



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
October 3, 2023 Minutes
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Middletown, New York 10940

PRESENT:

J. Miguel Rodrigues, President
Ald. Joseph Masi
Ald. Jude Jean-Francois
Ald. Andrew Green
Ald. Paul Johnson
Ald. Gerald Kleiner
Ald. Sparrow Tobin
Ald. Kevin Witt
Ald. Kate Wray

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard McCormack, City Clerk
Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor
Alex Smith, Esq., Corporation Counsel

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

2. Roll Call

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderwoman Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Masi.

ALD. MASI: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Here.

A quorum is present.

3. Approval of Minutes

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay, approval of minutes.

MR. MCCORMACK: September 15th -- I'm sorry. August 15th and September 5th.

ALD. MASI: So moved.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Motion to approve both; Mr. Masi, seconded by Alderman Witt.

All in favor?

Alderman Kleiner?

ALD. KLEINER: I just -- I couldn't be sure whether it is August 15th or September 5th but, when we talked in our remarks about Barbara Bedell and Chris Farlekas, in the minutes, it says Barber, B-A-R-B-E-R Bedell. I would like that corrected to Barbara.

And Chris Farlekas, I would like it clear that it's Chris Farlekas because it's just, they say, phonetic, and it's not recognizable.

MR. MCCORMACK: Noted.

ALD. KLEINER: Those two corrections.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Anyone else? Okay, all in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

4. Correspondence, Communications, and Reports

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Correspondence.

MR. MCCORMACK: We have a standard notice form for providing a 30-day advance notice to a local municipality or community board for a liquor license from

IKARO Steakhouse, Inc.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Received and filed?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yup.

MR. MCCORMACK: We also have a letter from the Stewart Military Appreciation Picnic.

Dear Honorable Joseph DeStefano: On behalf of the Planning Committee, I would like to personally thank you for so generously donating the stage for the Military Appreciation Day 2023.

This year's picnic was a great success and it couldn't have happened without you. Your donation meant that our military neighbors at Stewart Air National Guard Base enjoyed a wonderful day of family fun, music, and great food. In all, thousands of servicemembers and their families spent the day with us and it was clear that they enjoyed the event.

Your good work and outstanding dedication is appreciated by me and, most importantly, by our military family.

Best Regards, Alan Seidman.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay, received and filed.

5. For the Good of the City

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: For the Good of the City. I'd like to call the mayor up.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: Good evening. You know we

have had opportunity over the last year or so, we started a pretty nice tradition of recognizing long-time business people in our community. And you know we've given awards in recognition to Tony Boffa, Tony Boffa's Restaurant, 70 plus year and, also, Maria Bruno from Maria's Fashions on Prospect Avenue.

Tonight you have the honor of recognizing Dr. Thomas Littner, who recently retired, although, he's not old enough to retire I think. He tells everyone he's still 40-something years old. But he -- Tom has been practicing for 40 plus years and he is a SUNY Orange Alumni, Middletown business owner, as I said, for 40 plus years.

He has been volunteering at our community in many areas, from Middletown Little League Coach to Orange-Ulster BOCES Dental Assistant Program teacher. He is part of the ENCORE Program. He is staff at Garnett Hospital, a Kiwanis member for 15 -- or 30 -- 35 years. Maybe he can be an eye doctor, rather than a dentist; I could use him right now. And also, a member of the Elks for many, many years.

But Tom epitomizes what Middletown is. It's a small community, still, where we all recognize the role that others play in our community, and how they have lived their life here, and also benefited so many and impacted

on so many people's lives.

So, I wanted to bring Tom up and give him a token of our appreciation on behalf of the City of Middletown, and the City of Middletown Common Council, and myself, and ask him to say a few words because he is a man of few words.

So, come on up, Tom. He said more than a few words. Congratulations and --

DR. LITTNER: Thank you very much, everybody.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: -- we appreciate all the time that you have (inaudible).

DR. LITTNER: So, I'm allowed to say a few words so, that's all I'm going to do.

But so, thank you, Mayor, and your team. You have a lot of people behind you and for you. And so, that's something that's wonderful about Middletown is the leadership of the Mayor.

Common Council, thank you for -- and the other Department heads that are here this evening. Thank you for all that you do for Middletown. I mean for me, it doesn't get unnoticed. I mean I see the -- I see the work that's going on now with the sidewalks, the paving, the plowing, the Common Council helping me when I've changed all my zoning over the years. I appreciate all of that because that enabled me to continue to grow and expand my

office and my business.

It seemed like every time I came up here, it was like a hot knife through butter. I mean I just walk up here and everybody's like, okay, whatever you want. And it was like so wonderful. I know it wasn't that easy but, let me tell you, it helped me greatly to have that support and love from Middletown and love from Middletown.

Thank you, of course, to my family, who is here. And so, they have helped me, of course, obviously.

The City of Middletown has been very good to me over the past 40 years and I thank you for all your support.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: It's not a gold watch, Doc, but it's a little token of our appreciation. And also, thank you to Theresa and your family for all the support they have given us also, to the City of Middletown.

6. Remarks of the Mayor

MAYOR DESTEFANO: So, moving on, I touch on the ambulance issue in a pre-meeting. I'll be giving more detail on that in the near future, as we get more details on what's happening.

But just in general, the ambulance crisis is a Statewide crisis right now with not only response time

but, staffing and costs. And we are going to be looking at potentially some problems with not only service but cost of service. So, we'll -- but we'll be getting into more detail as we go ahead and we're trying to get more information out of our State representatives on that.

I don't have much more. We discussed some items in committee and I'm here to take your questions, if you have any.

Mr. Masi.

ALD. MASI: Mr. Mayor, you want to mention that the budget process that's in place right now --

MAYOR DESTEFANO: Yes, yes. Well, we have begun the budget process. We've gone through each department head -- each department, so far. And we, as usual, the requests far exceed the revenues and so, there's -- it's going to require significant cutting within the budget.

We also have you know additional requests that are legitimate requests. For example, we met today with the Warming Center, Jerry Kleiner, one issue that we've had with the -- not issue but it's a concern is the Warming Center closes -- releases everyone at 7:00 and public buildings are not opening until 9:00. So, on bitter cold days, the folks have been looking for places to go, whether they are doorways or private property in the downtown area, it became a concern. Plus, the weather

conditions were not conducive to someone being out in that bitter cold.

So, we asked the Warming Center folks to look at a possibility of extending their hours to, for example, when the Salvation Army may open or other, like the library, may open. And they did come back with a plan today. We're evaluating the plan. We're hoping to have some funding options moving forward.

It's not a lot of money but it's something that's unanticipated in the budget process, at this point, but it's only a small amount of money. The big amount of money, of course, would be the ambulance issue.

But we still have significant cuts to make in our budget, though, and budget requests. So, we'll be hoping to meet all deadlines. Leonora is doing whatever she needs to do with transfers. As you know, we do transfer money from our water fund into our general fund. So, we'll have a better and clearer picture for you probably within the next couple of weeks.

Any other questions? All right, thank you.

5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY (Con't.)

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right, going back for the Good of the City, anyone who would like to address the Council, please step forward.

MS. CID: Hello, good evening, everyone. My

name is Vanessa Cid, 7 Linden Avenue, and also with For the Many Today. So happy to see so many of your faces.

I'm here today to urge you all to conduct a vacancy study in the City of Middletown. As you know, Middletown currently is facing a housing crisis, as any other city in the Hudson Valley, across the State, and Nationwide.

Right now, what we're seeing is that the State legislative session has left out our tenants and some things that we've done to protect them. Doing so, would create a Rent Guidelines Board that can freeze or possibly even reduce rent in buildings with six or more units built before 1974.

The City of Kingston has actually already done this and the cities of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie are in the process of doing their own vacancy studies.

We should not let Middletown fall further behind. And in your mailboxes, you all should have gotten the rent increase that one of the buildings on 70 Sproat Street got. They actually got a rent increase last year; \$200. This year, \$400.

Our communities are being priced out. We can't afford to live here. And the thing that's even more disheartening is that, in the letter, it says that, if they wish to continue renting, they continue their payment

with the new rent increase on November 1st or they self-evict.

People have nowhere else to go and the tenants that I've been speaking to at this building have picked up a third job. So, now they don't even have time to spend time with their children, to help them with their homework, eat dinner with them, let alone go to their activities after school.

So, right now, in New York State, many people are not familiar but there is actually no roof in place that says a landlord can raise your rent up to X amount. Unless you live in a rent-regulated apartment building, your landlord is actually allowed to raise your rent for up to \$1,000 and there is absolutely nothing you can do about it because they are in all their given right.

So, there's a solution here: ETPA. You all received the information. I reached out to a couple of you. I haven't heard back but I do hope that it's something that you all will take into consideration and follow up with me.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

Anyone else?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. We are here in representation of middle -- Soccer Club of

Middletown. Here are some of our children, and parents, and coaches, as well.

So, we are here to make our request. The Soccer Club of Middletown has been actively servicing families in the City of Middletown since 2015 and has been a part of the East Hudson Youth Soccer League since 2021.

Two of our groups, the Wolves and the Tigers, are the current reigning champions of the league. Due to increasing interest in the men, we have expanded this year and added another age division to our team. Our coaches volunteer their spare time and passion for the sport to provide the City youth with the best experience possible. Most of the cost, maintenance, and upkeep of the league are at the expense of the coaches, volunteers, and parents.

We are reaching out today to ask the City of Middletown for help in which every way is possible. We are grateful for the support we have been receiving from the Parks and Recreation Department and they allow usage of the Watts Park fields.

However, compared to other sports fields on the ground, they do not compare. On the upper part, where the soccer field is located, there are multiple holes due to the rain erosion and flooding, which increases the chances of injuries. When heavier rain is received, it takes days

for the fields to dry out the pockets of water that build up.

We lack field lighting that, during this time of the year, is crucial. We currently depend on parents, who turn on their headlights facing the field to light the area after the sun goes down.

We have been told multiple times that the goals and nets do not meet the standards for the age of children on our teams. The coaches purchased netting themselves, however, the cost of the constant repurchasing is becoming increasingly difficult.

We are also requesting, if possible, to have some sort of safety netting along the main fence to catch potential high-kick balls to prevent damage to cars parked in the lot.

We try our best to run our program throughout the year but, with the colder months approaching, practicing outside will become increasingly difficult to do so. It would be great to have a place to practice indoors, at least once a week, in order to keep these children engaged and active, even during this time of the year.

We appreciate your time and patience in hearing us. We hope to be able to continue serving the youth and families of this community with your help.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

Okay, anyone else?

7. Remarks of Department Heads

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay, moving over to the Department Heads.

Economic Development.

MS. BRUNI: Good evening.

We had a Community Development Agency meeting at 7:15; updated you on the properties that we've sold and properties that are underway for renovations and sale through our Home Buyer Program.

We are going to post -- thank you, Alderman Tobin. We're going to post some of our before and afters and about our program on our new website. So, you could check that out and learn more about our Home Buyer Program.

On the Paramount front, this weekend we have, Saturday night, "Shadows of the 60s," a tribute to Motown supergroups. Come out and see a great show Saturday night. Showtime is at 8:00. You can buy tickets online middletownparamount.com or at the door.

Also, in conjunction with Run4Downtown, the business improvement district in the city, we are doing our first Pumpkin Patch at Erie Way Park and we're going

to be giving away free pumpkins. We're going to have some music, decorating, and more. And this is going to be October 14th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

And I would like to thank Run4Downtown organization. I know we got through the big race in August. They are going to be purchasing all the pumpkins for that day.

And also, coming in October, is our Heart-A-Thon, 2023 Heart-A-Thon weekend at the Paramount. Great movies. And thank you to Eileen, who is behind that door, who puts these movies together and gets everything going for our Heart-A-Thon weekend.

And that's all I have right now.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for Maria?

MS. BRUNI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you, Maria.

DPW Commissioner.

MR. TAWIL: Good evening, all.

Congratulations to Dr. Littner. He's a dear person to us and has always been out there. I remember him many, many years ago, when we were trying to introduce fluoride in the water, when he came with a whole bunch of doctors. The Sons of Middletown really, they came to advocate for fluoride in the water and it was a big push to convince the Council and the Mayor, at the time, to

introduce fluoride in our water, which is very helpful.

And CDC is encouraging that and they gave us letter of award for introducing it. Department of Health, as well, New York State, and Orange County, they encourage the use of fluoride, and so on.

I don't want to change the subject about fluoride now but, I appreciate him very much. I wish him the best of luck and to enjoy his retirement.

Alderman Masi, reservoir level is at 95 percent. We have abundance of water right now. Really, one of the problems is trying to lower the water in one of the reservoirs, in Shawangunk, because we are upgrading three different dams in there. And right now, we are doing the embankment on the wet side of the dam and the water level is high and we are trying to control it, and wastewater and bypass water.

But, we have plenty of water, which is always a good thing to have, except now when we are upgrading our dams, all four of them. It really, it caused some real aggravation for us but we are getting towards the end of the projects for both Kinch Dam and Shawangunk's three dams.

Traffic operation is moving along very well and you can see the progress, when you drive around the city. It's very impressive and a major facelift for our city.

And you'll see it more when the project is completed next year, when we have all new traffic lights, ADA accessible curbs and sidewalks, and intersections, pedestrian crossings, and so on. So, it's going to be a very good addition to our city, which is very much needed.

Tomorrow, there will be striping. The contractor will be striping South Street and they will continue striping all around the new paved areas, as well as our crews, DPW, striping our own streets. We'll be doing that at the same time.

Regarding the Water Treatment Plant -- all street paving is done, by the way, by the city or by the contractor who have done paving for this year. And we are trying to now anticipate the weather and the cold weather, and program accordingly, so we don't have too many sites open.

We expect electrical contractor to continue to work through the winter, hopefully, putting out the traffic lights, and poles, and so on, and pedestrian poles, and we'll see how that goes. It's all a function to weather permitting.

And well water in the water treatment plant, we had a spike in iron and manganese during the seasonal -- what we believe the seasonal reservoirs turnover in this time of the year, which means the bottom water comes up to

the top and the top goes to the bottom. That's a turnover due to weather conditions, the temperature changes. And we were able to adjust the chemicals at the water treatment plant so we had minimal spike in manganese. We were able to bring the iron down to nondetectable levels but, the manganese spiked a little bit but it came down now, and I believe we have it under control.

Reservoir studies for the well water quality is still going on by CDM Smith. Water storage taken Highland Avenue, the contractor is making progress. However, because of the cold weather that's anticipated soon, we may have to work on Saturday and Sunday, at least three weekends during -- starting early hours. They made that request. I'll be discussing it with the mayor and will be getting back to the contractor.

We want to be careful to make sure that this Highland tank -- Highland Avenue tank is put back into operation and service storing water for us as soon as possible. We don't want to spend the winter without that tank being functional. So, we may have to put up with some noise but I will be discussing that with the mayor and then getting back to the contractor.

The other water storage tanks have not started yet. So, we're working with the contractor for a schedule.

We had two grants from EPA; \$3.5 million, roughly, each, and we're going back and forth. We've been going back and forth with EPA about the best way to approach the RFQ, request for qualification for engineers and whether the previous engineer, who helped develop the grant, who helped the city, who helped us in developing the grant application, which was very successful, whether they could bid on the -- whether they could participate in the RFQ. And today, we just got the answer that yes, they can, from the EPA.

So, hopefully, next week, we'll start moving forward at \$7 million that we desperately need to improve our water infrastructure and that's, basically, the water line coming from the water treatment plant down to the city.

With that, I will complete my report, if you have any questions for me.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions?

Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Not necessarily a question but I just want to give props to the crews doing that Highland Avenue tank. I know it's so very close to the road and yet, there are very minimal disruptions to the traffic pattern. And if you haven't driven by it and seen it, it's really actually a very impressive job. So, well done

for them.

MR. TAWIL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Yeah, thank you.

We have a resolution tonight about picking up leaves.

MR. TAWIL: Yes.

ALD. KLEINER: I just wanted to -- so that we could go over it a few times before we get to it. I think it starts the beginning of November through the beginning of December but --

MR. TAWIL: Yes.

ALD. KLEINER: -- if you'd just say what the rules are for that.

MR. TAWIL: Sure. Sure. You know the leaves can only be disposed on the street within four -- four feet, really, at maximum, from the curb. And make sure you don't pile it so high, you don't put it next to the intersection, please, because it becomes a hazardous condition for kids. You can't see kids if it's too high. If it's close to the intersection, then you interfere with the line of sight of vehicles and pedestrians.

So, keep that in mind and do not mix it with branches, you know continue to tie branches. You know continue to tie branches together so that we can pick them

up.

But yeah, and the dates are before you. I think it's November 6th starts until December 6th or something like that. Yeah, that all will be once Council approves it, the Mayor signs it the next day, then we will put it on our website and it will -- we will have an ad in the paper, as well.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. Anyone else?

Thank you, Jacob.

MR. TAWIL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Fire Chief.

CHIEF BARBER: Good evening, everybody.

Just a friendly reminder. Inspection night this Friday, 6:00 p.m. If you're coming, we'll pick you up out here and bring you around to all the fire houses.

And the parade; line up is at 2:00, step-off is at 3:00. I will have rain ponchos. So, I hope to see everybody there.

Other than that, any questions?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Yeah, thank you, Chief.

Do you know how many out-of-town --

CHIEF BARBER: Twenty.

ALD. WITT: Oh, nice.

CHIEF BARBER: Twenty.

ALD. WITT: Very good. Thank you.

CHIEF BARBER: How many visitors. How many out-of-town guests are coming.

That's it? Okay.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right, thank you.

Police Chief.

CHIEF EWANCIW: Good evening.

I have nothing, unless you have questions for me.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the police chief?

All right. Thank you, Chief.

Superintendent of Recreation.

MS. BERTHOLF: Good evening.

I just want to say it's a pleasure working with Coach Reyes and his team, using our facilities, both outside and indoors.

The concerns about the potholes and the dips in the field was brought to our attention about two weeks ago. Our guys are in the process of getting quotes for a truckload of topsoil. It's something that wasn't budgeted for. So, getting it done immediately is a struggle. We are nearing the end of our fiscal year and so we just have to make sure that we have enough in materials and

supplies.

But that is something that we did, once we were made aware, that we did look into it to get that repaired.

I also spoke to Coach Reyes and we're going to email the school district, in hopes of getting them some more winter space and just get them connected with Dave Coates and Kevin Gleason on trying to get them more gym time in the winter.

If you saw on Facebook, we are doing a bus trip to the Radio City Music Hall. Kelly, somehow, worked her magic and got amazing orchestra seat tickets. We opened it up at 12:00 today and it sold out by 12:10. So, we're very excited by that and hoping that, next year, we could do more bus trips.

And on the plus side, with the cost of the tickets and the bus, we're -- we weren't doing it to make money but we up-charged a little bit, of course, and ended up making \$1,000 on the trip, total. So, that's awesome.

Any questions?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions?

Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: I noticed the soccer club are having lighting --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Light?

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: -- issues. Is there

anything you can do about that?

MS. BERTHOLF: Besides buying lights?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Mike.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: I can address that.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: As you know, we're -- we made a heavy investment in Wolslayer Field and our plans are to install some lighting over on Wolslayer Field but it will be multiuse. It would have to work -- primary use of Wolslayer will be football, youth football and to work around that schedule there, we would be able to give the Soccer Club some time on Wolslayer Field.

The reason why we can't do lighting at Watts, along the area of the soccer field, or the Babe Ruth League, or even some of the Little League fields on Watkins, is the neighbors adamantly opposed it, when it was proposed several years ago. They don't want the late night activity. It's very close to their homes.

So, the current lighting situation at Watts is stuck into the back, where the football fields are.

So, there will be an opportunity for, next season, hopefully, to have them use the football field or the all-purpose field at Wolslayer Field, where there are concessions, where there is plenty of parking and lighting.

So, that's our plan to do something along those lines. I think they will be very happy with the conditions over there. I know that their program is expanding.

But, as for some of the other stuff about you know -- I'm assuming they're operating under the same guidelines as Youth Football or Little League, where we don't give direct subsidies -- and I don't know if they're asking for a direct subsidy -- to any of the youth programs. They are separate private entities but we do subsidize in many ways, including field maintenance.

And while they were talking, I did send a text to the foreman. And he said, you know the heavy rains did a lot of washing out on some of the fields. So, that caused some of the problems, at least. And it's becoming -- they're just becoming aware of it but, if there were problems before, they weren't conveyed to us, at least not to my office or, hopefully, not to Raelyn's office. But, once they are brought to our attention, we'll try to address it.

But the Wolslayer Field project, the drainage there is state of the art drainage. So, that issue is not -- as a matter of fact, there's too much drainage. We have to water it sometimes because, even after a rainstorm, because it drains all the water out.

So, there are possibilities of extending the opportunity for the Soccer Club to use that field with lighting. The Council just, I believe, appropriated a -- what was it -- \$230,000 from the Rec program contingency to put the lighting in there.

But additional lighting at Watts, you know Jerry and Andrew, I don't think either one of you were around at the time at Second Ward but I was around and it was pretty adamantly opposed by the neighbors with housing close right there.

And one of the reasons why we did Wolslayer was that very issue of additional lighting not impacting the neighbors in that area.

And parking has become a problem at Watts, too. You know when you have the soccer and the baseball going at the same time, it's become a real, real problem. So, trying to move some of the activity over to Wolslayer Field on Monhagen I think is in everybody's best interest.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: Okay.

MS. BERTHOLF: There's also been -- I was on a Zoom meeting for State funding that's coming up. As the Rec Department, we've applied for some of the funding for 2024 but just made aware that there is additional funding for nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) that have youth that

have a team sport.

I spoke to Youth Football, Little League, and they're going to, hopefully, look into applying for some of the funds. It could be up to \$50,000.

I will speak with Soccer about applying for that, also. And that money could be used towards new goals, equipment, or any upgrades, which, obviously, would benefit us. We're allowed to partner with them, if it's facility upgrades, because we're a municipality but we're not allowed, ourselves, to apply for the funding because we're not a sport team.

But once that funding is released, the youth teams that we work with, that use our facilities, we are going to contact them in hopes of working together to do facility -- any facility updates and, hopefully, get them money, too, for equipment, or scholarships, or uniforms, anything.

Any other questions?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Yeah, just kind of piggybacking off of that you know, just I know it is butteding (phonetic) season and just another cry from our -- for advocacy from our constituents for you know, hopefully, maybe getting some kind of netting near the baseball fields for any of those higher balls that kind of go into the --

MS. BERTHOLF: Those -- that actually, the purchase order was just approved.

ALD. GREEN: Well, that's awesome.

MS. BERTHOLF: So, it's going to be on Babe Ruth first base side. Right now, that's all there is money for.

ALD. GREEN: No, anything is better than nothing and I appreciate it.

MS. BERTHOLF: So, those other fields that are on Watkins, that would be down the road more, but we did have enough in park improvements to get that one done.

ALD. GREEN: That's great. I appreciate it.

MS. BERTHOLF: Absolutely.

ALD. GREEN: Thank you.

MS. BERTHOLF: Yup.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. All right, thank you.

Corporation Counsel.

MR. SMITH: I also wanted to congratulate Dr. Littner. I can't remember how many of my teeth he's pulled in the last 30 years but, aside from that, he deserves our thanks.

And other than that, I don't have any comments, unless anybody has any questions.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for Alex?

Thank you, Alex.

City Clerk.

MR. MCCORMACK: Good evening. Just a reminder. The general election is November 7th. You can still register to vote through October 28th. Contact the Board of Elections in Orange County, in Goshen, if you'd like to.

Thank you.

8. Public Hearings and Grievances

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right, public hearings and grievances.

MR. MCCORMACK: Good evening. Notice is hereby given that the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 on or as near 7:30 p.m. as possible in the Common Council Chambers, second floor, 16 James Street, to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard on the recently passed Local Law #2 of 2023, regarding a local law amending the provisions in the enforcement of the delinquent property taxes to comply with the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Tyler vs. Hennepin County*, 598 U.S. 631 (2023).

The full text of the local law is available in the Office of the Common Council Clerk, City Hall, 16 James Street, and on the city website.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. At this time, the

public hearing is how open. Anyone from the public?

Any councilmen?

Do I have a motion to close?

ALD. MASI: So moved.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

All in favor?

(Chorus of aye.)

9. Petitions and Complaints (None this evening.)

10. Remarks of the Aldermen and Reports of Committees

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Remarks of aldermen.

Alderman Masi.

ALD. MASI: I just wanted to reiterate what the mayor had said about the budget here. Last week and this week, the mayor, the city clerk, and I have met with all of the department heads. And as he said, they come in with a really good wish list. And now, the hard part is paring it down so that we can get within a reasonable budget. I'll keep you guys appraised as we go along.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Thank you.

I hope we have a good day on Saturday for the firefighters parade. That's a pretty long-standing Middletown tradition and it's great to see so many

companies that are going to be coming in from out of town.

So, I hope everyone has a good time with that.

So, thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Thank you.

I guess, as a constituent and a long-time family friend, Dr. Littner, congratulations. Thank you for all you do for our city and for sticking around in business here. We definitely appreciate you and love having you here.

Alderman Kleiner and I will be here on Monday evening, even though City Hall is closed. Still, in the evening, we will be having our constituents meeting here. It will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

And then, other than that, I do hope that, rain or not, people will come out and support the fire parade, as it is only going to happen every three years. So, this will be the last one for another three years.

So, I hope to see you all out there.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you.

Great to see so many people here and so many families here. It's just terrific. We haven't had this many young people in the council for a long, long time. So, thank you all for coming and supporting your requests.

And I hope we are really able to deal with it as much as possible.

The fire parade, you have rain or shine. It's too bad it wasn't sometime this week but Saturday, whatever it brings, we'll be there.

Our constituents meeting, I want to remind people that you don't have to be from the 2nd Ward. We let other people in. And also, Mayor DeStefano will be at our constituent meeting. So, come ask your questions.

Next Tuesday, October 10th, is the Thrall Library vote. Most people usually aren't aware of that but it's for their budget and for their board. And Thrall Library has been an important part of this community for many, many years. So, if you can make it out, go out and vote.

A week from Saturday, again, I'm going to mention the Historical Society has our 100th anniversary meeting. And it used to be that would be a front page story, when we had a real local newspaper. But it will be, hopefully, a great event.

And then, lastly, I know it's warm this week but, as the Mayor said, the Warming Station Committee is looking forward to this winter. And the very first Training Station for volunteering at the Warming Station will be Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. You don't

have to preregister or anything. If you are interested in volunteering or helping in any way, you can just show up. And again, the website is middletownwarmingstation.com.

So, thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderwoman Wray.

ALD. WRAY: I'll be quick. I think we are losing these poor kids.

I will say this, I see a lot of faces I recognize from the school. And I spend an awful lot of time at Watts Park and the Soccer Club is always there, and they are always working, and they are always practicing. You know, the first thought when you came to speak about connecting you with the school. Obviously, Raelyn, who is superb at her work, is way ahead of that with me. It's a perfect point of contact.

But I know for us, soccer kind of waned for a while in our town. So, having this group of enthusiastic kids in this sport -- Middies love to win. That's what we've been doing a lot of lately. So, you know bringing them, a team that is the future of their sport, is not a bad thing. It's a great connection. So, I'm excited that Raelyn is always right on top of all of the concerns for our kids and keeping our -- them safe and a great place to raise your children.

So, that's really all I have tonight. I just

wanted to say that and have a good evening.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Thank you.

Not too much, other than to acknowledge Dr. Littner, a career of which you can be proud. We all thank you and congratulation you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Thank you.

Our 4th Ward constituents meeting will be this Saturday, October 7th, at 10:00 in this chamber. Sparrow and I will be here. So, everyone, feel free to join us, if you can.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Yes, it's great to see kids involved in sports. I think that you learn a lot from it. So, I'm glad everybody's participating. Whether it's football, baseball, or soccer, it's great for the kids, great for the community.

I'd like to thank Dr. Littner for his years of service to the community.

I look forward to the parade on Saturday, rain or shine.

I'd like to thank Vanessa Cid for bringing up the important issue of the rent crisis. You know it's a

vicious cycle, especially now in our area, post-Covid. A lot of people have moved up from the City, the whole entire Hudson Valley. So, that's raised rates for rents but wages have remained flat. So, we have a lot of working people that the percentage of their income has gone beyond 30 percent, which they say is unhealthy. They may be paying 50 percent of their income towards their rent.

And so, this is a real struggle for a lot of families, especially if they don't have credit. I mean I grew up as a rent -- I mean renting and you know the only time they fix the home, even though the rent increases, is when you leave the house. And so, even though you may pay your rent every month on time, that doesn't affect your credit rating. So, then you don't get credit. So, you get a mortgage.

My mortgage is a little over \$1,000. I don't think you can get an apartment, a decent apartment, anyway, for that.

So we have a real you know have and have nots, as far as renters. And it's a struggle. It's real. I know that Governor Hochul is taking it up. We've taken action against Airbnbs to kind of make sure they're not taking up our housing stock.

I'd be interested in anything else we could do

to help our renters.

Thank you.

11. Unfinished Business (None this evening.)

12. New Business

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: New business.

MR. MCCORMACK: Good evening.

We have a resolution from Alderman Kleiner moving the November 7, 2023 Council meeting to November 6th, in observance of Election Day.

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

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing a block party on Lenox Place between Courtland Place and Cantrell Avenue.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Masi.

Any discussion?

ALD. GREEN: Yup, real quick.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Yeah, I just want to say that I'm glad to see this. This used to be a longstanding tradition in that neighborhood. So, it's good to see them bringing it back again.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Anyone else?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing the general city wide clean up period for leaves in the street.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi accepting a \$9,854.40 grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to support the purchase of Live Scan equipment for the Police Department.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Green.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt accepting a \$14,875 grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the Police Traffic Services Program.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray accepting a \$500,000 grant for the purchase and installation of decorative light poles and light fixtures in the Downtown.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by

Alderwoman Wray, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt declaring
Recreation and Parks equipment as surplus.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by

Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson accepting a 2013 Ford shuttle bus from the Town of Wallkill.

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

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

13. Local Laws

(None this evening.)

14. Audit of Claims and Accounts

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Audit.

ALD. MASI: Mr. President, I moved the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted, and the city treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

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

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. WRAY: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

15. ADJOURNMENT

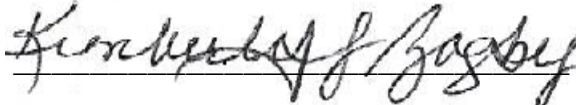
PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Motion to adjourn?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

(Proceeding concluded.)

CERTIFICATION

I, KIMBERLY J. ZOGBY, certify that the foregoing transcript of the October 3, 2023 Middletown City Council meeting was prepared using the required transcription equipment and is a true and accurate transcript of the recording.



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OCTOBER 3, 2023**

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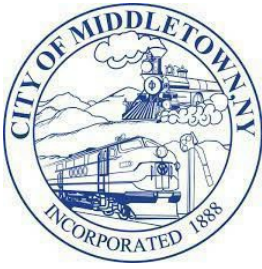
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Witt

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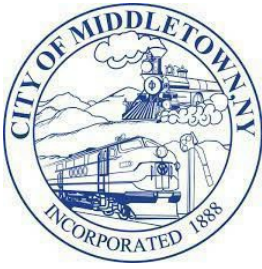
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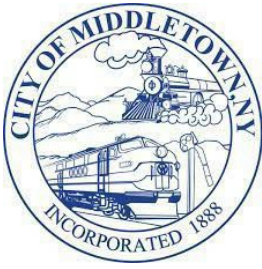
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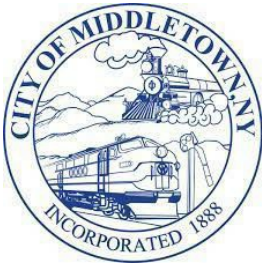
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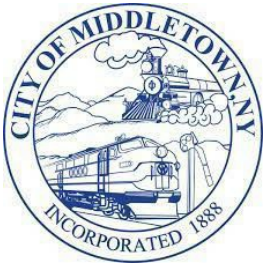
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Resolution Moving the November 7, 2023 Common Council Meeting to November 6, 2023

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby moves the November 7, 2023 Common Council meeting to Monday, November 6, 2023, in Observance of Election Day.



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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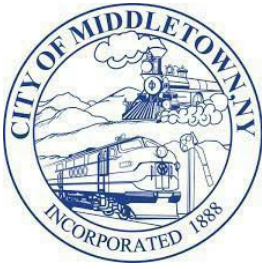
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Resolution Authorizing a Block Party on Lenox Place Between Courtland Place and Cantrell Avenue

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown Authorizes a Block Party on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 3 PM-5 PM on Lenox Place between Courtland Place and Cantrell Avenue

ATTACHMENTS:

[Block Party 32 Lennox Place.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption: October 3, 2023

Index No: 191-23

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 the General City Wide Clean Up Period for Leaves in the Street

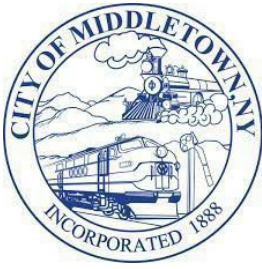
RESOLVED that from November 6, 2023, to December 8, 2023, the City of Middletown will hold its general city-wide clean-up period for leaves in the street. (Set out no further than four (4) feet from the curb.) All other times during the year leaves must be placed in receptacles. Department of Public Works crews will pick up leaves in the street during this time only, no exceptions.

The initial Leaves pick up schedules will be as follows:

1. First Ward
2. Second Ward
3. Third Ward
4. Fourth Ward

ATTACHMENTS:

[2023 GENERAL CITY WIDE LEAVES PICK UP.pdf](#)



**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: October 3, 2023

Index No: 192-23

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			

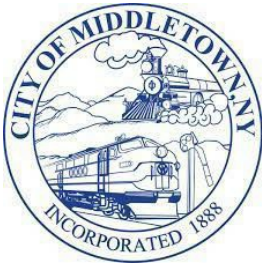
Resolution Accepting a \$9,854.40 Grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to support the purchase of Livescan Equipment for the Police Department

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a grant award in the amount of \$9,854.40 given by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to support the purchase of Livescan equipment.

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 add the funds to the existing equipment budget line A.3120.200. These funds will be reimbursed after submission to the state.

ATTACHMENTS:

[LIVESCAN.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption: October 3, 2023

Index No: 193-23

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 \$14,875 Grant from the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the Police Traffic Services Program

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a \$14,875 grant award from by the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the use of the “Police Traffic Services” program effective October 1, 2023.

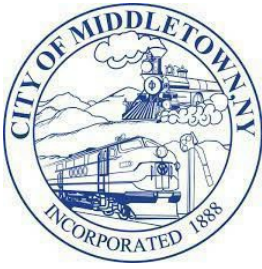
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the mayor to sign the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to add the funds to the existing Traffic Services budget line A.3124.103.

The purpose of this award is to increase seat belt usage and reduce aggressive, speeding, distracted and other dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury or death from traffic crashes.

ATTACHMENTS:

[PTS 2024.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Wray

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption: October 3, 2023

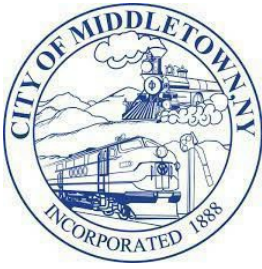
Index No: 194-23

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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 \$500,000 Grant for the Purchase and Installation of New Decorative Light Poles and Light Fixtures In The Downtown

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept DASNY Grant #26122 for the amount of \$500,000.00, and to authorize the Mayor, as the sole signatory, to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.

This grant will be used to purchase and install approximately 150 decorative light poles and light fixtures for streets/sidewalks in the downtown. These will replace the existing downtown decorative light poles and fixtures. This grant was secured by Assemblywoman Gunther.



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption: October 3, 2023

Index No: 195-23

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 Declaring Recreation and Parks Equipment as Surplus

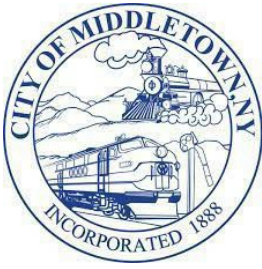
BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and declares the following Recreation and Parks Department equipment as surplus and authorizes them to go to auction.:

2006 Ford F250- Vin:1FDAF57Y46EB56108- Plate: L97471. It will no longer pass inspection, stopped running and has a lot of rot. This truck is no longer needed by the City of Middletown for any governmental purposes.

New Holland Ford Tractor Surplus- It has stopped running and has a lot of rust and rot. This tractor is no longer needed by the City of Middletown for any governmental purposes.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Recreation and Parks Surplus Equipment Request 10-2-23 BOE.pdf](#)



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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Masi

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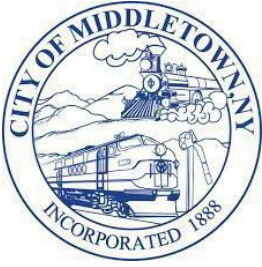
Resolution accepting a 2013 Ford Shuttle Bus from the Town of Wallkill

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a 2013 Ford Shuttle Bus from the Town of Wallkill, gifted September 28, 2023, and authorization for the mayor to sign the title.

The bus will be used for Senior Transportation Program and other community events as needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

[tow bus donation 2013 ford shuttle.pdf](#)



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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

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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