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1. Pledge of Allegiance

(Pledge of Allegiance)

2. Roll Call

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Roll.

Roll Call: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues.

3. Approval of Minutes

(None this evening)

4. Correspondence, Communications and Reports

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Correspondence.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: We have an agriculture and markets report for a dog control officer inspection report and a municipal shelter inspection report.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Received and filed.

Thank you.

5. For the Good of the City

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: For the Good of the City, anyone that would like to address the council please step forward.

ALD. MASI: I don't know if they -- I don't know if they understand that, the procedure.

SIMONE SMITH: I thought that was at the end.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: Nope, no, it's right now.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: No, no, no. For the Good of the City, if anyone wants to address the council, please step forward.

SIMONE SMITH: Sorry, this is our first time.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Just step up right to the mic. It's all right.

SIMONE SMITH: Okay. Good evening, everyone. My name is Simone Smith and that's my husband, Kenyon Smith. And we're with a couple of our neighbors as well. We live in Highrose Ridge. And even though it's like a 10-year development, our block is like a year old at this point. Beautiful homes, but the activity that's going on over there isn't so beautiful.

I know there's been a lot of complaints. I'm sure you've heard this over and over, but on Friday, May 19th at approximately 9:11, a car drove onto a cul-de-sac of Woodrose Court. We live at the end of the cul-de-sac. And the car was parked and they were blasting music and screaming and running around their car.

Authorities were called, gave my name and address and phone number. Now, I don't know if the authorities responded or not because I never got a follow up in regards.

Also, after that on May the 23rd at 4:01 a.m., 12 Woodrose Court and 14 Woodrose Court opened their car

doors and stole items out of the car. The lady that lives in 14 looked out the window. She's in law enforcement. We're retired law enforcement. She looked out the window and she was gonna go handle it. She said something, they got spooked and they ran.

This is an ongoing thing. I have the ring app like I know a lot of people do. And it's just an ongoing thing of car, breaking in cars and vandalizing our, our -
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MALE SPEAKER: Clubhouse.

SIMONE SMITH: -- clubhouse. About to say community center. Vandalizing our clubhouse, congregating, smoking weed, being disrespectful. It's just an ongoing thing with the teenagers in our, in our area in Highrose Ridge.

And I -- I don't know what date it was, but back in April they said a young man got jumped on that street and a gun fell out onto the pavement. Don't know if cops were called or not. I just heard about it maybe two weeks ago.

So, you know, we would love to partner with Middletown Police and come up with a solution because we know you can't be everywhere at once, we know that, especially being retired law enforcement, we know.

But we would like to, you know, help you, you

know, in regards. But we, we really do need more police presence in the area.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay.

SIMONE SMITH: Okay.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: The gentleman right behind you is the police chief and he's got his card.

Okay. Anyone else who would like to address the Council? You have a question?

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Can I ask --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Yeah, sure.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes. Ma'am, can I ask you a question? Can I ask you a question? You can come to the mic.

SIMONE SMITH: Sure. Yes.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Are you aware if these kids are from your neighborhood or they're outside from the neighborhood?

SIMONE SMITH: We're not sure, you know. The thing is is that there's a condominium that's right next door. It's separated by trees. And they've made it, like, they come through the bushes like *Children of the Corn*. You remember that movie? That's what they're doing and it's annoying. It's an annoyance, you know, because it really is trespassing. But there are absolutely no signs saying no trespass which there should

be.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: All right.

SIMONE SMITH: You know.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Okay. Thank you.

SIMONE SMITH: You're welcome. Did you want to say something? Did you want to say something?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

Yeah. I really feel the -- good evening -- that it would really help if there was some signs in there just saying no trespassing.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Okay. All right.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: And if signs -- if it has to explain what trespassing actually is because a lot of -- seems a lot of the rift raft is coming from the neighboring communities that's coming in from what we've seen. And we've been residents up here for now going on 12 years. We lived on the other side of town, on the 211 side. So we've been here for a long time with new residents over here to Woodrose.

But we've never seen anything like this. So we just want to -- in any way possible we can help and extend a helping with the police here any way we can to work partner, work with you guys to make sure things don't get out of control. As we know, it can escalate fast and we want to nip it in the bud. Okay.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

MALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

6. Remark of Mayor

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right. Remarks of Mayor.

JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR: Nothing this evening.

7. Remarks of the Department Heads

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right. Remarks of the Department Heads, Economic Development.

ALD. MASI: Did he say nothing this evening?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Yeah.

MARIA BRUNI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Good evening, everyone. This evening we had a Community Development Agency meeting. Reported that we closed on the house on Wisner Avenue. We have a new homeowner.

Linden Avenue is completed and we're moving towards, hopefully, a buyer there and working towards completely Lafayette Avenue.

All our activities, outdoor activities, started this past weekend. We had the Farmers Market. We had the summer concerns started Thursday and Friday night. So we had a great weekend and a great start.

And this Saturday we have Debbie Gibson, her encore tour at the Paramount Theatre. And it's gonna be a fabulous show. Besides attracting people, local

people, we're attracting people from the entire Tri-State area, Ontario, Canada, London, Connecticut, South Carolina. So talk about tourism and what a small theatre can do for a community and -- and the area. So we're excited about the show. Hopefully heading towards a sell out and hope there are still some tickets available, so middletownparamount.com. That's all I have.

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

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: DPW Commissioner.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Good evening, all. We'll start off with Alderman Masi with the reservoir levels. We're at about 93 percent. We have kept one reservoir low on purpose because of the dams' project that we are doing which is Shawangunk Reservoir. Really we have not had any significant amount of rain since May 1st. So the entire region is almost in a semi-drought, so we're hoping for some rain very soon.

The dams' projects are moving along very well. There are some leaks, some investigations within the core of the dam and we're working on them to investigating them to see if any solution or any repair is needed for them or not. So far it does not -- it doesn't seem that we have to do any extra repairs compare to what we have planned on and what was designed except for extending

some drain system to pick up any leaks coming from the dam. So that's moving very well.

Kinch Reservoir, the cofferdam has been constructed and the contractor started demolishing the existing spillway and constructing an auxiliary emergency spillway for -- for Kinch.

Really, I mean, the Council -- Council Members, you know, if you'd like to take a tour over there, those dams' projects of the construction will upgrade, they take -- they take place once in a lifetime. So if you want to come and see what the dam looks like from the inside, nothing exciting, just to see what it takes to get these dams working and -- and functioning hopefully for another 100 years. This is what we're aiming on -- aiming for. So you're welcome to come. Give me a call. I'll be happy to take you there for a ride, show you the actual work that happens. This is really a very heavy duty and it happens once in a lifetime, the dams' project upgrade.

Another big project that you can see around the City of Middletown is the traffic operations. And with the contractor has been paving, replacing curbs and sidewalks and -- and the work is kicking into full high gear. And you can see the improvement. And we're getting a lot of compliments, not much about delays in

traffic or being held up. Everybody's appreciating what they're seeing. So so far I'm sure there are some complaints about delays in traffic or road closures. We try to advertise. We try to minimize any road closures, but sometimes they have -- they have to happen because they have to dig a ditch across the road for electric conduits or for continuity of the wiring and so on.

But if there are any issues, please convey them to the Mayor's Office or to my office and we'll deal with them right away. But so far it's been nothing but compliments. And I appreciate everybody's appreciation for all the work that's taking place in the City.

The recycling, I want to compliment everybody. We're -- we're noticing a great improvement in the quality of recycling that we're getting. And soon, hopefully, we'll be able to truck our recyclables to Orange County Transfer station rather than dumping into our transfer station and, you know, going through them to make sure that they are not contaminated.

So we appreciate everybody's help. Thank you for coming through for us and -- and really cleaning up the recycling process.

The grass, you know, another, you know, luckily there hasn't been any rain, so some people are keeping the grass a little bit high, but too high, you know,

above six, six eight inches, please make sure that your grass is cut -- your grass is cut. So, you know, we have collected so far we have cut about 57 lawns so far or properties, 57 properties and collected -- billed \$10,050 for -- for the properties that we cut. So 57 properties have been cut. So after you receive the letter from us, please cut your property -- cut the grass immediately and just keep it more down. We understand the need to keep it high right now, a little bit high because of the drought. And you want to protect the grass, you don't want to burn. And just work with us please once we have the rain, start cutting your grass and don't let it go out of -- out of control.

And with that I will conclude my notes. If you have any questions for me.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Questions for Jacob.

Alderman Jean-Francoise.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes. Commissioner, I know your department has set out the flyers and water bill as far as recycling. You think that's helping the situation?

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Yes, yeah, everything. All the effort is helping. Yes. And the -- and the water bill and the rental permits on our website and the Nixle, every -- everywhere, it's all helping.

And the people are responding. And, also, the people who have violated, they're getting the letter from us with pictures. And those, they're also -- we're -- we're contacting them directly, the people who are in violation. So we send them letters and -- and pictures. And sometimes we go knock at the door. And people are responding, yes.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: I also received three phone calls within the last two days, one from a resident from Chestnut Avenue and two from Birch Drive. They were thanking you and your department for cleaning the railroad track. You've guys have been maintaining it. I know it's been an issue in the past because I think the City's not allowed to be on a railroad track, but that seems to be you guys are maintaining it. That seems to be working fine.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Yeah.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: So I just want to thank you --

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: You're very welcome.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: -- and your department for maintaining.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Very welcome, yes, sir.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Anyone else? Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Could you give us a review of how you think the tree planting went for downtown?

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: The tree planting went very well. We've done it with using our Water Department to be honest with you. They are the ones who planted it. And we followed all the proper procedure and -- and we're very happy with it. We spent around \$3,500 from a grant that we were able to obtain through NYSERDA for being a clean city because we are defined as clean, clean city. So they gave us \$5,000 grant. We use some of it to plant a trees and -- and it worked out very well and we're gonna be planting much more.

ALD. JOHNSON: How many trees did you plant so far do you think?

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Eighteen.
Eighteen.

ALD. JOHNSON: Eighteen.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Eighteen, yeah. The different ones. Ones under the power lines, they grow to a certain height, but they're not gonna, you know, we had this.

ALD. JOHNSON: Yes.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: And -- and the other ones where there's no power line on top of them, they can grow tremendously. And -- and, you know, we've been watering them twice a week, keeping -- keeping on top of them until they take -- take on and then we'll leave them.

ALD. JOHNSON: All right. Thank you.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: We'll trim as need be obviously, yeah. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Thank you. Commissioner, could -- could either you or your office reach out to Orange and Rockland about the paving and repairing of Vincent Drive and upper Sproat Street? That -- that work was done last year. And I -- I understand that there was time that it needed to settle, but I think that neighbor's been pretty patient with them. And all the yardwork has been repaired. I know you had mentioned that that needing to be done. That was the way they wanted to do it. So I reached out to the neighbors and asked if anyone had not gotten their yards repaired and didn't hear back from anybody that they hadn't. So we were wondering if we could help us --

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: All right.

ALD. WITT: -- that next step.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: So you're talking about the permanent repairs?

ALD. WITT: Yes.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: The temporary repairs, it's still -- they should not be deficient. So if there are potholes or whatever it is or the ditch collapsed, they have to come out and fix it. But what you're asking me is about the permanent repair for the road; right? And, yes, that I did reach out to them after I had the conversation with you last week; right?

ALD. WITT: Okay.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: And I did reach out to them. I still don't have an answer when they are coming to -- with -- with a schedule. But it should be done relatively soon.

ALD. WITT: Thank you.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any other questions for Jacob? Thank you, Jacob.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Fire Chief.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: And this, the haze, you know, just if you want to advise the residence about the smoke that they're saying in the environment. This is coming from Canada, it's nothing local. You

know, they should stay indoors, obviously, and close their windows. And, you know, just the people who have problem with -- with the breathing.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Can't breathe.

JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER: Yeah, that's right.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: We'll call the Fire Chief up now. He could tell us about the smoke too. Come on, Chief.

NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF: Stop breathing.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Stop, drop, and roll.

NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF: Good evening, everybody. This past weekend other than responding to our emergencies, we did a flag detail for the Special Olympics at Presidential School. It turned out very nice for the school district. And we also did Touch a Truck over here with the police department at Thrall Park. It went very well except somebody got real lucky and found \$190 in the grass. It was mine.

You also have two resolutions in front of you for the fire department. Hope -- hopefully we get everybody's support in them.

Other than that, that's all I have. Any questions?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the
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Fire Chief.

NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF: I know he was --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Could you just give us a brief update on where you think we're moving with your language for that nuisance fire alarm, false fire alarm code?

NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF: Oh, I gave it to Alex on the next day after our meeting.

ALD. JOHNSON: Okay.

NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF: Which was, I believe, Friday.

ALD. JOHNSON: All right. Asked and answered. Thank you.

NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF: Any other questions?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you, Chief.

NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF: Okay.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: City Treasurer.

LEONORA LIZ, CITY TREASURER: Hi. I have nothing for you this evening. Any questions for me?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the City Treasurer? Thank you.

Superintendent of Recreation.

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION:
Good evening. Just a quick update on what's going on with the rec and our maintenance staff. The maintenance

are right now working on opening up our pools a lot earlier than we wanted to. Our health department is now requiring a full inspection before they give the permit. And our pool inspection date is June 16th. So we need everyone's help because they're gonna be swimmable, clear, wide open on June 16th. And if this weather, the heat comes back, if you can call the PD immediately if you see kids hopping the fence and in the pools because we don't open officially until June 26th, so that's a long time for them to wait with a crystal clear pool.

Our maintenance guys are spreading mulch and getting our playgrounds ready. They're doing work around the pond right now getting ready for the fishing derby. There's a lot of overgrown close to the water edge, so they're getting that all ready for the fishing derby.

All the pavilions and the picnic tables have all been freshly painted this year.

The reservoir signs on the trails are all painted and updated in brighter colors, so they're more visible. And the garbage can posts have all been painted along the reservoir.

Park patrol is now on every single night, so the bathrooms are open, our outdoor bathrooms to the community. So if they're at the parks, they have access to the bathrooms.

Our recreation staff, we are -- have our registration open for swim lessons. We're very happy to have them back again this year. Our summer camp, our registration is open. And thank you to the Middletown School District because we're gonna be inside at Monhagen Avenue, Monhagen Middle School.

Little People Playtime registration is open. Our pools again June 26 and they will all be fully staffed with plenty of subs. And special thank you to Danielle McAveney doing all of our certifications for us. And thank you to the high school for letting us get into the pool to do our certifications and recertifications there.

June 23rd is going to be the end of all our free programming that we do that's partially funded by the Orange County Youth Bureau. We're gonna put those on pause for the summer and then resume again in September with those.

If you guys recall, there was the issue with transportation to our Thursday night one. And we got the busing, we put it in the budget, but it's still an issue because the kids are sneaking out and leaving the facility and walking or they won't get on the bus and they'll walk to our facility. So as of last week, we did get into Presidential Park, so we are now in Thursday

nights in President Park. So we're hoping come September, we can get back into there just to alleviate the kids on County Route 78. Even though the staff is constantly telling them you can't leave, you can't walk, you've got to get picked up, I mean, some kids were sitting out there until 10 at night with our staff waiting for a ride.

So Presidential Park, we're happy to be in there. The kids love that facility way better than our gym, so it is a good change.

Our -- all of our spring programming is wrapping up. And before you there's two things. A special thank you to the Lion's Club for their annual donation for Campership scholarships for our camps this summer. And the other lengthy thing that you had is all our fee changes. If you have any questions on that we went over it. All of our office staff reviewed it. We compared all -- a lot of -- the majority of the fees to the -- our local communities and other recreation parks in the area. And we're right on target with the other fees and the usage of our pavilions and travel teams, not-for-profits using the facilities. All those rates are gonna go up. So if anybody has any questions on any of those.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions? Alderman
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Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: I just had one question. In my day job, I talk a lot about ticks and people going golfing and gardening and now they have a tic in their ear. Do we have any or should we have any signage in the reservoir trails because not everybody is that aware that if you hike through there you really need to do especially if you have a four-year-old child who is hiking with you. Do we have any signage for a reminder about Lyme disease and tic checks?

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION: We don't. I can look into to see if the County has any. They do like the free smoking. And I know at one point they were giving out free tic removal kits. I can see if they have those along with any signage that we can get to post also because it is --

ALD. JOHNSON: I think it would be a good -- if we can, it would be a good idea.

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION: I know our maintenance guys get covered from a day of mowing. And so I could even imagine the reservoir trails.

ALD. JOHNSON: Thanks.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Thank you. I know the -- the fee
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schedule adjustments that came up also on the Recreation Commission. And you had mentioned how long has it been roughly since any of these -- some of these fees have been adjusted?

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION:

Our camp fees aren't changing, but a lot of, like, our clinics, they haven't been changed in over I'd say five, six years. Our park fees has -- as well has been quite a few years as well. And the Recreation Commission bring up the point of everything else has increased. Really an overtime rate for all of our maintenance guys and the cost of electric and everything else.

ALD. JOHNSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you. The fishing derby is this Saturday, is that right, from June 10th.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Yes.

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION:

Yes, yes.

ALD. KLEINER: And I think there's two more days to sign up, right, online? You have to do it online.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Until Thursday.

ALD. KLEINER: But in case -- in case anyone wants to sign up --

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT RECREATION:

Yes.

ALD. KLEINER: I want to make sure they know they still have a couple of days.

RAELYNN BERTHOLF, SUPERINTENDENT

RECREATION: Yes. You can still up for the Fishing Derby.

ALD. KLEINER: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. Anyone else?
Thank you Raelynn.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Good evening, everybody. I just wanted to thank the community and the Council and the Mayor for their support of our first citywide yard sale last weekend. It was an overwhelmingly positive experience for many of our residents. Over 200 people signed up and participated.

We're already thinking about ways that we can improve it for next year if this Council would so indulge and the Mayor would allow us to do it again. We're already talking with Eileen about making the maps more friendly for folks and to better organize the list for the community.

So we've noted some of the concerns and suggestions on Facebook and social media and through phone calls through our office. And, hopefully, if we

have it again it will be bigger and better next year, but thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right. Any questions for Rick.

Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Could you go over the Civic Plus? Like we're switching. Is that gonna replace Nixle? Is that --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Come on, Chief.

ALD. TOBIN: Oh.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: The chief can bring it up.

JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF: Good evening. So the Civic Plus is very similar to Nixle. It would be a replacement for Nixle if the Council does approve it. It's a more robust user friendly. It has more features, more modern. So we did some demos with it. I had some of the department heads come and join in on the demos to see the features that it has. We could break it up, so the different departments have access to it.

One of the unique features that I really like is you can geo fence an area. For example, if you had -- if we had like a traffic situation in Amchir area and we wanted to notify the residents that subscribe to Civic Plus in that area, we could draw a circle around that

area and just the people within that circle that were subscribed would receive a message.

We do have the capability from what the vendor tells us we could import our Nixle users into this program. And if -- if that doesn't come true, what we could do is we could send out a final Nixle message saying we're transitioning to a new platform and, please, you know, sign up for the new platform.

It's gonna take a little bit of time to implement it, so it probably like this fall if it -- if it gets approve. The other nice thing is it's directly connected to our new website that the City is bringing on board. So when there's a message put out on Civic Plus, it would go to the website and vice versa. So it's a lot more user friendly.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: And if you any report from the police.

JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF: I have nothing unless you have something for me this evening.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the police chief. Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Chief, I just want to say thank you to you and the police department. I thought Kids' Day this Saturday was terrific and the turnout was terrific as usually, so thanks for doing that.

JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF: Thank you.

ALD. KLEINER: And also the Youth Leadership Academy graduation yesterday, the kids just seemed really involved. And just to let people know at the end of that, everyone wanted to get their picture taken with this police officer or that officer, so the bonding was really good to see. So thank you very much.

JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF: Thank you for the support.

What Alderman Kleiner is speaking about is Kid's Day celebration that was this past weekend. Officer Galli did an amazing job putting that together, putting the vendors together, the program together. Really, really great job and all the other officers that came through.

And the Youth Leadership Academy we held the graduation here last night. That's our third Youth Leadership Academy. Each time it gets a little bit better I feel. We grow the lessons, the relationships, the -- the whole experience is amazing.

We have great support from our local vendors with some food. We get a lot of money, not just through the City, but also through the Youth Bureau. So it's been a great, great program. So we're very fortunate you continue to support that.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right. Any questions for Chief? Thank you, Chief.

8. Public Hearings and Grievances

(None this evening)

9. Petitions and Complaints

(None this evening)

10. Remarks of Alderman

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Remarks of Alderman.
Alderman Masi.

ALD. MASI: I just have a couple things. Last weekend was a pretty busy one starting out with the concert in Degnan Square. And it goes on every Friday night. And Maria and her staff has done a great job. And I hope to see you at 7:00. Come down to enjoy the music and the people.

Number 2, Special Olympics school district. I want to give a shout out to Superintendent Amy Creedon and her entire staff. It was absolutely an amazing time. If you missed it, next year I know they have it for the next three years. Please do yourself a favor and come up. It was an all volunteer. Everybody that was up there helping out was volunteer. It was amazing to watch the kids and their faces when they accomplished something. It truly is inspiring. And I hope that you all will get a chance next year.

Also on Saturday was the City of Middletown Kid's Celebration 2023 at Thrall Park. Thanks to all the sponsors, the Recreation Department, police department, fire department, and all the people who participated.

And, finally, Farmers Market began and it will continue to grow. Come down every Saturday morning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Thank you very much. Yeah, the Special Olympics that it was a tremendous day. Thank you for supplying the flag. That was really a nice touch in -- in the beginning when you got in there. And, you know, Alderman Green and Alderman Masi were there as well. And it was just -- it's -- it's definitely something that's good for the area. It was -- it was eight schools counting BOCES and hundred something kids, probably 3, 400 families. And it was all positive. And it just -- it was just really, really a great day. So the district did do a very good job with that.

And this weekend, the 9th and the 10th is the State Track and Field Championships at the Fowler Field Stadium Complex. So everybody will be here. So if you see out of towners welcome them. They do need to eat and they do need to shop. And I know this has been a very good thing for our community in the past, so hopefully we

can make everybody feel welcome and it turns out to be a great weekend. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Thank you. Yeah, talk about a way to end May and start the unofficial start of summer and wish you could clone yourself about 10 times this past weekend. It was phenomenal to be at that celebration there with the Special Olympics. From the moment you got out of your car and saw the crowds and the families walking in and those who weren't from this district who even saw the facilities were blown away by that. But as Alderman Masi said, just the faces of every participate and their family members was just enough to really make your weekend, you know.

And then headed straight to the Kid's Celebration which was packed and -- and amazing as well. You know, and I didn't get a chance to make it to the Farmers Market last weekend, so I'll make it this weekend. But, you know, just so much going on. Middletown is putting our best foot forward. And really with -- with a lot of people apparently coming overseas now to see Debbie Gibson which is amazing to hear, I think we're really, you know, we're -- we're doing things right here and it's really showing and just proud to be a part of it all.

And I will just say that Alderman Kleiner and I will be hosting our board meeting here on Monday at 7:00 p.m., so we hope to see you there.

I don't have anything else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you. I want to thank the American Legion Lodge 151 for putting on their Memorial Day ceremony. It -- it was very nice. I hope they and the Town of Wallkill can get together, so that they don't happen at the same time, maybe do them together or like we used to, but that's -- that's for the future. So that was very nice.

I want to remind people the Juneteenth celebration is gonna be in Degnan Square. And that comes up, of course, on June 19th. And that is a celebration of when word of the Emancipation Proclamation finally got to Texas two years later. So when -- when I lived in Texas we celebrated that for a long time. I'm glad to see that the rest of the country realizes it. And I know the -- because it matters 24/7 they do a great job with that. So I hope people can get down to Degnan Square. I think that starts at noon.

Today is also the 79th anniversary of D-Day, June 6th. And I don't remember it. I was a little over two months old, but I have certainly heard about it all

my life. And if you don't really know what was sacrificed that day and the odds that -- that generation went through to fight fascism in Europe and keep us free, it's -- it's worth -- it's worth going back and really understanding that history.

And I also today want to recognize -- this -- this was a tough weekend for long time Middletowners because we lost Bob Benedict from Benedict Memorials in Hillside Cemetery, Benedict Monuments. And that business is maybe the second oldest business in Middletown, continuing business. So Bob will be missed.

And I was also sorry to see that we lost Tom Lloyd. And people who know and remember Middletown and Lloyd's store and what an -- what an impact Lloyd's had on retails and supermarkets in general. And Tom was always a big part of that so. And as the head of the -- the Antique Car Club and he will be missed.

So that's it and hope to see people next Monday. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderwoman Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Good evening. I was, unfortunately, unable to attend a lot of our weekend facilities because I live at a ball field and sometimes more than one at a time. But also a great thing that goes on here in Middletown, you know, our youth sports

and our town sports, our Little League. Huge fan obviously because I am always there. And my entire bank statement reads Middletown Little League. And it's a very affordable way to feed my family in the spring.

But Special Olympics, I used to volunteer for that when I was in high school myself. What a wonderful thing that we have it here. I couldn't think of better staff to run it than the people who work in our district and our town. But it's been a great spring and I look forward to our graduations.

We have a lot of things to be proud of here in Middletown, our kids and what they accomplish. And I just love this time of year because we really do get a chance to kind of celebrate that. So that's all I have today.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Thank you. With the event coming up for the school district, I want to remind that they're willing to distribute our -- our restaurant guides, so we make them available. That would be cool. It would be good publicity and then it helps these spectators figure out where they're going.

On another note, about -- I think about five years ago, the Human Society of Middletown got their grant. We did some infrastructure. COVID came and

everything got put on hold. If you drive by that facility out on 17M, you'll see that the new expansion is framed out. We'll probably double the size of the facility. And the staff is very excited about that.

We've been -- if you try to surrender an animal to the Middletown Humane Society, you know that more often than that you're told we really can't help you out. So if we double our volume, it will be -- it will be good for us. It will be good for the community as well, so keep your eye on that.

And there's a ton of fundraisers, so if you're so inclined to do bingo or any other things, they have a lot of things on their calendar for the next couple of months. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you. Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes, good evening. Thank you.

First, I'd like to thank Alderman Kleiner for stepping in for us for our 4th Ward constituents meeting this weekend on Saturday. Unfortunately, Sparrow had other arrangement. My wife and I receive a phone call and we had to leave town at the last minute to actually babysit in North Carolina. So I was unable to make it to the meeting, but Alderman Kleiner stepped in for us and -

- and take care of business. I appreciate that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: I just want to repeat the Lions Club Fishing Derby is this weekend. Registration is 8:30 to 9. Everybody gets a hot dog, a soda. We have prizes. There's tons of trophies. So it's a good time had by all. No experience necessary, so come on down.

11. Unfinished Business

(None this evening)

12. New Business.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right. New business.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Good evening. We have a Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing the Run -- the 2023 Run 4 Downtown.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: We have a Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing amendments to the Parks and Recreation fee schedule.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by
AMERICAN LEGAL TRANSCRIPTION (845) 452-3090

Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: A Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green accepting a \$900 donation from the Middletown Lion's Club for Parks and Recreation Department scholarships.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: A Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner accepting a \$15,000 donation from the Run 4 Downtown and a \$7,100 donation from the Middletown Volunteer Fire Companies for the Fireman Joe Restoration Project.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Masi. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President

Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Wray authorizing a proposal for the Fireman Joe Restoration Project to New York Art Foundry, Inc. in the amount of \$107,000.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Wray, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson accepting a \$2.5 million grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to be applied toward the construction of the Downtown Middletown parking garage.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: A Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a five-year agreement with FLOCK Safety for the police

department's license plate reader system.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: A Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing an agreement with Civic Plus for the City's emergency alert system.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi accepting \$2,000 in donations from the Minisink Valley Rotary Club, Applebee McPhillips Funeral Home, New Beginnings Montessori School, Piccolo Cucina e Vino, Star Paint, the Old Erie Brew Pub, and NYCOMCO for the National Night Out Against Crime event.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing a \$5,000 budget transfer to purchase two new FLOCK Fixed LPR Systems for the police department.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green changing the Common Council - Common Council meeting schedule for July and August '23.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you. I just want to explain to people that our first July meeting would fall on July 4th and move it to Monday it's still that long July weekend, so we're cancelling that. And this first August meeting would fall on the August 1st which is the

same day as Night Out. So we're -- it's been decided to have just one meeting in July and one meeting in August. That's what this is about.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. Anyone else?
Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner in support of the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center Replacement Hospital project.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

RICHARD MCCORMACK, CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray authorizing a public hearing on a zoning change.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Wray, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

Roll Call: Aye: Tobin, Jean-Francois,
AMERICAN LEGAL TRANSCRIPTION (845) 452-3090

Johnson, Wray, Kleiner, Green, Witt, Masi; abstain:
President Rodrigues. Motion carries.

13. Local Laws

(Nothing this evening)

14. Audit of Claims and Accounts

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Audit.

ALD. MASI: Mr. President, I move the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted and the City Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payments.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Roll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tobin, Jean-Francois, Johnson, Kleiner, Witt, Masi, President Rodrigues. Carries.

15. Adjournment

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Move for adjournment.

ALD. MASI: So moved.

(PROCEEDING CONCLUDED)

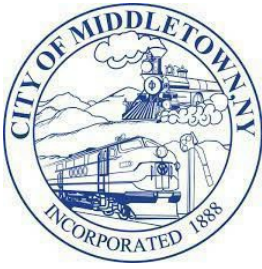
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I, LISA KANE, certify the foregoing transcript of proceedings of the June 6, 2023 Middletown City Council meeting was prepared using the required electronic equipment and is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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**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: June 6, 2023

Index No: 120-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
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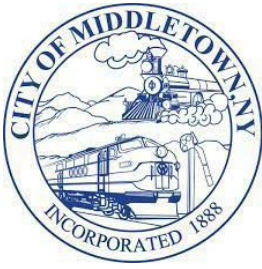
Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Run 4 Downtown

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works, and/or his designee, and the Chief of Police, and/or his designee, to close any and all streets and intersections necessary and at their discretion, for the Run 4 Downtown, Saturday, August 19, 2023 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and lasting until such time as it is no longer needed.

LET IT BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby grants the Annual Run 4 Downtown application to sell beer and wine, conditioned upon the execution of the attached agreement by the applicant and the fulfillment of all requirements set forth in the agreement by the applicant and to supply the City with the proper insurance documents and authorize the Mayor to sign the application from the SLA for the selling of beer and wine and temporarily lift the requirements of the City's open container ordinance for this application.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Course Map 22.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 121-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

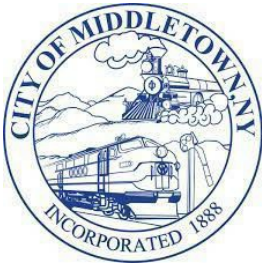
Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes amending the City's Fee Schedule A490-1 Chapter F. Parks and Recreation Fees as per the attached fee schedule.

These amendments were voted on and approved by the Recreation Commission on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

[6-1-23 BOE - Fee Increase.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 122-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

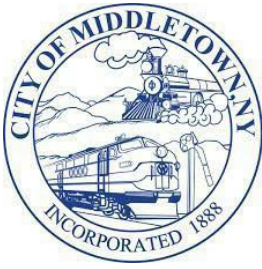
Resolution Accepting a \$900 Donation from the Middletown Lions Club for Parks and Recreation Department Scholarships

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a donation in the amount of \$900.00 from the Middletown Lions Club to go towards the Parks and Recreation Department's Scholarships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to deposit the donation into account A.2705.07 Summer Camp Scholarships.

ATTACHMENTS:

[6-1-23 BOE - Donation.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Masi

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

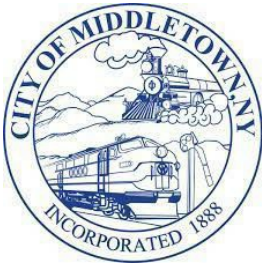
Index No: 123-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution Accepting a \$15,000 donation from Run 4 Downtown and a \$7,100 donation from the Middletown Volunteer Fire Companies for the Fireman Joe Restoration Project

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept a \$15,000 donation from Run 4 Downtown and a \$7,100 donation from the seven Middletown Volunteer Fire Companies for the Fireman Joe restoration project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to allocate the funds toward the Capital Line H.0733.900, Fireman Joe Statue.



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Wray

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 124-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution Authorizing a Proposal for the Fireman Joe Restoration Project to New York Art Foundry Inc in the amount of \$107,000

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown rejects the bids received on February 15, 2023, for the Fireman Joe Restoration Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize a proposal for the Firemen Joe Restoration Project to New York Art Foundry Inc., in the amount of \$107,000.

Funding for this project will be allocated as follows:

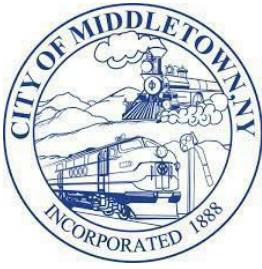
- \$62,500 left from the originally budgeted ARPA Fund
- \$15,000 from the Run4Downtown Donation (BID District)
- \$7,100 from the 7 Middletown Fire Companies
- \$12,400 in additional ARPA Funding (Requesting transfer below)
- Total funding **\$107,000**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$12,400, in the following manner, to fund the project.

| FROM | AMOUNT | TO |
|------|----------|----------------------------------|
| ARPA | \$12,400 | H.0733.900 Fireman Joe Statue |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to increase H.2705 Gifts and Donation \$22,100 (15,000 +7,100) and Increase Expense line H.0733.900 \$22,100

ATTACHMENTS:
[Fireman Joe Proposal.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 125-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution accepting a \$2,500,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to be applied toward the construction of the Downtown Middletown Parking Garage

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a \$2,500,000 from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to be applied toward the construction of the Downtown Middletown Parking Garage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the Mayor to sign, as the sole signatory, any and all necessary documents required pertaining to DASNY Grant #25899.

This grant was secured by Senator James Skoufis.

ATTACHMENTS:

[BOE Grant Auth Request Parking Garage 2023.pdf](#)

[DASNY Award Letter.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 126-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution Authorizing a 5-year Agreement with FLOCK Safety for the Police Department's License Plate Reader System

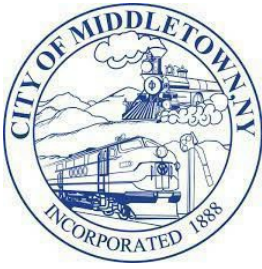
RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Police Department to enter into a 5-year agreement with FLOCK Safety to lock in the cost of our LPR systems at \$2,500 each, per year.

This will save \$500 per unit from the current cost of \$3,000, which is a total savings of \$7,500 per year for our 15 units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Flock 5 year.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 127-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Civic Plus for the City's Emergency Alert System

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a 2-year agreement with CivicPlus for the City's Emergency Alert System at an annual cost \$8,533.02.

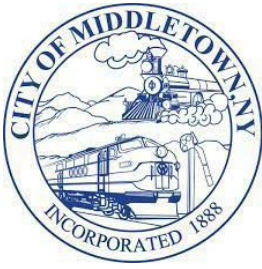
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$8533.02, in the following manner, to cover the cost of the new system.

| From | Amount | To |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| A.3120.100 Personal Services | \$8533.02 | A.3120.400 Contractual Services |

CivicPlus will replace NIXLE as the City's Emergency Alert System. This replacement will allow for a more robust alert management system that will allow for better integration with our social media, and our new website being serviced from the same company

ATTACHMENTS:
[CIVICPLUS.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 128-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution accepting \$2000 in donations from Minisink Valley Rotary Club, Applebee McPhillips Funeral Home, New Beginnings Montessori School, Piccolo Cucina e Vino, Star Paint, Old Erie Brew Pub and NYCOMCO for the National Night Out Against Crime Event

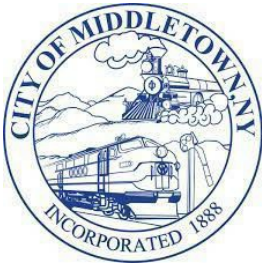
RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept \$2,000 in donations from the following businesses in support of our National Night Out Against Crime.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Minisink Valley Rotary Club | \$250 |
| Applebee McPhillips Funeral Home | \$250 |
| New Beginnings Montessori School | \$500 |
| Piccolo Cucina e Vino | \$250 |
| Star Paint | \$250 |
| Olde Erie Brew Pub | \$250 |
| NYCOMCO | \$250 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to deposit the funds into the Police Donation budget line A.2705.06 and increase the A.3120.501 Community line of our police budget by the same amount.

ATTACHMENTS:

[National Night Out 2023 Donations.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 129-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

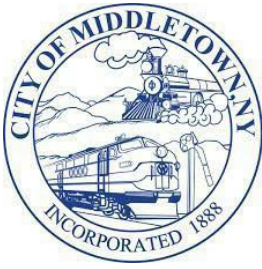
Resolution authorizing a \$5000 budget transfer to purchase Two (2) New FLOCK Fixed LPR Systems for the Police Department

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$5,000, in the following manner, to purchase Two (2) New FLOCK Fixed LPR Systems for the Police Department.

| FROM | AMOUNT | TO |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| A.3120.100 Personal Services | \$5000 | A.3120.200 Other |

ATTACHMENTS:

[2 lprs.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

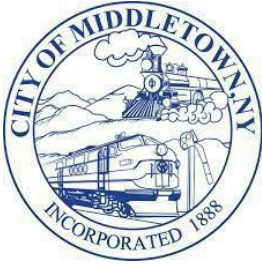
Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 130-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution Changing the Common Council Meeting Schedule for July and August 2023

RESOLVED that the City of Middletown Common Council cancels the July 4th and August 1, 2023 meetings of the Common Council.



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 131-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution in Support of Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center Replacement Hospital Project

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, to hear a presentation by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) on a proposed new facility for the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center; and

WHEREAS a majority of the Common Council was present at this meeting and provided with an opportunity to ask questions and gather more information about the proposed project; and

WHEREAS there were no concerns or objections raised;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The City of Middletown Common Council hereby states its support for the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center Replacement Hospital Project being undertaken by the New York State Office of Mental Health. The project includes installing water and wastewater piping along Route 17M and connection to the City's wastewater collection system and water distribution system. The project is being completed to provide clean drinking water and wastewater treatment services to the new state hospital being constructed in the Town of Goshen.

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Wray

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption: June 6, 2023

Index No: 132-23

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | | | X | |
| Total | 8 | | 1 | |

Resolution Authorizing a Public Hearing on a Zoning Change

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Middletown recently added the use of offsite commercial cleaning services, with certain restrictions, in the C-2 Limited Zoning District bounded by Sprague Avenue, Sterling Street, Academy Avenue, and Genung Street, and

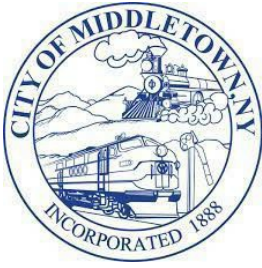
WHEREAS, the commercial cleaning service located at 108-110 Sprague Avenue, SBL 41-2-14, has a paved rear entrance that is partially located on a contiguous vacant parcel, SBL 41-2-12.1, which is zoned R-2, and

WHEREAS, the both lots are presently owned by the same entity, and

WHEREAS, this owner wishes to utilize the contiguous parcel for access to the commercial cleaning business, and

WHEREAS, the contiguous parcel is bounded on two sides by contiguous parcels also zoned C-2

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on the proposed change on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at or as near to 7:30 PM as possible in the Common Council Chambers, 16 James Street, 2nd Floor, Middletown, NY.



**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: June 6, 2023

Index No:

| Names | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald Jean-Francois | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Wray | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Witt | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| Total | 9 | | | |

Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

I MOVE THE ACCOUNTS BE AUDITED, THE CLAIMS ADJUSTED AND THE

TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR THEIR PAYMENTS