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Ald. Gerald Kleiner
Ald. Paul Johnson
Ald. Kate Ramkissoo
Ald. Sparrow Tobin
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1 1. Pledge of Allegiance

2 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Roll.

3 2. Roll Call

4 Roll Call: Ramkisson, Tobin, Kleiner,
5 Johnson, Jean-Francois, Burr, Green, Masi, President
6 Rodrigues.

7 3. Approval of Minutes.

8 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Approval of minutes.

9 **COUNCIL CLERK:** Tonight we have the minutes
10 from Council from October 19th, 2021.

11 **ALD. MASI:** So moved.

12 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Motion by Alderman Masi,
13 seconded by Alderman Tobin. All in favor?

14 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye.

15 4. Correspondence, Communications and Reports

16 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Correspondence.

17 **COUNCIL CLERK:** Nothing this evening.

18 5. For the Good of the City

19 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. For the Good of
20 the City. Anyone who would like to address the council,
21 please step forward.

22 Eileen, do we have anybody online? Okay.

23 6. Remarks of the Mayor.

24 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay, Remarks of the
25 Mayor.

1 **MAYOR DESTEFANO:** Good evening. Our treasurer,
2 Kelly Ann, went through this with the Finance Committee
3 previous to the meeting. And last week we had a public
4 hearing of the Board of Estimate. I just wanted to give
5 a quick walkthrough for the public regarding the 2002 --
6 '22 budget.

7 As you can see on the screen, the increase of
8 the operations are on the left. The '21 column is on the
9 left, the '22 column is on the right. And it gives the
10 five major categories on page -- on that page.

11 And we go onto the next page and we carry on
12 with pensions, workman comp, health insurance, and
13 payroll taxes. The big one to look at here is health
14 insurance. And that's up 17.17 percent or not 17.17
15 percent of our budget and up a little bit. But we can
16 possibly -- probably anticipate a increase sometime mid-
17 year. What we're hearing out of Albany is that the rates
18 are going to go higher possibly than they originally
19 anticipated. And we had some kind of word today that
20 that may happen, probably will happen, no definitive
21 word. So I don't want to mislead you that during the
22 year we will probably be doing a budget fund balance
23 transfer to make up the -- the adjustment that's
24 necessary. So payroll taxes are -- our -- our health
25 insurance is a huge cost.

1 And we go onto the next page and that will give
2 you a recap of the increase in tax rate. It is 1.7
3 percent. It's under the cap. The estimate household,
4 the average household will go up \$55. And a water and
5 sewer rate will go up 17 -- 17 cents from \$17 combined to
6 \$17.17.

7 The next slide is the tax cap and the variance
8 of the tax cap. That's a formula by the State. But the
9 rate is up 1.7. This includes other factors. And, but
10 we are still within the State tax cap limits. So we
11 will be voting on that this evening. And I believe it
12 did pass the committee unanimously.

13 So I would take any questions on it now if you
14 had any questions on the budget if you would like.

15 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for the
16 Mayor on the budget?

17 **MAYOR DESTEFANO:** Well, I wanted to thank the
18 Board of Estimate, Miguel and Mr. Masi, for their work on
19 it along with our Treasurer Kelly Ann and her office, her
20 deputy Lenora.

21 The next issue is the Christmas tree arrival.
22 We had Saturday morning a big arrival into downtown. As
23 you can see in the left is everyone recognizes John
24 Perino. That's the Interim Superintendent Kelly Creeden
25 or Kelly, I got Kelly behind me -- Amy Creeden and along

1 with her son. The Middletown School District did donate
2 the tree this year. It's the tree that was off of Wisner
3 and Grand and Wisner -- Wisner, Grand and Irwin. John
4 Degnan has been after this tree for many, many years, but
5 it wasn't until the school district is proposing to do a
6 bus loop in that area that it became available.

7 So on the right you see the city crews led by
8 Ross Mastria, the incoming Deputy replacing Mark Pengel.
9 And they all did a wonderful job.

10 On the left here, the guy in the Green Bay
11 jacket is me and Maria Bruni and her department, John
12 Naumchik. So we had a lot of volunteers. The volunteers
13 on the right did not do anything to bring the tree in,
14 neither did the guy in the green jacket.

15 So we want to say a special thanks to all these
16 companies because it -- it was a project. This took
17 about probably two-and-a-half hours, at least, to go from
18 the high school on Grand Avenue to the location here on
19 West Main Street. Aspen Tree Service has been doing it
20 for many years. And this is all donated time and
21 services, regional trucking. They had a 50, I think, a
22 55-foot long trailer that it was on. And the tree took
23 up every bit of that trailer. Light Bright Signs
24 offering their -- their crane. And, of course, thanking
25 the Middletown School District and Superintendent Creeden

1 along with Middletown DPW, Middletown Police Department.

2 It was a long process, but it will all
3 culminate on an event on -- and the ceremony, our annual
4 ceremony on November 26. This will be -- the tree will
5 be decorated this Saturday by Rotolo Electric. Again,
6 another donation by a local Middletown business. And
7 with the labor being provided by the International
8 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 363 and
9 they will be donating their time this Saturday.

10 And the Christmas tree lighting will be on the
11 26th. It will begin at 6 p.m. If your organization is
12 looking to march in the parade that will begin down by
13 Garcia's Market, you must get -- reach out to Maria's
14 office and she will put you in contact with the people.
15 You cannot just show up and march in the parade. You
16 have to be preregistered. And there are guidelines and
17 rules that you will have to follow to be in the parade.
18 But we're hoping for a huge turnout. And I'm sure we
19 will have one especially -- if weather cooperates.

20 We also will be having on November 29th the
21 menorah lighting at Run for Downtown Park. This is, I
22 believe, our third or fourth, last year cancelled by
23 COVID where we did just a small event. But the -- this
24 will be done in the -- in the park area right next to
25 Something Sweet. And we call it the Middletown Festival

1 of Lights. So, hopefully, many of you will be also to
2 attend that. And the public is invited to that also.

3 Moving onto the next slide is the warming
4 station. This Friday on November 19th at 11 a.m. we will
5 be having a ribbon cutting for the warming station. And
6 it will be opening for the winter season on Sunday,
7 November 21st. That will be the first night it's in
8 operation.

9 As you know, the City has made a significant
10 investment in the building. And we -- last year we were
11 hearing a lot of input from neighbors around the temple.
12 And I think everything ended up working out in the end.
13 But we heard the voices of the neighbors and the concerns
14 and we certainly addressed it. And I think the -- you'll
15 be happy with the end product. If you haven't been
16 there, there's been a significant amount of work there.
17 And I wanted to thank Jerry and Andrew for your
18 commitment in helping getting this relocated from the
19 temple. And I wanted to thank the temple for stepping up
20 last year and providing the service. I know the rabbi
21 who is no longer here was very much the vocal point of a
22 lot of community anger from certain parts of the
23 community. But it looks like everything worked out and
24 we are now locating them into a permanent headquarters.

25 And as Maria pointed out last week, this

1 project has been identified by HUD as a -- as a national
2 model. And she did make a presentation. One of five
3 communities on the use of COVID funds. And that
4 presentation is being forwarded to Congress. So I think
5 we all did a job well done, but especially I think you
6 guys put up with a lot, so we appreciate your -- your
7 efforts.

8 If you've had the opportunity to run by the or
9 ride by the old Nina's building where Nina's Restaurant
10 was located and you don't see that ugly green metal or
11 whatever it was, aluminum up in the top, that's because
12 this is the final DRI façade restoration project. This
13 is the last of them. We had two in the cooker there.
14 But the one on Union Street has pulled out. They've made
15 other plans to do a different type of project. So this
16 is -- this is it.

17 And, actually, this was the poster child of our
18 DRI Programs from the beginning. And we were hoping that
19 it would happen. It did. What's underneath really has
20 surprised a lot of people. Most of us knew from our
21 pictures from the Historical Society what the place would
22 look like. We didn't know it was going to be in as good
23 as shape as this though.

24 I don't know what possessed them to cover what
25 you see on the right with what you see on the left. But

1 I guess that's a mystery that will never be solved.
2 Maybe Mr. Masi will recall when it happened, but it's a
3 mystery that will never be solved. But this building is
4 really going to be a standout building for -- for the
5 downtown and for the City. It's an iconic building and
6 will fall right in line with -- with the O -- O&W Station
7 project.

8 As you know, the Federal Infrastructure Bill
9 has passed and has been signed by President -- President
10 Biden yesterday. We're trying to identify what -- what's
11 in it for us because there's a lot in it for a lot of
12 people. As you know, Congressman Maloney had announced a
13 couple of projects. We don't know if they're
14 specifically in the bill. I did contact his office and
15 ask for a breakdown. I don't believe that breakdown is
16 available yet to our level, to the municipal level. But
17 there will be significant money, infrastructure money, in
18 this bill for cities like Middletown. And that will
19 include led pipe issues, our water and sewer projects and
20 other infrastructure projects.

21 I did read one article that there may be
22 sidewalk money in this bill which would be very
23 significant, I think, for us because we have a lot of
24 communities, neighborhoods in our city that need
25 sidewalks. I haven't been able to confirm that, but I --

1 I did read one article on it. And, you know, the last
2 time the Federal Government made large blocks of sidewalk
3 money available was way back, I think, before Reagan.
4 And so that's -- and you can see the condition of
5 sidewalks in some of the urban centers. It shows.

6 So we're -- at least I'm very happy and I'm
7 sure all of us are that the Infrastructure Bill did pass.
8 It's 1.2 trillion. It's a lot of money, the biggest bill
9 ever. I want to congratulate the President and Congress
10 for -- and Congressman Maloney for -- and Senator Schumer
11 for a job well done. And now it's our job to lobby
12 Congressman Maloney and Senator Schumer to bring some of
13 that bacon back into Middletown. And we'll be doing
14 that.

15 So if you have an opportunity, drop him a line,
16 drop him an email and let him know that it's important
17 for us to work on our infrastructure here also.

18 The COVID is -- is not away -- didn't go away.
19 We're still concerned about the -- the conditions. We
20 still have our masking in effect in City Hall. I know
21 not all of us are doing it all the time and myself
22 included, but we all need to do a better job because the
23 numbers are up. I see the numbers in the surrounding
24 schools and all schools in Orange County are up. And
25 we've had some of our police, some of our fire, and some

1 of our DPW workers are all out again on COVID including
2 some of their family members.

3 So, please pay attention to it. We have almost
4 926 deaths in Orange County alone and close to 800,000
5 deaths in the United States. So Europe now is back --
6 going back into lockdowns. So we -- we need to make, you
7 know, pay attention and make sure that we continue to
8 take this as -- as serious as we did throughout the
9 process. And so I'm just asking people to remember to
10 wear the mask as much as possible when you're in a group
11 or when you're in a crowd. And when you're in City Hall,
12 we do have signs coming in. We have a single point of
13 entry. You need to have a mask to enter the building.
14 If you do not have a mask, you cannot get served. And
15 that's for the protection of our employees and of other
16 people that are in the building.

17 So if you're coming to City Hall or any of the
18 city buildings, please wear a mask. All of our employees
19 are being reminded of the protocols that are required
20 within the buildings in the -- in the public parts of the
21 building. And we also encourage you if you haven't been
22 vaccinated to get vaccinated. If you have been
23 vaccinated and eligible for the booster, please consider
24 doing so.

25 That's all I have, if you have any questions.

1 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for the
2 Mayor?

3 Alderman Burr.

4 **ALD. BURR:** Joe, with the upcoming holiday, are
5 we going to implement using the blue can as garbage?

6 **MAYOR DESTEFANO:** Yes. Jacob and I are
7 finalizing a plan that's around Christmas time we'll be
8 definitely doing it. We probably will have to do
9 something the following week of Thanksgiving too because
10 I'm assuming that Thanksgiving is going to produce a
11 large amount of -- a large amount of trash.

12 But Jacob is -- he's the guy that came up with
13 it. It's not such a complicated plan. It's just that
14 that two weeks that -- the week following Thanksgiving
15 and the week following Christmas that we will be doing
16 additional pick up, not additional, but using the blue
17 cans for -- for household garbage. But we'll -- we'll
18 make the announcement and firm it all up.

19 Any other questions? Thank you.

20 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you.

21 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you.

22 7. Remarks of Department Heads

23 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Remarks of Department
24 Heads, Economic Development.

25 **MARI BRUNI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Good

1 evening. Just a couple of things. The Paramount Theatre
2 we've been moving forward with our movie program and it's
3 been doing quite well. And we've been released another
4 first-run movie. We're going to start showing King
5 Richard starting this Friday, so hope everybody comes
6 out. We'll be showing it for a couple weeks.

7 I have a couple of items on the agenda tonight
8 for your support. And one of them I want to note that
9 the Business Improvement District has donated \$25,000
10 towards the all-terrain liter compact urban cleaning
11 vehicle. And that's -- we're getting one for the
12 downtown area which is electric and the Business
13 Improvement District, the Board of Directors authorized a
14 donation of \$25,000 to be applied towards that unit.

15 And that's about it I have for tonight.

16 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for Maria?
17 Thank you, Maria.

18 **MARI BRUNI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Thank you.

19 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you, Maria.

20 DPW Commissioner.

21 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Good evening,
22 all. Start off I'm going to run through the capital
23 projects very quickly. Number one, Alderman Masi, the
24 reservoirs are 100 percent full.

25 So the capital projects, please stop me or ask

1 me questions if you have any one -- any question about
2 any of them. West Main Street Bridge, basically, it's
3 progressing very nicely. The culvert is in and they are
4 building the wing walls. Excuse me.

5 The water treatment plan pump station, the work
6 is almost completed. Some electrical work remains to be
7 completed and then we'll do the start up. That's the
8 water treatment plan pump station.

9 Waste water treatment plant, screw pumps and
10 pump stations, two of them, primary and secondary, we did
11 the last start up today for the last screw pump. So from
12 now on, hopefully, once we figure out all the bugs within
13 the system that will be the end of it. And hopefully I
14 will not have to report to you any more about those screw
15 pumps because I've been reporting to you about -- for
16 about two years about the status of this project. That's
17 how long it took.

18 Grand Street culvert, there were some issues in
19 there; a fuel storage tank, uncovered and so on and so
20 forth on the property, in the private property. And
21 we're in coordination with the Cornerstone Community
22 Health Center. That slowed us -- slowed us down a little
23 bit, but we're moving along nicely now with installing
24 the culvert on Grand Street.

25 The water line project, it's moving again on

1 and off. We have some issues with it, but it is moving
2 along.

3 Davidge Park expansion, the fields are
4 constructed. And, basically, we're going to be starting
5 -- one contractor will be gone very soon I hope and then
6 the new contractor will start with the electric work.
7 Parks and Recreation would be doing the excavation for
8 the electrical contractor. And -- and the City decided
9 to do that in order to save money.

10 Dams, we have several dams are being upgraded.
11 The plans, the design plans are in progress right now.
12 One or two projects are ready to go out for bid. We're
13 finalizing them and we'll keep you posted. Hopefully
14 with the infrastructure funds that the Mayor was speaking
15 of, hopefully we'll be able to find some money to fund
16 those dams projects and the future water line
17 replacements, sewer line replacement, drainage.

18 We're getting ready with all different packages
19 in there to submit immediately once they ask, so we can
20 be somewhat ready. We've been successful in the past and
21 I hope -- I trust that we will be successful in the
22 future to get more money.

23 Reminder about the safety of the pedestrians
24 and the children and the school students in there with
25 the piling the leaves in the street. Please keep it as

1 close as possible to the sidewalk away from the
2 intersections until we can come and pick them up. We're
3 trying to do many things, you know, at the same time
4 during the end of the season.

5 And so with that, I will -- I want to conclude
6 with some remarks about Alderman Tom Burr. I have worked
7 with Alderman since 2005. And, you know, he's been -- he
8 decided not to run for office again. And I just want to
9 take the time to thank him. He's been honorable
10 gentleman and there he's been -- he's been there for the
11 City putting his, really, truly his heart and soul into
12 his job as an elected official, all the time in touch
13 with me bringing to my attention any -- any issues in his
14 ward or sometimes through the City. He's been straight
15 forward, never played any games. All the time his heart
16 is in the right place to help his constituents and to
17 help the City. And -- and he'll be missed. I know
18 you're not going too far from us, but I will sincerely
19 miss you. I thank you so much for being so honest and so
20 honorable. And it was an honor dealing with you.

21 You have any questions?

22 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for Jacob?

23 Alderman Kleiner.

24 **ALD. KLEINER:** Jacob, could you just go over
25 what you told me about the -- the Thanksgiving we'll have

1 regular -- Thanksgiving will be the holiday, but that
2 Friday even though City Hall is closed they'll be regular
3 pickup starting then so.

4 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** You presented
5 it very well, absolutely. So -- so, yes, Thursday,
6 that's the only day -- so the garbage, whoever was due to
7 be picked upon Thursday, I think that would be the 1st,
8 1st Ward will be picked up on Friday. Although City Hall
9 is closed, but sanitation department will be working.
10 And then recycling will be picked up on -- on Saturday.

11 **ALD. KLEINER:** On Saturday.

12 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Yep.

13 **ALD. KLEINER:** Thank you.

14 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** So that's the
15 plan.

16 And look out for an Excel or -- or some
17 notification on the -- on our website like the Mayor was
18 saying if it's decided to use the -- to be permitted to
19 allow the blue can to be used possibly the week after.
20 Just keep an eye on it like the Mayor has said.

21 **ALD. KLEINER:** Thank you.

22 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Jean-Francois.

23 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Yes, Commissioner, how you
24 doing? First of all, I want to say your department is
25 doing a wonderful job --

1 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Thank you, sir.

2 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** -- the street department.

3 But in front of Waywayanda, in front of post office, I
4 noticed Orange and Rockland is responsible to pave. Are
5 they planning on doing that any time soon before the
6 winter?

7 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Yes, yeah.
8 We've been after them. I mean, that -- that location
9 really, Council President would -- would be interested in
10 that. We made them backfill with K-Krete at that
11 location. It's still -- because the surface restoration
12 was so poor that we would have done it. It's not -- it's
13 not -- we've been arguing with them and they promised to
14 get it paved. Now their schedule is possibly towards the
15 end of this week, early or next week. That's where we
16 are. We keep applying pressure on them, pushing to try
17 to pave it. But that -- that excavation was backfilled
18 with K-Krete control density fill which means it doesn't
19 allow it to settle. But, I mean, look at it now, it's
20 not the most pleasant way to drive.

21 Also, we're not very happy about the surface
22 restoration of the contractor of Monhagen Avenue. And
23 right now we're dealing with some legal issues there.
24 And possibly some issues is going to be done with the
25 pipe itself, so we're not sure that surface restoration

1 is going to be final. I can't get in to too much because
2 we are with attorneys and all that stuff, but we're not
3 happy about that surface restoration either on Monhagen
4 which is done by city contractor. You know, it's a
5 struggle with all these projects, but we're getting
6 there. But thank you for bringing that up though.

7 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Thank you, Commissioner.

8 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** And thank you
9 for being around to -- to go around and check all -- all
10 these infrastructure projects. You've been going with me
11 now a few times to see it for yourself and I appreciate
12 that very much.

13 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Great. And -- and the
14 pump from the waste department treatment was -- actually
15 was installed today? Was it operable?

16 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Yes, yes. It's
17 doing very well. The screw pump, the last screw pump,
18 the last start up, yes, it went very well today.

19 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Thank you.

20 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

21 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Anyone else? Thank you,
22 Jacob.

23 Fire Chief.

24 **NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF:** Nothing this evening.

25 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for the

1 Fire Chief? All right.

2 City Treasurer.

3 **KELLY ANN KELLY, CITY TREASURER:** I don't have
4 anything this evening unless you have anything for me.

5 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for Kelly?
6 Thank you.

7 Superintendent of Recreation.

8 **RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION:**
9 Good evening. Our winter programs are up and online.
10 Painting classes, cartooning, martial arts, lots of free
11 fitness classes to anyone who lives in the City of
12 Middletown or attends Middletown schools. We highly
13 encourage families to take advantage of these free
14 fitness classes that we have for -- for the youth and
15 teens.

16 We have our winter break program online. The
17 kids have no school Monday, December 27th to -- a full
18 week until Friday, December 31st. Kindergarten through
19 eighth grade and that's from 8 a.m. to 4:30, winter break
20 program. And, again, registration is up online for that.

21 That is all.

22 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for
23 Raelynn? Thank you.

24 Corporation Counsel.

25 **ALEX SMITH, CORPORATION COUNSEL:** And I don't

1 have anything this evening unless anybody has any
2 questions.

3 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Glad to see you. Any
4 questions for Mr. Smith?

5 City -- City Clerk.

6 **JOHN NAUMCHIK, CITY CLERK:** I have nothing this
7 evening either. Thank you.

8 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for John?
9 All right.

10 8. Public Hearings and Grievances.

11 (Nothing this evening.)

12 9. Petitions and Complaints

13 (Nothing this evening.)

14 10. Remarks of the Alderman.

15 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Remarks of
16 Alderman. Alderman Masi.

17 **ALD. MASI:** Good evening. The Finance
18 Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the 2022
19 budget. I'm sorry. The Finance Committee had a meeting
20 earlier this evening to discuss the 2022 budget for the
21 City of Middletown. I would like to thank Treasurer
22 Kelly, Ms. Candella (phonetic) from the Finance
23 Department, and all the department heads who met with
24 Mayor DeStefano, President Rodrigues, Treasurer Kelly,
25 and myself to put together this budget. And I am hoping

1 that Council will vote later tonight to adopt the 2022
2 budget.

3 I would also like to thank the American Legion
4 Post 151 and American Legion Post 1181 for their Veterans
5 Day celebrations along with the Middletown Elks Lodge.

6 And, finally, while I was at Post 151 with --
7 with the Mayor, he was at both of the celebrations as I
8 was, I was approached and asked what could possibly be
9 done to switch the annual Memorial Day parade to the
10 annual Veterans Day parade. Now, please remember this is
11 in its infancy. I had no idea it was a problem before
12 and it's not that it's a problem, it's just that most
13 people feel and I did look up the difference between the
14 two and they thought that Memorial Day, the members of
15 151 and I did speak to some of the Council members and it
16 seems to make sense. I don't know where it's going to
17 go, but I will open up a dialog and I'm hoping that we
18 will get some response from some other people.

19 But if you look up the meanings of Memorial Day
20 versus Veterans Day, Memorial Day is a day of
21 remembrance, remembering the men and women who died while
22 serving in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day
23 is an official US holiday which honors the people who
24 have served in the Armed Services throughout the years
25 and they're considered veterans.

1 And their idea out there was that Memorial Day
2 was much more solemn and not a celebratory where Veterans
3 Day is. And they wondering is there ever a possibility.
4 And -- and I say I will at least look into it.

5 And the other thing I did and, of course,
6 people brought up well, November the weather could be a
7 factor. I went back 10 years for November 11th from the
8 hours from 10:00 to 1:00 and believe it or not there was
9 only one day where there was light rain. There was one
10 day when it was in the low 30s. Most of the time it was
11 in the mid-50s up to 60, but cloudy.

12 So I don't know where this is going to go and I
13 don't want people to say, well, you're trying to do it.
14 I was approached. I said I will investigate. I will
15 throw it out there. And anyone that wants to comment
16 whatsoever from the public, please reach out to me. But
17 that's something that 151 had asked. And I want to thank
18 both of the Posts for their Veterans Day celebrations and
19 everyone who attended. Thank you very much.

20 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you. Alderman
21 Tobin.

22 **ALD. TOBIN:** I would just like to thank the
23 residents for reelecting Jude and I for another term.
24 The 4th Ward is large from Anthony Street to High Barney.
25 And we work hard for every one of our residents, no

1 matter their party, we try to solve problems with the
2 assistance of the Council President, the Mayor, the
3 department heads and find solutions. And I think the
4 voters recognize that. And I'd like to thank them for
5 their confidence in us and let them know I'm honored to
6 serve another term.

7 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Green.

8 **ALD. GREEN:** Thank you very much. Yeah, I'll
9 echo that. Just, you know, thank you to the voters. I
10 look forward to serving another term with the majority of
11 this -- this council. And, Alderman Burr, I won't say my
12 good-byes just yet. You're stuck with us a little while
13 longer. So congratulations to everyone who did win and
14 look forward to serving again another term with
15 Councilman Elect Witt coming on. It will be nice to
16 serve with him as well.

17 And thank you to everyone that came out to our
18 constituents meeting. We had a pretty good crowd. A lot
19 got done.

20 And I think that's all I have. You know, just
21 really excited actually. I just wanted to mention about
22 the Nina's building. I did notice all the -- all the
23 workman there and everything going up. And I just
24 happened to be driving by when they pulled off the first
25 panel and thought I had almost crashed my car because I

1 couldn't believe how beautiful it was underneath after
2 all these years. So a wonderful project and -- and,
3 certainly, the perfect final project to be done for the
4 façade. So a lot of great things coming and just the
5 final part of just a little bit of it so. I look forward
6 to what's next. Thanks.

7 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Johnson.

8 **ALD. JOHNSON:** Thank you. I, too, I think
9 Alderman Ramkissoo and I we reached out to our last
10 constituents in this last election and we appreciate the
11 opportunity to serve once again for the next two years.

12 On a good note, I drove past the Paramount the
13 other night when the marquee was lit up and the doors,
14 it's just amazing, it really is. So congratulations to
15 all to bringing that project to fruition.

16 On a note-so-good note, as most of you know, I
17 live in Pilgrims Estate and I drive past the post office
18 every morning on my way to work at the Animal Health
19 Center. And it's horrendous. It's not just bad, it's
20 horrendous. So hopefully we will not have to wait months
21 or a year to have that rectified. So I'm sure Jacob is
22 working on it, but it's -- did I say horrendous, yeah,
23 it's horrendous.

24 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** I thought you said the
25 post office is horrendous.

1 **ALD. JOHNSON:** From Pilgrims Estates down --
2 well, you mentioned it, but I just wanted to agree with
3 you. It's almost not drivable. So do your best. Thank
4 you very much.

5 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Ramkissoo.

6 **ALD. RAMKISSOON:** I'm just going to echo that
7 real quick because 3rd Ward person who drives Monhagan
8 and Waywayonda often it's four wheel drive bad and even
9 then it's -- it's just not fun. So my sympathies to for
10 the people who actually live directly on those roads and
11 it's unavoidable. It's -- it's not a fun time, so I hope
12 that we're able to come to some conclusion because O & R
13 really enjoys ripping our roads apart that we work very
14 hard to keep very nice.

15 For Election Day, I just want to say thank you
16 again to those who came out to support Paul and I. We
17 love doing the work all these years and we make a pretty
18 solid team. So it's -- it's been a pleasure. We've
19 enjoyed talking to you guys. It's nice to hear the
20 feedback. And everyone seems to be on the same page here
21 in Middletown that we're all moving in the right
22 direction. And great things happen here regularly.
23 We're just onward and upward and it's awesome.

24 I think that's all I have for this evening.
25 I'm going to leave it at that. I had a great time at the

1 Veterans service. There was some powerful speeches
2 there. I agree with Alderman Masi about, you know,
3 making the shift to celebrate veterans on the day that
4 it's more celebratory and honorable than a time of
5 memoriam. I'm a proud granddaughter of a veteran.
6 Someone, you know, one of our veterans at the service
7 made a speech about reaching out and making sure you stay
8 in contact with them and check in. I lost a childhood
9 friend who was a Marine who took his own life for just
10 those very reasons for what he went through. And it's
11 just, it's very sad. And there are too many of them
12 doing that. And I just think that's important that we
13 all be aware. You know, just because it's not always the
14 funny revision, just make sure it's never gone. That's
15 all I have.

16 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Kleiner.

17 **ALD. KLEINER:** Thank you. I'd also like to
18 thank, excuse me, Jim Scaley and all the people who put
19 on the Veterans Day service at the Elks Club. It's very
20 nice. And they have been talking about the idea of doing
21 a Veteran's Day parade for -- for some time now. So
22 we'll see -- we'll see where that goes.

23 It was nice to see the Bull's Opera House come
24 back to life and get that green shell off it. And I'm
25 sure as they keep working on it, it's really going to be

1 quite -- quite a site to see. It's from the Historical
2 Society perspective, yeah, it really looks good.

3 Tommy, you've got two more meetings, so I'm
4 going to let that go until December.

5 And the voting in Middletown, I really want to
6 thank the voters of the 2nd Ward as Alderman Green said.
7 We -- we were and it was nice to be uncontested for one
8 election. But we still had, I think, a 34 percent
9 turnout in the 2nd Ward. I think the county average was
10 26 percent. So for uncontested race, we really thank the
11 people because we encouraged everyone to come out and
12 vote. It was important. There were propositions. There
13 were county races. And -- and we -- when we look around
14 the country, we have people trying to make it so much
15 harder to vote. It's important to keep that in mind and
16 don't let a time go by where you don't.

17 And the warming station will be Friday. I hope
18 it won't be too cold Friday morning, but it's getting
19 cold. They still need overnight volunteers. You can
20 always go on line to Middletownwarmingstation.com, the
21 information is all there about how to sign up.

22 And, lastly, I just wish everyone a happy and
23 safe Thanksgiving. And hope you have a really nice
24 holiday. Thank you.

25 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Jean-Francois.

1 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Thank you. Good evening.
2 I'm excited to have been here to won another election as
3 an Alderman in the 4th Ward. Despite the challenges of
4 the virus, people turn out to make their voices heard.
5 And the team, our team and our party have worked hard and
6 fought hard for the people in Middletown and we won.

7 I want to thank the Mayor especially for his
8 support and the leadership and also President Rodrigues
9 and my fellow Alderman, Sparrow Tobin which I corroborate
10 with running together. Great job, Sparrow.

11 Our theme in Middletown is moving -- keeping
12 Middletown moving forward. Once a resident with the
13 people of Middletown of the community, we are doing a
14 public safety, sustainable public works, economic
15 development and all the things we have done and all the
16 things we will do for the people in Middletown.

17 I look forward to this new term as a special
18 thanks for the people of Middletown. I believe in my
19 party and it turned out to voters. I promise to continue
20 to work hard, fight hard to keep Middletown moving
21 forward. I would like everyone to say with me with the
22 them we ran this year it's to keep Middletown moving
23 forward. Can everyone say that with me?

24 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Keeping Middletown moving
25 forward. Thank you.

1 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Burr.

2 **ALD. BURR:** I'd like to thank Jacob for his
3 kind words. Jacob, I appreciate working with you for 16
4 years. I'd like to thank the Board of Estimate for
5 another budget, eight years staying under the 2 percent
6 tax cap, you know, looking out for the constituents of
7 our city. And that's all.

8 And congratulations to the Christmas tree,
9 Maria. It was quite a job. I was watching them knock it
10 down. Thank you.

11 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you. New business.

12

13 CERTIFICATE

14 I, LISA KANE, certify the foregoing transcript of proceedings
15 prior to New Business of the November 16, 2021 Middletown City
16 Council meeting was prepared using the required electronic
17 equipment and is a true and accurate record of the
18 proceedings.

19

20 Signature: *Lisa Kane*

21 Date: December 14, 2021

22 Agency: American Legal Transcription

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12. New Business

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 232-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
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 \$10,000.00 to fund the "IT Assessment and Strategic Planning Findings and Recommendation Report" to the ARPA budget reducing the Maple Hill Walkway project by the same amount in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.4785	\$3,333.34	A.1331.900
ARPA Funds		General Fund. Data Processing
A.4785	\$3,333.33	A.1331.900
ARPA Funds		General Fund. Data Processing
A.4785	\$3,333.33	A.1331.900
ARPA Funds		General Fund. Data Processing

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 233-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the attached contract with the Middletown Humane Society for 2022 and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached one year contract with terms as the same as last year.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 234-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

Resolved; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes a police escort for the St. Joseph's Procession on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 12, 2021 beginning at 12:00 PM and last until 1:00 PM.

Route: Leave the Church parking lot a turn left onto Cottage Street, then left onto Wisner, from there turn left onto North Street, left onto East Main Street, left on Robert Street, and then right on Cottage Street and continue on Cottage Street to the Church.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Masi

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 235-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the attached contract Marshall & Sterling, Inc for consultant work related to Workers Compensation for a cost of \$42,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement which the terms are the same as last year.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoo

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 236-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached Stipulation of Settlement with the Town of Wawayanda in regards to hookup fees of the delivery of water and sewer service to users in the Town of Wawayanda.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 237-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

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 \$6,500.00 within the Middletown Fire Department 2021 budget due to overage in heating costs for the Fire Department in the following manner:

FROM
A.3410.207
Equipment – Hose

AMOUNT
\$6,500.00

TO
A.3420.415
Fire Dept – Heat and Light

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 238-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

Whereas, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has approved and submitted an itemized statement in writing of the estimated revenues and expenditures of the General City Government, the Water Department and the Sewer Department other than amounts to be raised by taxation for County purposes, for the fiscal year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and,

Whereas, the estimates are entered in full in the minutes as attached to this resolution, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved and ordained that the Common Council of Middletown, NY does hereby approve and adopt the aforesaid annual budget presented as follows:

<u>Description:</u>	<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>Water Fund:</u>	<u>Sewer Fund:</u>
Revenue	\$21,436,328	\$7,377,730	\$5,877,835
Expense	\$43,127,875	\$7,377,730	\$5,877,835
Appropriation:			
Estimated Revenue:	\$21,436,328		

Tax Levy – General
City Purposes \$21,691,547

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Burr

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 239-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

WHEREAS; the City of Middletown Police Department will receive a 3rd period award for 80 hours of service or a dollar amount not to exceed \$4,586.00 from the County of Orange for the STOP-DWI enforcement period, and

WHEREAS; the funds are to be paid to the City of Middletown and not to be reimbursed to the Police Department budget.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept the 3rd period award of \$4,586.00 from the County of Orange for the STOP-DWI enforcement period of November 6, 2021 through January 1, 2022.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; upon approval authorize the Treasurer to add the funding to the STOP DWI Budget line A.3141.103.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 240-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkisson	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the Chief of Police and/or his designee or the Commissioner of Public Works and/or his designee to close streets beginning at 4:30PM for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Friday, November 26, 2021. The following closures will commence as follows:

5pm - 7pm - North Street from Wickham to Railroad Avenue; 5:30 pm - 8pm - North Street from Railroad to the Square (West & East Main Street), and from the Square to James Street.
5:30 pm - 8pm - James Street; East Main Street from Williams Street to North - 5:30pm -8pm.
Also no parking along the entire Parade Route to commence at 3:30pm till 8pm;

The parade route will start on North Street by the Chase Bank/Garcia's Market and will continue down North Street where it intersects with West Main Street. At the West Main Street intersection the parade turns right past John F. Degnan Square and turns right into James Street in the James Street Parking Lot.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

Sec'd by Ald. Kliener

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 241-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

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 agreement with Mobil Life Support Services for the expressed purpose of supplying emergency ambulance services for the City of Middletown from November 17, 2021 through November 17, 2022.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Masi

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 242-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

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 \$45,500.00 within the 2021 budget for an Emergency Replacement to the Boiler at the Parks and Recreation Building as the current boiler is beyond repair in the following manner:

FROM

A.9000.815

Police & Fire Retirement

AMOUNT

\$45,500.00

TO

A.1620.200

Maint. Dept. Other Equip

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 243-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

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 a total of \$2,500.00 within the Community Development 2021 budget in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
CD 8686.433	\$1,500.00	8686.456
Personnel Training		Program Related Expense
 CD 8686.440	 \$750.00	 8686.456
Repairs to Equipment		Program Related Expense
 CD 8686.440	 \$250.00	 8686.482
Repairs to Equipment		Advertising

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 244-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the purchase of two following properties that are adjacent to the City line in the Town of Wallkill in the amount of \$800.00:

1. 69-1-13.2 in Town of Wallkill for \$500.00
2. 69-1-14.13 in Town of Wallkill for \$300.00

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 245-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

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 \$3,500.00 within the Economic Development 2021 budget in the following manner:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
A.6200.401	\$3,500.00	A.6200.400
Travel		Contractual

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 246-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the attached amendment easement extension and authorize the Mayor to sign the easement extension agreement between the City and Amy's Kitchen Manufacturing Facility to connect to the City sewer and water systems with a new extended date of December 31, 2023.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 247-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

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 \$27,000.00 within the 2021 budget for a portion of the purchase of 2 all-terrain Litter Vacuums to be purchased by the City for use in the downtown area and Parks and Recreation in the following manner:

FROM
A.4785
ARPA

AMOUNT
\$27,000.00

TO
A.6200.201
Econ Dev. Vehicles

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoon

Sec'd by Ald. Masi

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 248-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

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 \$155,000.00 within the Economic & Community Development Department pending the CDBG amendment approval by HUD. The funds will be provided to the City through the CARES Act, CDBG-CV.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the following funds are to be applied toward the purchase of 2 all-terrain litter vacuum/compact urban cleaning vehicles. The electric unit will be for the Downtown BID and the diesel unit will be for the Parks Department in the following manner:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
CD 8686.907	\$155,000.00	A.6200.201
COVID-19		Vehicles

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11-16-21

Index No: 249-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
	9			
TOTAL				

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept a donation from the Downtown Middletown Business Improvement District in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of an electric all terrain litter vacuum/compact urban cleaning vehicle for Downtown Middletown Business Improvement District.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Ramkissoon

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NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the purchase of 47 Sproat Street from the bulk lien provider to ensure the City's interest in this property due to the significant cost incurred from the court ordered demolition of the property.

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 all documents pertaining to the purchase and selling of the property.

13. Local Laws

Council Clerk-Nothing this evening.

14. Audit

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Green

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

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

15. Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM