CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 17, 2023

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald.

Sec'd by Ald.

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Resolution Accepting a $462.33 Donation from the United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region

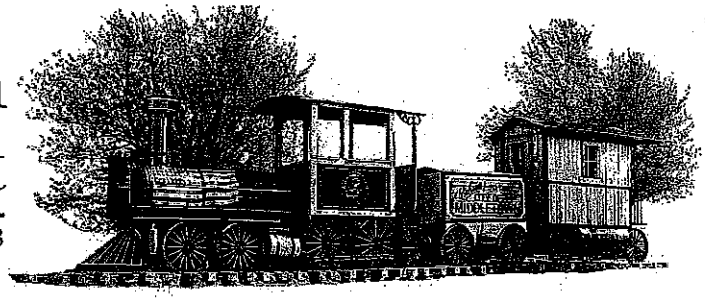
BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a donation in the amount of $462.33 from United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region for the July 15, 2023 Cops & Kids Field Day Event in Collaboration with Middletown Cares Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the Treasurer to deposit the donation into revenue budget line A.2705.00 Gifts & Donations and increase budget line A.7321.450 Special Programs Materials & Supplies.

ATTACHMENTS:
Recreation and Parks Donation.pdf

Middletown Recreation and Parks Department

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



Tuesday, October 10, 2023

RE: Authorization to accept donation

Dear Board of Estimates & Council Members:

The Recreation & Parks Department was given a donation in the amount of $462.33 from United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region for the July 15, 2023 Cops & Kids Field Day Event in Collaboration with Middletown Cares Coalition. Please accept this donation and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the donation into revenue budget line A.2705.00 Gifts & Donations and increase budget line A.7321.450 Special Programs Materials & Supplies.

Sincerely,

Raelynn Bertholf, Superintendent of Recreation
Middletown Recreation & Parks Department

United Way

UNITED WAY OF THE DUTCHESS-ORANGE REGION
75 MARKET STREET - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601
(845) 471-1900

RHINEBECK BANK
2 JEFFERSON PLZ
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601
50-7101/2219

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8/16/2023

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Middletown Rec. & Parks Dept.

$ **462.33

Four Hundred Sixty-Two and 33/100********** DOLLARS

Middletown Rec. & Parks Dept.
393 County Route 78
Middletown , NY 10940

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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MEMO

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UNITED WAY OF THE DUTCHESS-ORANGE REGION

15641

Check Date: 8/16/2023 Payee/ID: Middletown Rec. & Parks Dept. / 4623 Check Amount: $462.33

Date	Memo	Invoice #	Amount
7/15/2023	Food & Supplies for Cops & Kids Field Day	07152023	462.33

Payer: United Way DOR

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Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Community Development Agency's Borrowing Cap from the City of Middletown

WHEREAS; the Community Development Agency (CDA) is currently borrowing from the City up to $300,000 annually for the rehabilitation of properties sold by the CDA and would like to request to up the borrowing limit from $300,000 to $450,000 annually; AND

WHEREAS; the City's liquid excess cash that is not acting as compensating balances accrues interest in a money market account at 1.5%. The CDA would pay the City monthly for outstanding balances at 1.5% keeping the City whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to allow the City to lend the Middletown Community Development Agency (CDA) up to $450,000 annually for the rehabilitation of properties sold by the CDA which will not be a hardship to the City in terms of cash flow so there is no operating risk to either party.

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Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers Totaling $267,826

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $267,826, in the following manner, to cover various expenses as noted.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO	PURPOSE
A.1325.433 Finance Training	$800	A.1325.401 Finance Travel	To cover the cost of conference travel for Fall NYCOM
A.1930.930 Judge and Claims	$10,000	A.1420.488 Corp Counsel Arbitration and Grievance	To cover the overdrafts for arbitration costs within the 2023 General Fund Budget
A.9000.870 Unused Sick Leave	$30,000	A.1420.488 Corp Counsel Arbitration and Grievance	To cover the overdrafts for arbitration costs within the 2023 General Fund Budget

A.9000.870 Unused Sick Leave	$20,000	A.1420.489 Corp Counsel Litigation Expense	To cover the overdrafts for arbitration costs within the 2023 General Fund Budget
A.9000.891Dental/Optic MGT	$207,026	A.9000.889 Dental/Optic CSEA	To cover the cost of Dental/Optic CSEA for the remainder of 2023

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Resolution Authorizing a $1000 Budget Transfer for Table Replacements at the Senior Center

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $1,000, in the following manner, for table replacements needed for activities and programs within Senior Center.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.2705.05 Senior Donations	$1000	A.6772.450 -Senior Material & Supplies account

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Resolution requesting the County of Orange to Exempt Properties of the City of Middletown from certain County real estate taxes

Whereas; the City of Middletown wishes to request the County of Orange to exempt the City of Middletown from certain real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as a part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon for fiscal year 2025.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY does hereby request the County of Orange, NY, to exempt properties of the City of Middletown, NY from certain County real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon and located within the Towns of Mount Hope and Wallkill for the fiscal year 2025, respectively, as follows:

Town of Mount Hope	Town of Wallkill	Town of Wallkill

12-1-23 14-1-44.1 14-1-76 14-1-5 14-1-127 16-1-32.22 16-1-74 16-1-37.2 16-1-36.211 16-1-71.1 16-1-35 17-1-19	 999-1-21 999-1-19 999-1-22 999-1-20 999-1-23 999-1-24 999-1-25 999-1-26 999-1-28 999-1-29 999-1-20.1 999-1-27	48-1-6.1 48-1-5.1 64-1-2 69-1-15 48-1-5.2 64-1-4.1 49-1-32 49-1-62.2 69-1-1.2 69-1-14.2 69-1-1.2 64-1-47.322 49-1-85.41

ATTACHMENTS:
Watershed Tax Exemption.pdf
Add'l Watershed Propertys.pdf

County Legislature

Katherine E. Bonelli, Chairwoman
Jean M. Ramppen, Clerk

255 Main Street – 2nd Fl
Goshen, NY 10924

Tel: (845) 291-4800 ☎ Fax: (845) 378-2375

October 2, 2023

Hon. Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

Dear Mayor DeStefano:

Your agreement with the County of Orange providing for the exemption from county taxation on certain real property located in the Towns of Wallkill and Mount Hope for use of your city water system will expire on December 31, 2024.

If you wish the County Legislature to exempt these properties for the year 2025 please notify this office with a copy of a resolution (which states the exemption year) adopted by your city council by December 15, 2023.

A schedule of the properties that were exempt for 2024 is enclosed for your information. Please compare it to the resolution you will be adopting this year.

Very truly yours,

Jean M. Ramppen, Clerk
Orange County Legislature

cc: City Clerk

SCHEDULE A

MUNICIPALITY	LOCATION	TAX PARCEL NO.
City of Middletown	Town of Wallkill	999-1-21
		999-1-22
		999-1-23
		999-1-24
		999-1-25
		999-1-26
		999-1-27
		999-1-28
		999-1-29
		999-1-19
		999-1-20
		48-1-5.12
		48-1-5.112
		48-1-5.2
		48-1-6.1
		64-1-2
		69-1-15
		999 -1-20.1
		49-1-32
		49-1-62.2
		64 -1-4.1
City of Middletown	Town of Mount Hope	12-1-23
		14-1-44.1
		14-1-76
		14-1-95
		14-1-127.2
		17-1-19
City of Newburgh	Town of New Windsor	4-1-38
		4-1-35
		4-3-1.1
		4-1-12.2
		4-1-9.21
		4-1-10
		32-2-53
City of Newburgh	Town of Newburgh	75-1-17
		97-3-17
		97-2-22.1
		97-3-10
		97-1-44
City of Port Jervis	Town of Deerpark	54-1-35.1
		52-1-2
		52-1-54.1
		35-1-8.2
		57-1-40

Village of Chester	Town of Monroe	18-5-11
		18-5-4
		19-1-3.2
		10-3-9
		13-1-28
		8-1-78
		8-1-35
		8-1-77
		8-1-24
		8-1-23
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		8-1-54
		8-1-53
		8-1-42
		8-1-44
		8-1-45
		8-1-46
Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson	Town of Cornwall	31-1-15
		29-1-54
		29-1-50
		4-2-56
		32-1-17
Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson	Town of New Windsor	65-1-20
Village of Goshen	Town of Goshen	13-1-32.61
		15-1-8
		15-1-48
		15-1-50
	Town of Wallkill	61-1-43
Village of Highland Falls	Town of Highlands	1-1-2
Village of Kiryas Joel	Town & Village of Woodbury	213-1-64.1
	Town & Village of Woodbury	213-1-49
	Town & Village of Woodbury	202-1-19
	Town & Village of Woodbury	205-4-8
	Town & Village of Woodbury	999-7-2
	Town & Village of Woodbury	999-7-1

	Town & Village of Woodbury	247-4-16
	Town & Village of Woodbury	207-1-10.2
	Town of Monroe	2-1-20
	Town of Monroe	2-1-22
	Town of Monroe	2-1-23
	Village of Monroe	216-1-46.21
	Town of Cornwall	36-1-56
	Town of Cornwall	34-1-83
	Town of Cornwall	5-3-4.2
	Town of Cornwall	4-2-55
	Town of Cornwall	4-2-54
	Town of Cornwall	7-5-1
	Town of Cornwall	12-1-1.22
	Town of Cornwall	12-1-1.32
	Town of Cornwall	9-1-1.1
	Town of Cornwall	10-1-3
	Town of Cornwall	10-1-4
	Town of Cornwall	10-1-5
	Town of New Windsor	35-1-79.22
	Town of New Windsor	35-1-86.1
	Town of New Windsor	36-1-30
	Town of New Windsor	36-1-14
	Town of New Windsor	65-1-22.2
	Town of New Windsor	36-1-11
	Town of New Windsor	67-5-15
	Town of New Windsor	67-5-16
	Town of New Windsor	67-4-10
	Town of New Windsor	67-4-13.1
Village of Maybrook	Town of Hamptonburgh	3-1-6
Village of Montgomery	Town of Montgomery	28-1-63
Village of Tuxedo Park	Town of Tuxedo	213-3-12
Village of Walden	Town of Montgomery	10-1-4.21
		2-1-24.1
		2-1-24.21
		2-1-25.11

Richard McCormack

From: Katie Gass
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Richard McCormack
Cc: JTawil14@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Property Tax Exemption for Water System Property

Hi Rick,

After reviewing the list you sent up and comparing it with Marianne's list the following properties need to be added:

WATERSHED PROPERTIES
PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING FOR THESE PROPERTIES: "Property to remain forever green purchased with major contribution from NYSDEC grant."

69-1-1.2 Town of Wallkill
16-1-32.22 Town of Mount Hope
16-1-74 Town of Mount Hope
16-1-37.2 Town of Mount Hope
16-1-36.211 Town of Mount Hope
16-1-71.1 Town of Mount Hope
16-1-35 Town of Mount Hope

The following properties are not watershed properties but need to be added:

69-1-14.2 (new parcel adjoining water tower)
69-1-1.2 (County Rte. 78)
64-1-47.322 (Highland Lake Rd)
49-1-85.41 (33 Pilgrim Corners Rd)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Katie Gass
Senior Clerk
City of Middletown
Department of Public Works
845-343-3169
kgass@middletownny.gov

From: Jacob Tawil <jtawil14@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 9:55 AM
To: Zima, Laura R. <zimalr@cdmsmith.com>
Cc: Katie Gass <kgass@middletownny.gov>
Subject: Re: Property Tax Exemption for Water System Property

Great, thank you.

Katie,
Please add to the list and send to Rick for resolution.
Please add a caption:
“Property to remain forever green purchased with major contribution from NYSDEC grant.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone
Please excuse any typographical errors.

On Oct 11, 2023, at 10:11 AM, Zima, Laura R. <zimalr@cdmsmith.com> wrote:

Hi Katie,

Please see attached for a summary of info for the properties purchased. Also below is a table summarizing just the requested items from your email. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Previous Property Owner	SBL#	Location
USA Construction	16-1-32.22	Guymard Tpk Mount Hope
Banca (Horse facility)	16-1-74	335 Guymard Tpk Mount Hope
Johanns	16-1-37.2	Kohler Rd Mount Hope
Krogslund	16-1-36.211	Kohler Rd Mount Hope
Tijeras	16-1-71.1 16-1-35	54 Kohler Rd Mount Hope
Mountain Club at Wallkill	69-1-1.2	County Route 78 Wallkill

Laura R. Zima, PE, PMP
Project Manager
CDM Smith
3 Lear Jet Lane, Suite 100N
Latham, NY 12110
(office) 518.782.4537
cdmsmith.com

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From: Katie Gass <kgass@MiddletownNY.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 3:12 PM
To: Zima, Laura R. <zimalr@cdmsmith.com>
Cc: JTawil14@yahoo.com
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Exemption for Water System Property

Good afternoon Laura.

It is time for the City to update its tax-exempt properties. With that said, Jacob is requesting that you provide us with a list of all the SBL's along with the township that they are in, for all the newly purchased properties, including the Horse Farm and Mountain Club.

Thank you.

Katie Gass
Senior Clerk
City of Middletown
Department of Public Works
845-343-3169
kgass@middletownny.gov

From: Richard McCormack <Rmccormack@MiddletownNY.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Katie Gass <kgass@MiddletownNY.gov>
Subject: FW: Property Tax Exemption for Water System Property

See attached/below

Richard P. McCormack
City Clerk, Registrar/Clerk of the Common Council
Records Management Officer
16 James Street
City of Middletown, New York 10940
(845)346-4168 (desk)
(845)344-5428 (fax)
rmccormack@middletownny.gov
Please visit our website @ www.middletownny.gov
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From: Richard McCormack
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Jacob Tawil (jtawil@middletown-ny.com) <jtawil@middletown-ny.com>
Cc: Katie Gass <kgass@MiddletownNY.gov>
Subject: Property Tax Exemption for Water System Property
Importance: High

Good Morning,

I received the annual notice to submit a resolution for the City's Water system property to be tax exempt from County taxes. It is attached. Please let me know if there are any changes from last year. I will submit for Council approval on 10/17.

Rick

Richard P. McCormack

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Resolution Honoring The Historical Society Of Middletown And The Wallkill Precinct on their 100th Anniversay

WHEREAS, the Historical Society of Middletown and the Wallkill Precinct has served as a steadfast guardian of our community's rich history for the past century; and

WHEREAS, this organization has diligently collected, preserved, and shared the stories, artifacts, and memories that make Middletown a place of significance and importance; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Society of Middletown and the Wallkill Precinct has engaged in countless activities, exhibitions, educational programs, and events that have enlightened and enriched the lives of our citizens and visitors, fostering a deep appreciation for our heritage; and

WHEREAS, the commitment and dedication of the members, volunteers, and leaders of the Historical Society of Middletown and the Wallkill Precinct have been unwavering, and their tireless efforts have contributed to the preservation of our community's history for generations to come; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown recognizes and honors the Historical Society of Middletown and the Wallkill Precinct on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the society for its dedication to preserving our history and educating our community about the rich heritage of Middletown;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express our profound appreciation for the Historical Society of Middletown and the Wallkill Precinct's significant contributions to our community and its ongoing commitment to preserving our shared heritage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our warmest congratulations to the Historical Society of Middletown and the Wallkill Precinct on this momentous occasion and look forward to a continued partnership in preserving and celebrating our history.

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TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR THEIR PAYMENTS