



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT MINUTES
JULY 1, 2024**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

Absent: Alderman Masi

Approval of Minutes

Accept the Minutes of 06/13/2024

Motion by: Council President Rodrigues **Seconded by:** Mayor DeStefano

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

New Business

Authorization to Accept Donations from various donors for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Requesting from the Board to accept the following donations and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the funds into the listed accounts.

- 1. \$200 from Foot in the Door Home Inspections for entry into pools for the first 100 Middletown youth at each pool.
- Deposit into account A.2025 Pool Charges*
- 2. \$130 from George Henry for Summer Camp Scholarships
- Deposit into account A.2705.07 Summer Camp Scholarships*
- 3. \$200 from CSEA Retirees Local 917 of Orange and Sullivan for Summer Camp Scholarships
- Deposit into account A.2705.07 Summer Camp Scholarships*

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

City of Middletown New Courthouse Facility - Supplement for Services

Please include the enclosed proposal from B&L to complete the work associated with new City Court Facility for the BOE considerations.

The cost of this proposal is included within the project previous budget which will be updated upon receipt of new construction bids.

Respectfully

Jacob Tawil, PE

Commissioner of Public Works

City of Middletown, NY

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Authorization to increase Salary for the Real Property Data Collector in the Assessors Office

Marianne Feely is requesting the authorization to approve a salary increase for the Real Property Data Collector by \$5,000 effective:

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Purchase of Property Correspondence - 32 Prospect

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Tabled for further review.

Lawn Maintenance Adjustment - 28 Robert Street

Denied lack of Motion

Lawn Maintenance Adjustment -161 West Main Street

Jacob Tawil is respectfully requesting that the miscellaneous charge in the amount of \$100 dated June 9, 2024 billed to the owners of 161 West Main Street for the City cutting the grass, hereby be waived. The new owners of the property were unaware of the violation as the warning letters were being mailed to the previous owner. The property record updating was in transition at the time of the violations being written and mailed.

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Authorizes an Increase in the LOSAP Service Award

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to expand the LOSAP benefit for volunteer firefighters from \$700.00 to \$1,200.00 annually, and to place this expansion of the LOSAP benefit on the ballot for a vote in November, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that the Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”) benefit for volunteer firefighters shall be expanded from \$700.00 to \$1,200.00 annually, beginning on the first day of January, 2025, and it is further

RESOLVED that the following fire companies have volunteer firefighters who are potential participants in this program: : Monhagen Hose Co. #1, Eagle Engine Co. #2, Phoenix Engine Co. #4, Ontario Hose Co. #5, Wallkill Engine Co. #6, Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co. #1, and McQuoid Engine & Ladder Co. #3, and it is further

RESOLVED that the LOSAP program shall continue to be administered by the City of Middletown pursuant to regulations and policies presently in place, and it is further

RESOLVED that the entitlement age under this program shall remain at 60 years, and it is further

RESOLVED that the estimated annual cost of the program as a result of this expanded benefit, including any estimated annual administration fee, amounts to between \$32,550 and \$62,550, depending upon actual participation, and it is further

RESOLVED that the proposition authorizing the adoption of this expanded benefit shall be submitted to a public referendum on November 5, 2024.

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Adjournment

Motion by: Mayor DeStefano **Seconded by:** Council President Rodrigues

AYES: Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None