Common Council,

The residents of 10 Sunset Street would like to have a block party on Saturday July 24, 2021. We would like Sunset Street to be closed from Highland Ave to Highland Place. This would allow us to get together and enjoy some fresh air. While implementing social distancing to celebrate the retirement of our neighbor/friend who did 22yrs with the NYPD.

Thank you

Contact:
Evelle Diaz

Name/Signature

Address

JEFF Patterson



Cynthia Molnar

MARIA SOLIS

Chariffe McMillion

Melany McMillion

Pacey Long

Charles Rutling

Evette Diaz

69 Watkins Ave.
Middletown, NY 10940

173 Highland Ave
Middletown NY 10940

67 1/2 WATKINS AVE
MIDDLETOWN NY 10940

171 Highland Ave
Middletown, NY 10940

177 Highland Ave
Middletown, NY 10940

10 Sunset St
Middletown NY 10940

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THE AUDIT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

By Alderman Masi

Sec'd by Alderman

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**I MOVE THE ACCOUNTS BE AUDITED, THE CLAIMS ADJUSTED AND THE
TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WARRENTS FOR THEIR PAYMENTS**