

**Common Council
Meeting
City of Middletown
March 2, 2021**

1. Pledge of Allegiance- Pres. Rodrigues asked all to rise for the pledge.

2. Roll Call: Present: Ald. Ramkisson, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green, Masi,
Pres. Rodrigues-8

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

3. Approval of Minutes (Nothing this evening)

4. Correspondence (Nothing this evening)

5. For the Good of the City
No one from the public

6. Remarks of the Mayor

Good evening. I would like to report that we did have a successful vaccine site at the Mulberry House this past Saturday. These are last minute locations that are being set up through New York State and it was a combination of a local City sign-ups, which we use our senior list primarily and notifications through different churches and business leaders. We had 50 vaccines allocated to the City and we ended up getting additional 30 to 40 vaccines at the end so we had a stand-by list so I want to thank all who were able to come down on a stand-by list and we understand that there is a lot more demand for the vaccine than we have and there are calls for us to have Middletown locations; there are Middletown locations, these are by appointment, we have Cornerstone-is doing vaccines, Union street online, if anyone needs assistance and signing up for any of those, you should contact my office or contact the Senior Center directly. We are providing assistance to those who have trouble or don't have access to internet and we want everyone to get a vaccine. Good news coming in today is that President Biden announced that by the end of May everyone who want a vaccine should be able to get a vaccine because of the deal they made between Johnson & Johnson and Merc, two competitors will be producing Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Our role is to encourage people, if you are medically cleared to do so, to please get the vaccine. There are more vaccines rolling into our area, into our county. The County executive Newhouse announced last night that there will be additional vaccines through the County. Our senior list does go to the County, so if you are on that, we signed you up for it and we understand the frustration that many of you have but we don't control how many vaccines come into the community. We only control to a certain extent, the calls that are made, and some people missed the call and especially on a stand-by we have to move on the next person. So it's complicated, but it's going to get better and we just ask everyone to please continue trying. We signed up two people at CVS, if you go to cvs.com there's a mechanism for doing it and there

are more pharmacies throughout the County that have vaccines and ny.gov, the state site that will create more opportunities for more vaccines. And if you are a senior and you need transportation, we will provide it for you; our senior bus will bring you down and if you need to, call the Senior Center and coordinate with them.

My only other issue tonight is the warming center. As you know I thought we were moving quite quickly and I gave the breakdowns and we ended up getting a bid for \$880,000.00 which we had to reject and so we will not meet our January goal. Unfortunately, over the weekend, and I don't know who placed this in people's doors but it's very unfortunate that someone would do that and try to scare people in the neighborhood around the temple with a lot of false information and it's titled "It ain't over till it's over".

Mayor DeStefano read the letter.

This is ... when we run for the office we expect some mis-information but the mis-information is not on behalf of the City, it is on behalf of the person who wrote this and didn't sign it, yet distributed it and it is unfortunate, the name calling... I have to commend Andrew and Jerry for communication throughout the process and their assistance and getting this new location at the old Mulberry Street, the way the Council moved to appropriate the money, \$250,000.00, it's federal money, so we have to go through the process. We can't just take federal money and spend it without doing bidding and we did bid the project, it came out to \$880,000.00 with one bidder, so we pulled the project back in, we did not award it. We then brought the project up to Community Development who usually does our housing rehabs and we were able to come to the Council for an additional \$50,000 which Jerry and Andrew supported and were able to push through, and I reported this in previous meeting, so the writer either is not watching the meetings or is just outright lying about the progress being made at the Mulberry House. The HVAC system is complete, the electrical work is also underway and the plumbing work is also underway and this has all been reported publicly so it's a despicable lie is deplorable, it's a scare tactic. I hope it's targeting my comments primarily to the people in that neighborhood that received this, they don't deserve this type of information going out to them. Tonight, we will be awarding the general contractor amount, in the amount of \$29,880.00, the acoustical ceiling in the amount of \$13,300.00 and the flooring amount in the amount of \$6,740.00, the doors – maximum will be \$39,750.00 which is replacing 24 doors at the unit price of \$1,656.25 each. We won't be replacing all the doors. So this project, in order for us to have the warming center move in will be moving ahead quickly. In fact, the demolition has begun, because we had to have some demolition done for the HVAC people, so it's moving as quickly as we can but the delays are not due to anyone lying or anyone misrepresenting and I would welcome the person who wrote this, to come here publicly and I would like to question him about his sources of information, about public bidding, his comments in his memo to these folks are outrageous and find out what the source of his information is. The money, as I said, is being spent appropriately, this is part of the Care Act funds the Community Development office followed every procedure, every step, including verifying with HUD that this will be an eligible item both, verbally and in writing. So if any of the neighbors have any concerns, you can contact your alderman, if you want, you can call my office at 346-4100, or you can call me and I would be more than happy to give you a tour of the site, as work is in progress and you can see for yourself that what was put on your door is lie. And that all I have. Any questions? Thank you.

7. Remarks of Dept. Heads

Jacob Tawil/Commissioner of Public Works- Good evening all. Just to report to you about the condition of our department. DPW, we have a lot of people, unfortunately out on COVID, related to infection, including the deputies so we are a quite a bit understaffed but so far, the level of service provided is maintained by DPW and hopefully they will be back very soon, and we keep checking on them and I wish them a speedy recovery, all of them, including some of our foremen in the water department, some of the skilled labor, some people in sanitation so we really are hurting, including administrative staff, we are hurting but so far the quality of work has not been compromised.

The 20-24-inch water main coming from the filter plant down along Monhagen Avenue is ready to start this month, hopefully in one week, weather permitting. The traffic operations our consultants submitted, hopefully it's going to be the final alteration of revision for the traffic operations which is the 21-million-dollar project, most of it is a grant – 95% of it is a grant; so we are hoping to start the construction, bidding at least, in April. So we are pushing as fast as we can and before you there are several resolutions for DPW in there and I'd be happy to answer any questions once we get to them, if you have any questions regarding that.

Pres. Rodrigues: Wolslayer Park?

Mr. Tawil: We are going to do the deep soil exploration, with geotechnical engineers, so that's a matter of scheduling it with the project architect and to try to come up with some kind of resolution how to deal with the fill material in there, which like I said before, hopefully it's going to be just some kind of... City saying that we do expect some settlement over the long term with the track and with the field itself so that the contractor can proceed doing his work with minor reinforcement. So that's where we are.

Ald. Green: Commissioner, I've been getting a few questions about the Sanitation plan. Do you have any kind of timeline that we are looking at with the new trucks and cans and things like that?

Mr. Tawil: Yes, the mayor, next Council meeting the mayor will update you on that. The cans, they are ready to be deployed sometimes this month but the mayor next Council meeting will address all that. They are ready to ship almost and the trucks are not going to be here until October but at least cans will be there and there is going to be strong enforcement the mayor will get into all that and myself next Council meeting.

Ald. Green: Thank you.

Ald. Jean Francois: It seems like we are doing pretty good with the loader behind the truck because I watch those guys many mornings and with the loader it just brings up the can and be able to lift so I don't see any lifting doing by our workers which is a good thing.

Mr. Tawil: Exactly. Once we have those cans. Right now very few homes they bought them on their own, that will fit on our tipper at the back so there isn't going to be a manual in there but

I've been taking some video in there, documentation and going after our sanitation trucks and showing how people are and there's usually one can and around it all kinds of small ShopRite plastic bags built around it so our guys have to go push it apart, push the small bags aside, dump the one can, bring the can back, fill the small bags inside the can, then take the can back to the truck, come back again and with all that exposure we had one of our guys cut his finger, he had to go to the emergency room because of that so all this is gonna have to be real strong code enforcement in there so none of this is gonna be tolerated anymore once we distribute the can and that's what the mayor and I will address hopefully next Council meeting. But yes, it should be much easier. Once we have people abiding by the rules, which is basically – no small garbage cans or small plastic bags all over the place, just put it in one can.

Pres. Rodrigues: Talking about garbage, bulk pick up is after Easter? We are going to start after Easter?

Mr. Tawil: You mean the spring cleanup? We haven't set it up yet to be honest with you. That's the last thing right now, unfortunately, with so many casualties of COVID, including my deputies and all that stuff but we will get it scheduled, yes.

Nick Barber/Fire Chief – Good Evening. Today we responded to 115 alarms. We had one structure fire about 2 weeks ago up on Watkins Avenue, everybody was fine, couple of people had smoke inhalation but it turned out to be ok. It is still under investigation and just to let everybody know about 75-80% of first responders have received their first shot and probably 40% of them received their second shot already so that's going pretty well. Any questions?

Pres. Rodrigues: Chief, the fire parade this year.

Nick Barber/Fire Chief: it's looking very grim. We've got responses back from neighboring departments, that they will not commit at this time and they are looking in July to commit. We can't wait till July to set up a parade, so I actually spoke with Councilman Green last night, we were running some ideas, maybe the City will just hold the parade, we'll invite some first responders...

Pres. Rodrigues: We can do a committee if you want.

Nick Barber/Fire Chief: We can do that because we were looking to boost some morale around here. So let's start the committee and let's get on it.

Ald. Tobin: I was out walking around today and I noticed there was a street nearby me that I guess a truck was on fire and like melted the siding on a house and there is some fire damage. I was just curious, is there a certain amount of time that they have to fix that?

Nick Barber/Fire Chief: That's not up to us, that's actually up to the homeowner's insurance company.

Ald. Tobin: All right. In your experience does it usually get fixed pretty quickly?

Nick Barber/Fire Chief: No. Again, it's up to the homeowner's insurance company. How they are going about it, once the fire's out, the emergency is over, we pack up and we are leaving. We turn it over to the building inspector and code enforcement.

Ald. Tobin: Ok. Thank you.

Chief Ewanciw/Police Chief – Good evening. Before you this evening is a continuation of our police panel. It's actually the final stage of whether we adopt the ideas that we put before you last meeting or not. I will take questions on any of that if there's any follow up questions that anybody may have in regards to the panel. *(There were no questions)*. With nothing I'd just like to thank all the participants that participated in the panel, they put tremendous time and effort between three meetings, follow up conversations, emails, one-on-one meeting, whatever it may be. Same with some of the residents of the community who actually have reached out either by email, telephone or in person to discuss some of the concerns. At the end of the day I felt that we put a lot of effort into it amongst everybody involved, and the things that we walked away with, those take away items, none of that could have been done without your support, the support of the Mayor, the support of the Police Commission because a lot of it came with the cost so without your support we couldn't have implemented some of them, specifically body cameras, in such a short period of time. So thank you for that and I feel like we are going in the right direction, the whole process is moving in the right direction. It's great to hear the concerns and the ideas of our community and making sure that we are meeting their needs.

Ald. Jean Francois: The body cams, are they being active right now? Are they helping the department?

Chief Ewanciw: Yes, they were fully implemented at the beginning of January so all patrol officers do have them, they utilize them on a daily basis. The policy procedure is in place, they are reviewed as per policy procedure and so far, so good. You know I think it's a learning curve. The officers have to become comfortable with them, we have to utilize them as a tool to make sure that the department is protected at all times.

Ald. Jean Francois: Thank you.

Alex Smith/Corporation Counsel – Nothing this evening.

8. Public Hearings & Grievances
Nothing this evening.

9. Petitions & Complaints
Nothing this evening.

10. Remarks of Aldermen

Ald. Masi-Nothing this evening.

Ald. Tobin-I can almost see the spring around the corner, I'm looking forward to the warmer weather and lower heating bills. So, let's think positive.

Ald. Green- Thank you. We did have a meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee this evening, we are reviewing the subdivision, we are just waiting on a little more information on it before we schedule public hearing. Also, Mayor, I want to thank you for addressing the letter that was passed around – I won't give it much more attention than it deserves. It is full of misinformation unfortunately. I know everyone who has reached out to me and I verified the information with the ones I have spoken with and we've been very forward and I'm very happy to hear the updates this evening. Everyone just please keep being masked up and social distance and good news always seems to keep coming with the vaccines. Spring maybe around the corner, like alderman Tobin said, and hopefully there are going to be brighter days. Thank you.

Ald. Johnson-Thank you. With respect to the warming station correspondence, I think it speaks for itself, it's unfortunate. Legislative committee met earlier this evening. We made some zoning changes, we'll have public hearing t the next meeting, which will be March 16th. Thank you.

Ald. Ramkissoo- Nothing this evening.

Ald. Kleiner- Thank you. I also wanted to thank the Mayor. I was going to read that letter, I thought it was too good not t read but I didn't remember to bring it so I'm glad he did. Andrew and I just wanted to know who is Bozo #1 and who is Bozo #2 so that we can be clear on that. We are hoping next month; the weather will be warm enough so we can resume having our constituents' meetings and have them outside. And there will be a lot more vaccines and it will be much safer but we are not going to do that yet, but hopefully next month and my wife and I got our first dose last week at the County, down at Hatfield Lane and the Orange County Health Department was there and I just want to commend the people from the Health Department who were there because they were really wonderful, they were in great spirit, they were very helpful and it was a really good operation so I want to send some thank you to them. Thank you.

Ald. Jean-Francois-Nothing this evening.

11. Unfinished Business (Nothing this Evening)

12. New Business

44-21 Resolution to amend Resolution, #160-20, to authorize the Treasurer to transfer an additional \$240,000.00 from the Water Fund Balance to Purchase of Land Water Fund and authorize the Treasurer to appropriate the funds necessary to pay the purchase price of \$500,000.00 in order to close on the subject property.

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Green

WHEREAS, the Common Council, by Resolution dated August 4, 2020, approved the purchase of property located on Guymard Turnpike, SBL #16-1-32.22, under a NYS/DEC WQIP grant that requires 25% matching City funds, and

WHEREAS, said Resolution authorized the Treasurer to transfer \$150,000.00 from the Water Fund Balance to pay the difference between the selling price and the appraised value, with future funding to be adjusted as needed, and

WHEREAS, said Resolution authorized the above transfer from the Water Fund Balance to F.1940.900, Purchase of Land Water Fund, and

WHEREAS, the subject property has appraised at lower than expected amounts, and

WHEREAS, a closing of this transaction is expected in the near future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that it's previous Resolution, #160-20, is hereby amended to authorize the Treasurer to transfer an additional \$240,000.00 from the Water Fund Balance to F.1940.900, Purchase of Land Water Fund, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to appropriate the funds necessary to pay the purchase price of \$500,000.00, plus adjustments and fees, in order to close on the subject property.

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

45-21 Resolution to declare a 2000 Ford Pick-Up from DPW vehicle surplus.

On motion of Ald. Tobin seconded by Ald. Masi

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to declare the following vehicle surplus from DPW and authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to dispose of the vehicle in the most advantageous way to the City since it is non-repairable and no use to the City:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE/MODEL</u>	<u>VIN#</u>
2000	Ford Pick Up	1FTWX33F9YEC47023

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

46-21 Resolution to award the bids for Street Materials.

On motion of Ald. Green seconded by Ald. Ramkissoo

WHEREAS, bids were opened by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on February 11, 2021, for the Street Materials, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment referred the bids to the Commissioner of Public Works for his review and recommendation to the Common Council of the City of Middletown, and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works recommends to the Common Council that the bid be awarded to the as per the attached memo dated February 16, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Commissioner of Public Works and awards the bid for the Street Materials to the following:

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

Screened Gravel: Stockpile @ \$17.20/ton; Plant @ \$15.20/ton
N.Y.S. Item 304-2.02: Stockpile @ \$16.10/ton; Plant @ \$14.10/ton
Crushed Stone: #2 Stockpile @ \$19.35/ton; Plant @ \$17.35/ton
Crushed Stone: #3 Stockpile @ \$18.55/ton; Plant @ \$16.15/ton
Rip rap (light stone fill): Plant @ \$19.50/ton
Run of Bank Gravel delivered to various locations @ \$15.50/cu. yd.
Run of Bank Gravel loaded on City trucks @ \$14.70/cu. yd.

Callanan Industries 93 Sullivan Rd, Monticello NY 12701:

N.Y.S. Item 304-2.02: Plant @ \$10.00/ton- at the discretion of the Commissioner
Crushed Stone: #2 Plant @ \$13.00/ton- at the discretion of the Commissioner
Crushed Stone: #3 Plant @ \$12.85/ton- at the discretion of the Commissioner
Rip rap (light stone fill): Plant @ \$13.80/ton-at the discretion of the Commissioner

E. Tetz & Sons, Inc. /Tetz Asphalt 130 Crotty Rd., Middletown, NY 10941:

Screened & Washed Sand: Stockpile @ \$19.75/ton; Plant @ \$17.50/ton
Rip rap (light stone fill): Stockpile @ \$20.00/ton
NYS Item 403.16 Top Course Type 6: F.O.B @ \$67.00/ton-due to close proximity of Plant & to preserve temperature of Asphalt
NYS Item 403.18 T.C. Type 7: F.O.B. @ \$68.00/ton
NYS Item 403.14 A.C.B.C. Type 4: F.O.B @ \$66.00/ton
NYS Item 403.13 A.C.B.C. Type 3: F.O.B @ \$66.00/ton- due to close proximity of the Plant & to preserve temperature of Asphalt
NYS Item 403.11 B.C. Type 1: F.O.B @ \$65.00/ton- due to close proximity of the Plant & to preserve temperature of Asphalt
NYS Item 403.12 B.C. Type 2: F.O.B @ \$65.00/ton- due to close proximity of the Plant & to preserve temperature of Asphalt
Asphalt pre-mix for cold patching: F.O.B @ \$125.00/ton

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

47-21 Resolution to renew a contract with CherryRoad Technologies Inc. for information technology support services for the City.

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to renew the attached contract with CherryRoad Technologies Inc. for information technology support services for the City of Middletown for 2021 and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached contract.

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

48-21 Resolution to approve an agreement with Pets Alive.

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon seconded by Ald. Johnson

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the attached agreement with Pets Alive to provide shelter for dogs seized within the City of Middletown for the year of 2021 with no increase from past years.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for the 2021 period.

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

49-21 Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Title III-B Transportation Agreement with the County of Orange.

On motion of Ald. Jean-Francois seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached contract with the County of Orange for the City of Middletown III-B Transportation Agreement for the Mulberry Senior Center.

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

50.21 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$82,986.30 within the 2021 budget to cover the exclusion of the 2014 Bond Interest due in 2021.

On motion of Ald. Kleiner seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$82,986.30 within the 2021 budget to cover the exclusion of the 2014 Bond Interest due in 2021 with applying the extra budgeted in Health Insurance since the 2021 Rates came in lower than anticipated in the following manner:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
A.9000.860	\$82,986.30	A.9710.701
Health Insurance		Interest on Indebtedness

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

51-21 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$2,425.92 within the 2020 DPW budget to cover payment of chemical purchases.

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Johnson

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$2,425.92 within the 2020 DPW budget to cover payment of chemical purchases in the following manner:

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
G.8130.415	\$2,425.92	G.8130.458
Light & Heat		Chemicals

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

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

52.21 Resolution of an addition to the AAA transportation contract with the County providing an additional \$3,386 to the existing agreement and request authorization for the Mayor to sign.

On motion of Ald. Kleiner seconded by Ald. Tobin

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment an approval of an add on to the AAA transportation contract with the County providing an additional \$3,386 to the existing agreement and request authorization for the Mayor to sign.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkisson, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-8

Absent: Ald. Burr-1

53-21 Resolution to hereby ratify and adopt a plan for police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices as per the Governor's Executive Order No. 23.

On motion of Ald. Kleiner seconded by Ald. Green

WHEREAS, on or about June 12, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed Executive Order No. 23 ("EO 203"), and

WHEREAS, EO 203 required the City of Middletown to perform a review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices, and to develop a plan to improve same, and

WHEREAS, EO 203 required the City to develop the aforesaid plan to meet the goals of mitigating police-involved deaths and racially biased law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, EO 203 required the City to convene certain defined interested persons to develop such plan, and

WHEREAS, EO 203 required the City to offer the final developed plan for public comment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that the Council hereby confirms that the above review was performed, that the above plan was developed with the required input by interested persons, and offered for public comment on February 16, 2021, and it is further

RESOLVED that the above plan has been presented to the Council, along with any submitted comments, and it is further

RESOLVED that after due consideration, the Council hereby ratifies and adopts the above plan, a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution and made a part hereof, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to transmit to the Director of the Division of the Budget a certification that the City has complied with the above requirements of EO 203 and that the Council has ratified and adopted the annexed plan.

COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

I, John C. Naumchik, City Clerk and Common Council Clerk of the City of Middletown, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Common Council at a meeting duly called and held at City Hall on _____ by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the City of Middletown, New York, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

John C. Naumchik
City Clerk
Clerk of the Common Council
City of Middletown, NY

Seal

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

54-21 Resolution to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to use his best judgment in adding temporary part time employees or hire private contractors to affect the clearing of sidewalks or cutting and clearing vegetation's from private locations that are in violations of City code.

On motion of Ald. Jean-Francois seconded by Ald. Kleiner

Whereas the Common Council recognizes that during certain times of the year, there will be unusual high demand for City employees manpower to address snow/ice un-shoveled sidewalks and the like following snow/Ice storm event in the winter or high grass at individual properties in spring during the growing season, in violation of City Code...

Be it resolved that the Common Council authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to use his best judgment in adding temporary part time employees or hire private contractors to affect the clearing of sidewalks or cutting and clearing vegetation's from private locations that are in violations of City code, per City Code.

Be it further resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the cost of said services will be billed to property owner per current provisions of the code. Violators may be taken to Court for additional fines per City Code. The Treasurer will set up a new account and include \$10,000 of seed funding for this additional temporary part time staffing/private contracting. Said account will be funded automatically up to the \$10,000 level whenever the account remaining balance drops below \$5,000.00.

FROM	Amount	To
General Fund Balance	\$10,000.00	A.1490.400
		Contractual Services

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green, Pres. Rodrigues-6
 Noes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Masi-2
 Absent: Ald. Burr-1

55-21 Resolution to accept the bid for the construction of 8-10 Mulberry Street.

On motion of Ald. Green seconded by Ald. Jean-Francois

WHEREAS, the City requested proposals for construction in connection with the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Warming Station Project, and

Whereas, bids were received and opened.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept the bid from E&A Contracting, P.O. Box 175, Montgomery, New York, and to specifically award as follows:

General Contractor	\$29,880.00
Acoustical Ceiling	\$13,300.00
Flooring	\$ 6,740.00
Doors	\$39,750.00 (24 doors at a unit price of \$1,656.25,

with the understanding that the City may award some or all of the doors at this unit price)

And it is further Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to sign a contract with E&A Contracting to implement the above awards.

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

56-21 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$400,000.00 to make selected vendor payments for work on the Parking and Erie Way capital projects.

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$4000,000.00 to make selected vendor payments for work on the Parking and Erie Way capital projects which after completion there is a \$250,000 reimbursement grant anticipated from Assemblywoman Gunther's office.

From	Amount	TO
General Fund	\$400,000	H.944
		Parking and Erie Way Capital

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

13. Local Law (Nothing this Evening)

14. Audit

President Rodrigues:
Audit.

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

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Masi, seconded by Ald. Green.
Roll:

John Naumchik:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ramkissoon	x			
Tobin	x			
Kleiner	x			
Johnson	x			
Jean-Francois	x			
Burr	x			
Green	x			
Masi	x			
President Rodrigues	x			

Resolution passes.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business
Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sisco