

**Minutes of Meeting  
Board of Estimate and Apportionment**

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The Board of Estimate and Apportionment met in the Common Council Chambers on March 30, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Members

Mayor DeStefano  
President Rodrigues  
Ald. Masi

Others Present

L. Liz	M. Bruni
J. Tawil	J. KLEINER
R. McCormack	R.B Bertholf
Chief Ewanciw	

1. The City of Middletown Police Department has been approved for an additional \$17,000 in funding from the Orange County Youth Bureau Grant.

The purpose of these grant is to serve the youth of Middletown. Specifically, the Too Good program, youth outreach, and the Youth Leadership Academy.

Chief Ewanciw is requesting from the Board of Estimate to authorize the City Treasurer to add the following to the police budget lines:

A.3120.501 Youth Leadership Academy \$7,000  
A.3120.468 Too Good Programs- Youth Police Academy \$5,000  
A.3120.468 Too Good Programs- Youth Community Outreach \$5,000

A copy of these awards is attached for your review. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Masi and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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2. The City of Middletown has been awarded a DASNY grant in the amount of \$450,000 for the purchase and installation of surveillance cameras and the supporting infrastructure.

The proposed system will provide the city with 29 new surveillance cameras at high traffic and high value locations throughout the downtown business improvement district. This project will substantially expand our existing network and provide enhanced monitoring capabilities of our facilities.

The total project cost will be \$488,980.83 and the balance needed to complete the project will come from Middletown Economic Development.

Chief Ewanciw is requesting a separate budget line be created to be able to access this funding.

Additionally, Leonora Liz is requesting a **temporary borrowing** from General fund for the amount of \$450,000. The General Fund will be reimbursed once the City receives reimbursement from DASNY. See below:

**Budget Transfer Request**

From	Amount	To
General Fund Balance	\$450,000	H.0776.200 Police -City Wide Surveillance camera

Budget Adjustment Request		
Increase	Amount	Increase
H.5031	\$40,000	H.0776.200
nterfund Transfer from Community Dev		Police – City Wide Surveillance camera

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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- 3 Jacob Tawil is requesting a transfer of funds from the Water Fund Balance to the Water System Improvement fund, H.0947.900, to cover Resolution 254-22 dated 11/1/2022. See attached Resolution. Resolution states to amend B&L Contract for services related to 20” HP Watermain Replacement project.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Debt Service Fund Balance	\$145,000.00	H.0947.900 Water System Imp

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Masi and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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- 4. Jacob Tawil is requesting a transfer from 2022 Street Dept. Lot Crew Material and supplies of \$2,046.86 and 2022 Street Dept. Equipment rental of \$4,652.88, to be moved to 2022 Street Dept. Repairs to Equipment to cover the shortage of funds to cover 2022 Repairs to Truck #22 and #23

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.5110.473	\$2,046.86	A.5110.440
Lot Crew Material & Supplies		Other Equipment

A.5110.479	\$4,652.88	A.5110.440
Equipment Rental		Other Equipment

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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5. On behalf of Middletown Little League, the Recreation & Parks Department and Recreation Commission is requesting approval for the Babe Ruth Field to be renamed the **Daniel Miller Field**. They are also requesting approval for Middletown Little League to purchase a sign commemorating Daniel Miller. The sign will be approved by the Superintendent of Parks Raelynn Bertholf and Deputy Commissioner of Parks John Bianchi and will be mounted for display at the field.

A message from Rosanna Darrell, President of Middletown Little League:

*Dan Miller tragically passed away on June 12, 2022. Dan was a huge part of Middletown Little League, Babe Ruth and the community. He was the President of Babe Ruth and head umpire for Middletown Little League. He enjoyed helping every kid that he had the opportunity to. When he was umpiring a game, he would stop and teach along the way. Dan trained many baseball players from around the county but especially our Middletown kids. He taught the kids the game that he loved. He was a friend to everyone. He had a heart as big as anyone you will ever meet. He loved seeing the progress and smiling faces on the kids. When we were short a coach Dan would step in and coach that team. He coached a few teams in Middletown Little League. Any way that he could help he would. You could often find Dan on the Big Field (Bae Ruth) hitting Miller Bombs. He continued to play baseball in a men's league. His teammates would tell you he wasn't the best out there but he was the hardest working and best teammate. Naming the big field after him would be a tremendous honor. The kids would love to play on that field in Dan's honor.*

Upon a motion duly made by President Rodrigues and seconded by Mayor DeStefano, the above action was approved.

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6. The Recreation & Parks Department was given a donation in the amount of \$3,500.00 from Middletown Little League to help offset the costs of a better clay to help with the drainage issues. Please accept this donation and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the donation into account A.2705.00 Gifts & Donations and increase budget line A.7110.478 Park Improvements

Upon a motion duly made by President Rodrigues and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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7. Richard McCormack is respectfully requesting that the Board of Estimate establish a Citywide Yard Sale the weekend of June 3 & 4, 2023 and waive the \$10 License Fee and required deposit.

The Citywide yard sale will coincide with the opening of the Middletown Farmer's Market.

People interested in participating will need to abide by all rules and regulations currently in place regarding yard sales, including the City's the prohibition of posting signs on City Property.

Residents will be asked to register their yard sale through the Clerk's office with times and locations.

The Clerk's Office will publish, on the City website, a list of all registered Yard Sales.

This should increase traffic to the yard sale and introduce folks to this year's vendors at the Farmer's Market.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Masi and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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8. The City of Middletown Police Department would like to secure the County Fire Safety Trailer for the National Night Out Against Crime and the Kids Celebration events this summer.

Chief Ewanciw is requesting from the Board of Estimate to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign both contracts regarding the proper use and insurance for the trailer during these events .

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above above action was approved.

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9. Water/Sewer Adjustment- 130 Linden Ave 70,000 gal

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above above action was approved.

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Motion to adjourn @ 4:19 PM

Upon a motion duly made by President Rodrigues and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above above action was approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

Leonora Liz  
Secretary