



**Common Council
Meeting
City of Middletown
August 15, 2017**

1. Pledge of Allegiance- Pres. Rodrigues asked all to rise for the pledge.
2. Roll Call: Present: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9
3. Approval of Minutes-On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Johnson to accept the minutes of July 18, July 25, July 31, 2017 Common Council meeting as submitted

All in favor

4. Correspondence

Correspondence from Village of Otisville regarding they will no longer be hauling trash to the City of Middletown Transfer Station-Received & Filed

5. For the Good of the City

O'Connor Davies made a presentation regarding 2016 audited financial statements

Nick DeSantis partner in O'Connor Davis, partner Alan Kassay with Mr. DeSantis

Present audit of 2016 year ending December 31, 2016

General Fund-Primary operating fund

Alan- total Revenues

| Original Budget | Final Budget –Positive/Negative |
|---|---------------------------------|
| \$34,918,868 | \$1,757,241 |
| Total Expenditures | |
| \$37,405,814 | \$3,042,007 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures | |
| \$(2,486,946) | \$4,799,248 |

Net Change in Fund Balance

\$(1,106,288) - basically it is monies you took out of the 2015 budget to balance the 2016 budget.

\$4,564,707

Total Fund Balance \$11,202,483 year ending December 31

Gave a detailed description of above

Overall budget had a negative variance of \$234,541

This report is in file

Reported on 5 yr. budget

This report is in file

If you read the Moody Report you are rated as A1. You are at the top of the A classification in ratings. Moody's would like to see you accumulate a little more fund balance; but speaking with the Mayor before the meeting he is telling me all the good things you have going in as far as Economic Development and all of that goes into your rating as well. Your tax base, your economic activity, the infrastructure that you as a city build so developers come in and undertake certain projects.

One of the other things I want to point out 2% tax limitation.

As you know the Governor and State Legislature extended the so called 2% Property Tax Limitation. It is called Property Tax Limitation Law.

Graph on file

You as a City Council and as a City you have done wise thing in managing your Fund Balance and your resources over this period coming out of the recession from 2008. The recession in 2008 created a lot of havoc for municipalities of all sizes including the drawdown on Fund Balance with this property tax limitation. You have done a good thing in balancing your fund balance, your property tax levy, undertaking your Economic Development plan.

Middletown is in good shape. You do have somethings that you have to backstop. We all know water/sewer infrastructures are old, very costly to maintain. Sometimes you have to revert to your resources and other funds to support that as well as your capital infrastructure. Even though I am giving you good news ok, you have to continue wisely spend your money; I am a big advocate for a multi-year forecast for all my clients. You have capital projects that have to be done, you have fire trucks, police vehicles that have to be rotated and purchased. You have labor contracts, you have to make sure you can afford those labor contracts, you have post-employment benefits which are very costly and... I think the post benefit cost for the City of Middletown not that you have to fund it but it is probably somewhere around **\$36-39 million**? I like to make sure I remind my clients that whenever you are in negotiations on contracts there are certain...

Alan-\$32 million

Mr. DeSantis- You don't have to fund that right now, but it is an obligation that sits out there. It is accounted for separately from your fund financial statement; but that obligation sits out there. One day I'm sure the State of NY will set up a trust fund ...and start requiring municipalities to start contributing to that trust fund to fund health insurance benefits for retirees. Right now you do it on a pay as you go basis and it is costing you about \$2million.

No questions from the Council.

Mary Lou Deitrich- The horror I heard from Charlottesville this weekend made me think that in the early '60's I was too young to get involved. I just watched ...documentary about civil rights leaders in the '50's and '60's focusing on James Baldwin that made me ask just how far we actually come. Then I thought about the words about Albert Einstein If I were to remain silent I am guilty of complicity. Therefore, now that I am in my '60s I felt I must do something to rally against hate. I truly fell apathy is deadly.

I have filed for a permit for a peaceful rally United Against Hate Rally in solidarity for Charlottesville for Monday, August 21st at 6 pm at Jerry's Park. I am hoping that many people who feel as I do will come out and join me to show support and rally against bigotry, racism, intolerance and hate. There have been

many rallies already in our neighboring counties. I feel we must let everyone know that in Orange County the City of Middletown follows the American values of inclusion and empathy within our community. If any community leaders would like to give a brief statement on Monday please contact me by email. I have a new email address easy to remember Standup for what is right@mail.com. I would love your support. We cannot forget any of the victims at Charlottesville, Heather Heyer, 2 State Troopers and many people injured.

I hope you will come and show your peaceful support against bigotry, racism, intolerance and hate on Monday, August 21st at Jerry's Park at 6pm. Bring your sign of peace and love and join to show the world we are united against hate.

Merritt Winner-I am past Chief from the Middletown Fire Dept. and remain an active member of the Middletown Fire Dept.

This presentation is intended to make you more aware of the monetary value of the City of Middletown that is provided at no cost by our well-trained, dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer firefighters.

As you may know, I am a supporter of Middletown's combination of Paid and Volunteer firefighters that are so effective in performing the duties of a modern municipal fire department.

I am also a Middletown taxpayer. Therefore, I am always looking for a less costly way to provide effective fire service to our citizens.

Five years ago, I made a comparison of the annual costs of fire protection for the three cities of Orange County and presented it before the 2012 Council. The financial data for that presentation were taken from the three 2012 municipal budgets.

Fire protection in Middletown, Port Jervis and Newburgh rely on very different systems to provide fire protection for their citizens.

Middletown, as you all are aware, is a combination department, consisting of both paid and volunteer firefighters. Newburgh firefighters are all career city employees, while Port Jervis firefighters are all volunteers.

The costs are all taken from the 2017 operating budgets of Middletown, Port Jervis and Newburgh. They do not include benefits and retirement costs, which are also substantial.

All data presented here are obtained from the websites of the three cities.

Port Jervis' population is now about 8572.
The Port Jervis Fire Department operates 6 companies with 7 pieces of modern

fire apparatus.

Their 2017 PJFD budget is \$303,013. There is no budget for overtime, because of their 100% volunteer force

Each citizen of Port Jervis pays \$35.44 annually for fire protection from their all volunteer fire dept.

Middletown's population is 27,653. The Middletown fire Department operates 7 companies with 7 pieces of modern fire apparatus.

The MFD budget is \$2,724, 497.

Each citizen of Middletown pays \$88.52 annually for fire protection from our combination department.

Newburgh's population is 28,200.

Newburg staffs three engines and one ladder. That is about equivalent to our first alarm response. There are no volunteers

The 2017 NFD budget is \$5,709,771.

Each citizen of Newburgh pays \$202.27 annually for fire protection from their paid department.

Newburg's staffed (in-service) apparatus is quickly overwhelmed and must call for the reluctant mutual aid from the surrounding volunteer fire departments whenever their fire problem is greater than a room and contents fire.

Mutual aid volunteer fire companies are assigned standby are not called to assist at the scene.

Newburgh calls for mutual aid from Stewart airport which is Orange County funded, ANG is NYS and federally funded.

Another aspect of paid firefighters is their accumulation of a retirement fund, a significant cost for the city. These costs are not included here.

To recap: The Middletown citizen pays 2.8 times more than the citizen of Port Jervis for fire protection, While the citizen of Newburgh pays 5.7 times more than the citizen of Port Jervis for fire protection.

Newburgh staffs 37 firefighters and 6 civilian positions for a total of 43 employees. Middletown presently has 24 paid firefighters. Local 1027 and the City of Middletown recently negotiated a new contract through 2020 including a retroactive

active increases 2015 and annual increases in ...doubling 15.25%. Because they are compounded the actual is 23.3%.

Middletown Fire Dept. always needs new volunteers. Anyone ages 15 or 16 are youth firefighters.

Ron Hujus and Dane Doucette-We are basically here to present to you. A good tournament that we grew up playing and a lot of people are familiar with is the Neal B. Turfler Tournament. It kind of broke our hearts that some of the guys that were on the committee for the last 4 yrs. to help get more teams to come in, get players from Pennsylvania and Connecticut to play. They don't want to do it anymore.

Basically me and Dane said we would take it over and start the tournament. With everything that we are learning from the guys over the years we couldn't use the same name. We changed the name but it is still the same tournament. Same guys, same people running it.

Tonight we are here to present everything to introduce us to you; we want to keep the tradition alive.

Dane- The main reason we want to apply for a temporary liquor license. We have done everything that we were asked to do. We applied to NYS and got approved, field permits, insurance, food permits. We are supporting autism as well, the J & Carol Anthony Foundation. All the proceeds are going to be donated to them. We have entry fee that we charge, the entry fee goes to pay umpires, guaranteeing games, need to offer something for the teams that comes nowadays. Nobody wants to come for a trophy anymore.

All the money that gets donated from the sale of food, alcohol. I ran a tournament in June and I realized how tough it was for what they did all those years. I was going to donate to autism; it was my first time doing it. I calculated all the overhead in order to make money we need sponsors, donations.

Mayor DeStefano- I think you are applying for a temporary beer license.

Ron Hujus-You know softball players like to drink beer.

Pres. Rodrigues-When is the tournament?

Dane Doucette-Sept. 8, 9 and 10th. Alcohol will be Friday at 6:15 and end Sunday when championship game is over.

Pres. Rodrigues- Is this a non for profit or...

Dane Doucette- All the money is going to J & Carol Anthony Foundation. Only thing we are going to take back is the money out of pocket for ump fees, permits, balls, insurance for the field.

I can provide you with receipts anything you need. Paper trail. We don't want to make any money off the event at all. We just want to keep the tradition alive. I am 28 yrs. I have been there my entire life. It means a lot to me.

Pres. Rodrigues-Do you have approval from the SLA?

Ron Hujus-We applied NYS Liquor Authority – it is actually shown on our paper work showing that we were approved, docket number on there for permit. Also food and drug administration. We are learning as we go. John Bianchi and Neely and all the guys that ran the tournament for so many years they are trying to help us to make sure things run smoothly as well.

Ald. Burr- Question was asked are you going to play at Turfler or Watts.

Ron Hujus-We are going to play at Davidge Park and Watts. No Watts. Pop Warner Football is there. The other field is in the Town of Wallkill. We had to move the dates back this year usually it is the 3rd weekend in August this year it is in September. There is an tournament.

Pres. Rodrigues-Also the Middletown Parade.

Dane Doucette-Streets are closed off and try to make it easy.

Ald. Masi-Is there an accounting firm or someone...

Ron Hujus- We are trying to do everything ourselves. We are responsible for everything. Jay Anthony is going to help.

We have been talking to them and anything we need help with they are there to help.

Pres. Rodrigues- Our next meeting is Sept. 5th.

Ron Hujus- That gives us 3 days to get everything done. I already applied for a liquor license last month. Came back, Chris actually helped me because I need a map to show the layout of the park for evacuations, exits, bathrooms. I had to do a whole thing for security perimeter send that back to them and that is when they sent me back my approval. City of Middletown liability for liquor for \$1 million, players insurance I went through all that. Everything is done and this is just the last part of the process.

If we get approved I will provide you all with receipts. We don't want to make a dime off this event.

Pres. Rodrigues- (Asked Corp. Council) Can we approve it tonight.

Rich Guertin-You don't have enough details #1. #2 what kind of policies have you been following with the use of City parks. We don't allow the Fire Dept. to have beer at their functions. Do you want to continue that policy or do you want to make an exception. You have to consider what you are doing? Do you have enough information to make the decision tonight, I'm not sure you do.

Dane Doucette- Actually that is not true. I did a little google it works great. For the past 30 yrs. the Fire Dept. always had beer on the City of Middletown fields, I actually googled it and have the paperwork to prove it.

Pres. Rodrigues- It is a City sponsored event also.

Ron Hujus-If you can tell us if there is anything we need before the Sept. 5th. Please let us know we want to keep the tradition alive. Turfler had it for 30 yrs.

Pres. Rodrigues-I will put it in committee/Parks and Rec. Committee. Hopefully Tom can get a meeting, along with Police and Corp. Counsel and work it out. If so I will call for a Special Meeting. If not, I'm sorry we do have policies.

Dave Madden- Co-Director of the Marshall & Sterling Insurance for Run4DT which is this weekend.

I share with you and all the greater community as a whole a few things that are happening.

First lets discuss traffic Saturday morning when the walkers begin at 8:45 in the morning, there will be disruptions in traffic. I know the City has a map on the website and it is very easy to take a look at.

Tomorrow evening the Boy Scouts are going to walk the course and they are going to hand a door knocker on everybody's whose home is on the course. I understand there are homes that are inter-locked in between Wawayanda and South St. I apologize; man power is tough to come by in August.

Activities actually begin tomorrow evening. Wednesday evening we have live music in Run4DT Park on North St. You can come and register for the run or walk in person. That is between 6-8pm Wednesday, Thursday evening there is more music in Run4DT Park again register for the race, you can pick up your race pack- shirt, towel, coffee mug and good information.

Thursday evening there is a showing of the movie Prefontaine would have been Americas greatest all time runner, if his life wasn't cut back short in 1974. That is at 8pm Thursday evening on the King St. walkway.

Friday evening ShopRite is presenting a pasta dinner between 6-8 on King St. walkway. That is for anybody who has registered for the Run4DT. If you are not registered with the Run4DT and you want to take part in the pasta dinner you can purchase a bracelet that will be sold by the Kiwanis Club. That will be \$10 and that also gets you into the Taste of the Town on Saturday morning. Live music continues Friday night in Run4DT Park.

Registration begins at 7am, walkers start at 8:45, female runners start at 9 and male runners will be chasing the female runners they will start 3:26 after the females.

Always a great view when you are standing in front of Franklin Square and you watch the runners come up the hill and it is usually very, very close for that male to catch the leading female.

Last year it was a women's sweep that is why the staggering is diminished this year.

Also the YMCA offers Fun Zone for kids for free that begins at 9:30.

Poor Bobby's sponsors the post-race party starts at 9:30

Quinnz Pinz is sponsoring the Taste of the Towns we have 11 different restaurants that are participating this year; it is good for all.

Run, walk just come down and eat and enjoy your community.

Any questions visit Run4Downtown.org

We have 53 different local businesses that have contributed either supplies or money to the Run4Downtown. 21 community organizations that are sending teams of volunteers to us.

4 different people providing beverages for the post-race party.

Run4Downtown in its 11 years has given \$56,090 back to the community.

Alexei Fernandez-Everyone from the average citizen to our religious leaders have been coming up to me telling me how dangerous Middletown has become. It is unfortunate because Middletown has made some improvements and statistically violent crimes have been on the decline nationally. I believe the reason they feel this way 1) we aren't a sanctuary yet and 2) it is bad laws that made us feel this way because it either prevents us from reporting crimes or prevents our children breathing clean air.

We should be able to report crimes without fear that ICE will unrelatedly be involved. We should be able to report crimes without fear that the joint in your pocket will not unrelatedly get you a fine. Laws are suppose to help society not hurt us.

How is it that the population of Middletown is going down and yet we are getting fined more than ever in the history of Middletown? One out of five people in Middletown live in poverty but that number will only go up; fines, taxes and CPV are forcing the wealthy out. The poor on the other hand don't have the luxury to leave; yet we have one of the biggest power plants being built right next to our schools. They and their children will not have a say whether they want clean water and clean air. So how is this not our problem? How is it that the Mayor said that there is nothing we can do about it? Yet we sued KJ and even sue our own school district.

May be it is wasteful spending that our government does that increases taxes. I won't claim to be an expert in these issues but I did get a degree in mathematics, I did work in air quality control for lead refining plant next to the mall.

It is unfortunate the non-disclosure agreement prevents me from telling the public what I saw with my own two eyes. It is unfortunate that even though we have the First Amendment that hate speech is protected but political speech, but my politic speech is being suppressed. I can't tell the Council that I am running against a Mayor charged with corruption, nor am I allowed to post my yard sign 30 days before Election Day. I thought this was the Land of the Free, yet the swamp in Middletown only cares about protecting themselves. It is unfortunate, it is so sickening but I am just tired of accepting injustice. It is absolutely not justified. So blame our politicians and blame me when I become Mayor.

Lastly I submitted a marching request for November 6th called "We Care". It is to show support for those who have a voice. I am expecting big numbers. I am sure I won't have any problems getting approved.

Thank you.

Ald. Cid- You say you love Middletown, right? Why would you call Middletown a swamp? Why do you down talk Middletown?

Alexei Fernandez- I am not calling Middletown a swamp. I'm calling our political leaders corrupt. It's not a personal thing, it is sematic. It starts with the establishment, each one of you are amazing individuals but when you guys get together something takes over and it is very unfortunate.

Ald. Masi-I take a lot of offense to your opening remarks. Is there anybody in this room please raise your hand has anyone contacted this young man to say how terrible Middletown is and how the crime rate is so high.

Alexei Fernandez- I said statistically violent crimes have been going down nationally.

Ald. Masi-No, read what you said. Is there anyone in this room who contacted him and said they are concerned about the danger of Middletown? How dangerous it is.

Pres. Rodrigues- You ran, you talked, you had time during petitions to run. Get your petitions to run and to this date you are not on the ballot.

Alexei Fernandez- Today was the first day to submit petitions and Tuesday is the last day.

Pres. Rodrigues- You put everybody down. You come up here and put the City of Middletown down.

Alexei Fernandez-I love the City of Middletown, I'm sorry.

Pres. Rodrigues- So stop. Stop.

Alexei Fernandez- I refuse I am sorry.

Pres. Rodrigues asked if anyone else would like to address the Council.

Bob Deitrich-I'm going to walk home. I think I am pretty safe. I walk all over Middletown.

A couple of weeks ago I did go to a meeting at the Paramount which was the largest crowd I saw for a public meeting in the City of Middletown. I wasn't expecting it actually. I got there at 6pm when the meeting started, went to sign up to speak, they said you will be speaking about 3 1/2 hrs. I was number 86. They weren't correct I spoke in 4 hrs. and 15 mins. But I hung out and spoke.

Talking about CPV. I am a little negligent and may be because when I go to Port Jervis I take Mountain Road and go out that way. Up until a couple of months ago I hadn't even seen that plant and I was hearing from people that started to meet about it. For the meeting I don't have pictures but it was the largest crowd I saw at a public meeting here.

One statement from our Governor received rave reviews and they do for their denial of fracking operations in our state. We indirectly approve of fracking in our neighboring state of PA. ...fracking has to be moved to our county via pipeline thus ensuring a market for this product that destroys the land and lives of people living in fracking areas.

To profit from this environmental destruction is not just business as usual and should be denied. Why we not support PA. our neighbors and their health, why is it alright in the eyes of NYS officials to destroy the land in PA. and the health of their residence while touting that we do not support this abysmal plague ...environments.

Environmental conservation which I taught for about 40 years the rule is that you cannot do just one thing. The world is filled with relationships and anything you do is going to impact parts of the system that we may never have even thought of. Every

action that you take it negatively affects the earth has further consequences. Our ...supporting the power plant that has drastically affects our neighbors, however, it will now hit closer to home. When that fracked gas becomes pollutants, toxins an accident is waiting to happen that will hang over the heads of Orange County residents and especially Middletown residents as the closest population center.

I have lived with the degradation of mining on individuals through my family. Homes that sink yearly. Relatives of mine that have long term diseases such as Black Lung disease not people that have worked in the mines but through years just work there when they were teenagers.

It is unfortunate that not one elected official from anywhere in OC spoke at that meeting.

6. Remarks of Dept. Heads

Maria Bruni/Economic Development-. I want to thank Anna & Dave and the Run4DT Committee because you see how this race has progressed and how it has turned into almost a week-long event/festival for our City.

All the sponsors and all the businesses that are getting involved. People just come out for a good time in our Safe City, Safe downtown to have fun. Be here with their families, kids and just enjoy a great week and a great race day.

Also in our City there is a couple of production companies filming throughout the City. Tomorrow they are going to be in the City Hall area, Equilibrium area. They have been throughout Orange County and throughout our City. One of them is filming for a Lifetime movie series. All this economic development, going to our motels, eating at our restaurants, they are enjoying our City as well.

Equilibrium I mentioned them a while ago this weekend had over 600 people wrapped around the block for a beer release. They started lining up at 5am for this release. Again, they are in our Safe City and enjoying the quality of Economic and Development and the benefit of what is going on.

Our CDA/Housing people want to live here. We are working with our homeownership program. There is a lot going on and it is because of your foresight, your vision, the Mayor's vision and all your support. Let's keep the progress going.

Jacob Tawil/DWP Commissioner- Congratulations excellent financial audit report for the year.

I just want to report to about the Capital projects that have been going on in the City. Maple Hill drainage project still progressing very slowly, it is in the hands of the County to give us the final legal agreement for expenditure and requirement for advertisement for notice the County had to do, public notice. Hopefully we can get

results so that we can put the project out for bid. The Army Corp. of Engineer has already approved it. All we need is the signed agreement for financing then we will go for construction. This project will not cost the City of Middletown taxpayers a penny. All grants that the Mayor has already talked about through HUD.

Another project we have almost 2 yrs. with the Army Corp. of Engineers about permit to add concrete at the section of Monhagen Brook between DPW Garage and Water Dept. Garage. We finally got approval from the Army Corp. of Engineers, with that we have a resolution before you tonight to approve \$41,000 in a change order for the large FEMA projects. The large FEMA projects have been going on for almost 3 yrs. now. \$41,000 for the contractor Boyce because he is the general contractor.

You may have seen the borings or swifts on Wisner Ave. sample the soil around the railroad tracks in order to see if it is adequate, if the design is adequate enough to insert a sleeve under the railroad in order to replace a sewer line. That again is an infrastructure project is still going on at all times in the City of Middletown.

Based on the results we will determine what kind of method we are going to use to sleeve under the railroad, because we are not allowed to open cut the railroad in the convention method of excavation.

You approved the project for us to work with CD ...in order to upgrade the dams at Shawangunk Reservoir. That project has started, the wetlands have been remediated in the vicinity of the dams and the surveyors will be getting in and then we will get into the technical design for raising the cutoff flow inside the dam and other deficiencies that we have to address.

Mill Pond-they are working with CDM Smith to develop the water taking permit from Mill Pond and that again is just to secure water results that are required and needed for the City of Middletown and adjacent facility to provide hopefully ...economic development not only in the City of Middletown and surrounding community as well.

Roundabout we have been talking about it for a number of years. We are working again grant from the Federal Highway Administration through NYS DOT. That is going to be on James P. Kelly Way and County Rte. 78, there is going to be a roundabout there. We are hoping to go out for bidding the project for construction next month which is great news. We have been working with this project for almost 2009.

We met today with OC Transportation Council in order to provide some additional funding needed because the numbers on the budget was back to 2009 now we are 2017. Obviously price escalation has occurred and we are trying to secure funding that minimal impact on City of Middletown taxpayers for this project. Estimated construction cost all together \$1.8 million.

Wastewater Treatment there is a resolution before you which the Mayor was able to obtain a half million grant from the State of NY and with that grant is to do the clean-

up for burned building at the Psychiatric Center. That is the big huge building we use to call it the scariest building in NYS. It burned down and now it is a matter of cleaning up all the rubble and asbestos. With the Mayor's half a million dollar that he was able to obtain for us, grant. Before you tonight is a resolution to hire D&L Engineering firm in order to develop the plans and specification in order to see this project to conclusion and then hopefully have shovel ready for future development.

Paving, today was our last day of paving. Paving has been completed now. We apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused anybody.

Monday I want to thank you all for approving another Code Enforcement position for us. On Monday a new Code Enforcement Officer will be starting in DPW.

Another thing we had Chief Operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the new person started already and he is working with the current Chief Operator who will be retiring in October. The 2 of them will be working side by side for about 2 months.

I just want to mention-CPV- the City of Middletown is very aggressive in pursuing the green energy and renewable energy. For that I just want to update you we installed solar panels at the City Water Treatment Plant; it has been functioning for a couple of months now. It will provide us about 25% of our energy for the City Water Treatment Plant.

The Mayor and Council has approved for me to go for the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday for a very advanced conference in Manhattan College. They had all scientist and industry leaders on how to generate bio-gas which is methane gas. Use it for generating electricity and what is best available technology that is out there between Europe, Canada and the United States and South Korea as well on how to deal with bio-mass in order to generate more gas in order to generate renewable green energy.

Don Paris/Treasurer-We started the budget process for 2018.

Police Chief Ewanciw- Unfortunately Mr. Fernandez did leave and I would have liked to address some of the things he said.

Obviously public safety is near and dear to my heart. One thing he did say I believe is correct is that the crime rates have been down in Middletown over the last 5-7 yrs. he is accurate there.

As far as his comments in regards to dangerous, I don't know what he has to support that and as people being afraid to report crimes I don't know where that comes from either.

Men and women in the Middletown Police Dept. I believe work very hard to improve the quality of life and I think they have been very successful in doing so. And

with that, some of the events that have recently taken place to reassure that we show those efforts.

First of all I would like to recognize and thank Ald. Ramkissoon for National Night Out Against Crime. She did a great job, we had a huge turnout and it is a great opportunity for the Police Dept. to build a rapport with our community. On the same token we just concluded 3 Jr. Police Academy within the City. Great success, great turnout. Officer Kristen Beebe did a fantastic job and the volunteers, Parks & Rec. who assisted; fantastic turnout. A lot of positive feedback. Again an opportunity for us to build rapport especially with the youth of our community.

One other thing we have been doing which has been on the low key end we haven't been advertising it, we have done 3 successful operations so far. We call them Jump Out Bar-B-Ques. We partnered with Parks & Recs., Fire Dept. we actually go out unannounced in the community; we set up a bar-b-que and interact with the youths. We spend about 2 hrs. and we supply all the food that has been donated through different organizations. We have 2 more additional ones planned. One for this weekend and next week. Again another opportunity to reach out to the community to make it better safer place for everyone.

Follow-up with the Safe Summer Initiative that instituted by Chief Bethencourt back in June. We did 4 weeks of outreaching to the community to hear the concerns of our residents and in response to that we have enforcement action to take within the communities. We are target with NYS Police, OC Sheriff's Office and OC Probation they are very effective and successful program. Just with the enforcement action focused just on those concerns there were 120 arrests made and 258 traffic tickets issued.

Run4DT, we will be closing the streets about 7:30 am on Saturday morning. The map is on the city's website so please take a look at that.

Thank you for your support in my appointment. It is my 3rd week and I look forward to working with you for many, many years to come.

Pres. Rodrigues-You are doing a fine job.

Chris Brinkerhoff/Superintendent of Recs. – I know a lot of people at home watch this on tv. I just want to build a little on what the Chief just mentioned.

Night Out Against Crime was incredible. People from other towns come to our town to celebrate that night. The crowd was huge and this town is a great place. I don't think you are going to find better people working together, departments working together, businesses working together. You heard what Dave just said the amount of businesses donated. Kate will probably give you an update on the amount of businesses that donated.

We have a disc golf course going in. That is not costing the city a dime except a little labor, volunteers are putting together and donating. It is going to bring a lot of people here to spend their money. I think it is amazing.

These pop-up parties, Middletown Cares, ShopRite, Fire Dept., Rec. Dept., Police Dept. working together. Families are coming up to us and thanking us and saying how great it is. To see the parents playing with their children and the kids playing with the Firemen, Police Officers; it doesn't get any better.

The Skate Park is coming along; the final floor was done yesterday. We do have some landscaping to do. I want to thank the public for cooperating they are staying off it. It is under surveillance so it is not a good idea to go on it. Once we get the ground nice and safe all away around it, we will be having a ribbon cutting and we will let the public know when it is. I want to thank the Police and Fire Dept. /Fire Police for helping us to keep the community safe and keep people off that.

Fall coming up it is time to register for fall programs. We have an After School Sport Academy that is going to be new. It is time to sign up for fall soccer, cheerleading, volleyball, pre-school program, pre-school play time, there are lots to do to keep our kids busy and keep our families busy.

Boxing continues to go up.

Raelynn Bertholf was picked to be a member of the 2018 Leadership of Orange. It is an incredible networking opportunity for her, our dept. and the City. So that is really good.

Debbie Sherman who has been our Secretary for 39 years. First full time secretary in the Rec. & Parks Dept. will be retiring on August 30th. Stop by, a phone call, she is the brick that has made this department what it is today. A lot of the creations come from her; she is way more than a typist.

Debbie, happy retirement and enjoy every second of it. We do have you on emergency dial we will call you.

Rich Guertin/Corp. Counsel-Nothing this evening.

7. Public Hearings & Grievances
Karen Sisco –Nothing this evening.
8. Petitions & Complaints
Karen Sisco –Nothing this evening.

9. Remarks of the Mayor

Mayor DeStefano- You know this television is both beautiful and at the same time difficult especially when you are sitting in view of the camera. My nephew just sent me a text when Jacob was speaking and said you look like you are falling asleep. I have an allergy problem. I just want to let people know that.

On a good note, local newspaper with the celebration in these Chambers of the wedding of former Mayor Gertrude Mokotoff, 98 approaching 99 this year and also Alvin Mann who is 94 and the oldest graduate of Mt. St. Mary's College and a very successful business man. Last Saturday they had their wedding here, they had about 50 people here; I performed the ceremony. Alvin told some very nice stories so much so...such an interesting event the NY Times sent up a photographer and a reporter and on Saturday they did a full page story about the wedding of Gertrude & Alvin. From what I was told by Gert's daughter Susan, it was the most e-mailed story that day in the NY Times.

Congratulations to Gertrude and Alvin and many, many more years. I guess Gert's brother is 103 and couldn't attend the wedding.

When a husband and wife both come to the meeting and speak separately and you could agree with the wife Mary Lou, 100% her comments about what is happening in Washington what the President has done and double downed on. Regarding this Nazi fascist and today was even worse than the other day. I think it is a good thing for the community to speak. So I would hope that I am going to try to attend, I hope to attend next Monday to show my support for that in a peaceful way. Mary Lou has been at this for a few days now and met with me today; she did make her permit request and hopefully it will be well attended and a peaceful march. Similar to a vigil we had back a few months in Festival Square very peaceful. I think it will show people our community stands up for the right things.

Always better to agree with the wife than disagree with the husband. Bob, I think is confusing the Millennial Pipeline with the CPV project. The Millennial Pipeline is what the public hearing was on at the Paramount Theater. It had nothing to do with CPV. Some people are trying to... and make it like it is one. But the CPV project is already approved, it is already built it is about a billion dollar project; it's not going to go anywhere. We participated as a City, City Council and myself in providing that project with gray water which is treated sewage and I have said before at some of these meetings. That when you flush your toilet at home we are going to treat that water and we are going to send it to CPV for cooling of their equipment within the power plant and sent back to the Sewage Treatment Plant. That is the extent of the Middletown participation and the CPV project.

We are going to get about \$500,000-600,000 in revenue from this. Most importantly I think and like Jacob was a big advocate of the CPV and the City participating is that they had two ways to cool this plant. One was to use ground water, pulling out hundreds of thousands of gallons of water out of the ground per day. Or two is the option that we are cooperating with them on that is to sell them gray water. From an environmental point our participation has made the CPV project much greener than it could have been. This project was moving forward, built and constructed. They are going to start turning on the water I guess in September sometime. Testing the facility at least the waters that come from our perspective.

The DEC public hearing was held at the Paramount Theater was not a Middletown public hearing it was a regional public hearing for anyone to participate in to give their viewpoint on the Millennial pipeline. I have opposed fracking with the Governor when the issue was raised to me in the past and that is all I can do is give my opinion on NYS fracking. I don't support fracking. I also do not stick my face in my head into the business of I have my personal opinions but I ...appropriate for me especially on a project that we are benefiting from too at the last minute 15 yrs. after the project has begun to start trying to throw darts at a project or even the pipeline which is potentially going to feed the CPV project with this gas. But it is not going to kill the CPV project. CPV is not going to die if the pipeline is not approved. So I think there needs to be a little bit of honesty when presenting these issues that the millennial pipeline and the CPV project are two separate issues. Could be related? Millennial will potentially, will feed the CPV project; I'm assuming it is advantageous to them financially but the public hearing this last week at the Paramount Theater was not a CPV public hearing. The City of Middletown did not participate with Millennial pipeline in any which way. So that record needs to be set straight. The reason I didn't speak is very, very clear is that we have a contractual arrangement with CPV and they are going to be the benefactors. The community that need to speak and I said to Mr. Martens when he was here a few times where the communities like Wawayanda, Minisink, Greenville and local committees need to speak loudly. Ironically in regards to CPV I don't believe there are any candidates challenging people in any of those races. So you speak in the ballot box if you oppose you are a Wawayanda resident or have friends in Wawayanda and they approve a project that you don't support and you don't run for office yourself or get somebody else to run for office don't blame it on me, City of Middletown, don't blame it on the Common Council here in the City of Middletown blame it on yourself, blame it on the people who live there who oppose the project. I checked today on the Board of Election website, I don't believe there is one Democrat, I'm a Democrat; I don't believe there is one Democrat running for Town Council or Supervisor in any of those communities. So shame on them, not shame on us.

We did a business decision on a project that was going to be built and constructed it is to benefit our citizens and also to benefit us. Environmentally positive decision that we made. You can spin it any way you want but you can't dispute the fact rather than using ground water over water that they're going to be using treated sewage water to cool that project.

The financial report presented by Bennett Kilson, I am sure you all heard the good news that we are in very good financial shape. You saw the chart the maximum amount of taxes that we are able to raise, I think we have increased the Fund Balance from 2012 from \$7million to \$11million +. Property taxes since 2014 went 1.66% and 2015 1.56% in 2016 .73% and 2017 .68%. The reason why we were able to do that is we are managing as the accountant said; we are managing the budget well. That credit goes to our Dept. Heads starting with Don Paris our Treasurer and all the Dept. Heads. You saw in the report of which Dept. Heads are coming within budget. Every Dept. Head came in under budget which is significant and we had some revenues that came in, increased revenues from sale of property which are also very positive. I want to thank the Dept. Heads for their hard work throughout the year, it doesn't begin at the end of the year when we are preparing for the year in closing it is a 12 month managing of the budget and all of them have done an excellent job. I want to publically acknowledge their work and also the work of Don Paris and Janet Gallo his assistance; who just recently graduated from the Government Finance Institute. So she deserves a lot of credit for the budget coming in on time also.

The Crime Night Kate you did a great job, great turnout. All those people who are afraid of the police I guess they just wanted to come out and hang out with the police that night.

The pop up bar-b-ques as the Chief said have been a huge success. I attended one with Ald. Masi at Sproat St. and I attended one at Summitfield, they are well attended, very appreciative. The parents really enjoy watching their kids interact with the police on a non-adversarial way. They get to know each and also the Firemen and it is really good idea. I am sure we are duplicating what other communities have done that is what we do in government; we look at what works in other communities. Very proud to continue working.

Some people have asked where is the next one going to be. It defeats the whole purpose we don't tell people, the name pop up bar-b-ques they are not city-wide events they are events focused on that little park area or community where kids gather. They just show up, word spreads and then it becomes a neighborhood event rather than a city-wide event. So that is the rationale for that.

I need to acknowledge Jude and Vanessa your fine work on the paving program. I have had lot phone calls from your residents about Bedford Ave. and Earl and that area there about the entire paving program. I let them know your advocacy was important there and I know that some of the 4th Ward did get a little bit more money this year than normal. I think you made a good case with the O&R damages that were done and I'm sure the people on Bedford Ave. and in that area really appreciated it. Also Vanessa thank you for your work in that area also.

Congratulate Ben Brunning on his retirement. I think I may have done that in the past and also Debbie Sherman, I think August 30th is her last day. Many, many years of service and I hope to attend Mr. Masi's retirement soon.

We also need an Executive Session.

A lot of people including my wife ask me why don't you respond to this guy. Just his politic views his comments, contradictions I think people see through him. I am not going to make it, for those who send me a text during the meeting, say something back to this guy. We are way beyond that kind of discussion. For the most part I think people are happy with, I want to thank Vanessa for sticking up for the City. When you want to run for office and you call the community you want to run in a swamp and other derogatory comments I think its very poor taste. When comments like that are made I promise you in the future I will stand up and speak, I know the Chief, Maria and others spoke very clearly their concerns about his comments. For the most part those things are decided in the ballot box, November there is an election and Council Pres. said he chose not to carry petitions to get on the ballot. Again, another example of what I was talking about with Wawayanda, Greenville and Minisink. Those discussions belong out on the campaign trail; not in the Common Council Chambers where we are trying to conduct City business.

10. Remarks of the Aldermen

Ald. Masi-I do want to acknowledge Don and his staff for the great report.

Fire Dept., Police Dept., Rec. Dept. for the pop ups. They are obviously well attended, appreciate it and I think good for the community.

Ald. Burr-I would like to thank Kate and everybody who was involved with Night Out Against Crime. Great turnout, great fireworks. Great job.

Pop up bar-b-que I attended the Mayor didn't mention my name,

Chief great idea. The kids really enjoyed it.

Jacob thank you for paving our street. Appreciate it.

Ald. Ramkissoo- I said everything I had to say at the last meeting before the event. The Mayor mentioned, maybe it was the Chief about our businesses here in town. May be Maria... over 20 businesses stepped up to be sponsors for that event. The majority of the people on that list every year sponsor with this event. If you want to take a look at our town come out to Night Out that is a nice cross section of what Middletown looks like. You know what it looks like when we get together a night out. Fun, smiling faces, smiling kids, happy families, interacting with our Police who genuinely care about the community they serve, our Fire Dept. I take offense when someone says comes to say something negative about Middletown, because the people who volunteer to help put that together. Step up out of their busy lives come out to be a part of this, be a part of their community. I think Middletown is pretty special. Mary Lou the rally you are going to have I intend to be there. I think that Middletown will set a great example nationwide; but what diversity does is positive not negative.

Run4DT I took a practice crack at that this weekend. Still having trouble getting up and down out of chairs; but I made it. I will be there on Saturday morning, I look forward to it. A great day to be in Middletown to see what we have to offer here.

Ald. Johnson-As far as the audit report, congratulations to the Mayor.

With respect to the young man, as I said youth in government can be a good thing.

Somebody once said it takes a whole village to... today it takes a whole village to have Night Out Against Crime. The village showed up, it was a great thing. It also takes a great leader; I want to compliment my fellow Alderwoman from the 3rd Ward for organizational skills, contributions, putting it all together. It always looks easy when somebody else does it. Congratulations.

Ald. Witt-We all hear a lot of things and a lot of concerns from people. I have to tell you I'm a lifer I don't hear anybody telling me that they don't feel safe in this City, I don't hear anybody telling me that. It was great to see the passion of people who just stood up in the course of this meeting who got legitimately annoyed over that. I did to and I appreciate everyone's right to say what they want to do, when you say things like that with no real proof... I don't know what the intent is? If the intent is to cause damage or not, but it is just ridiculous to think. Do we bat a 1000 no, nobody bats a 1000. To come here and make that statement and take advantage of the audience and sort of try to betray some sort of panic or I don't know what it was for whatever gain they

want to make. Is just deplorable in my opinion. I know its been a long night but I just want to say that.

Ald. Kleiner- Kate thank you. Night Out was terrific this year, great success and a great way to meet the new Chief. I think the turn out speaks for itself.

Congratulations to everybody on the budget, especially Don, it makes us look good. We appreciate it.

Dave and Anna Madden thank you for the Run4DT. I hope to see everybody there, starting tomorrow. Come out and support it.

CPV we all got copies of resolutions, it is a little bit after the fact. I do believe there are people running against the Supervisor unless they have been withdrawn. We will see how it turns out. I know how it turned out when this was first proposed, the people who were opposed to CPV and Brookfield Auto Crushing they didn't make it. The one on the Council their town board who was opposed was voted out. Wawayanda has supported this full steam ahead and it does put us in a tough position. It was Planning Board night and I was committed to that but I did get to spend a little time at the public hearing. I didn't get to speak but I did submit written comments. The lateral pipeline I don't think it has been seriously taken by the DEC; but they are limited because the Lead Agency is first. It is not subject to SEQRA because it is all through....and they say specifically when we went to CPV was first proposed and ...some of us over and talked about environmental justice for Middletown because people ...all upwind, Middletown is all downwind. Any emissions would really come right to the 4th Ward, housing projects to a lot of people in Middletown. On that basis we were concerned, I am still concerned with their monitoring emissions and how much they will pay attention. Making sure they stay within the permits, as permits seems to be going forward. My objection they said specifically DEC Commissioner Policy 29 Environmental Justice and permitting has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP 29. So that was my comments that it should have been subject to Environmental Justice consideration with CPV. But the comment period was closed, they had the public hearing and a week ago Friday was the last that you could make the comments so I definitely commented.

We don't have any Fire Chief's here; we haven't for a while I wish would. I know the parade we will have one meeting and it will be 4 days before the parade. People keep bringing up what is going on with Engine#1, are we getting it and what is currently under repairs. I have people asking about qualifications for LOSAP it seems to be very hard to meet, some of the volunteers asking about equipment. I would just like to ask some of those questions and certainly I heard 5 out of the 7 companies would like to have the parade still every year. Just to give an update on the thinking, so if one of

the Fire Chief's may be not next meeting because I know you will pre-occupied with the parade it is the last one for 3 yrs.

Mary Lou thank you very much. You know Kingston did a vigil against racism and Mid-Hudson News said 400 people. We know they had hundreds of people turning out; I think Middletown can do at least that. I would encourage everybody to come next Monday at 6pm. Stand up against hate.

It was Martin Luther King said there comes a time when silence is betrayal. He was talking about the Vietnam War, I think it certainly applies to racism and we need to stand up.

Finally on a lighter note Monday before you to the rally OCCC is holding a solar eclipse viewing event. It will be in the main campus area, it starts about 1:30, it will be at its maximum about 2:45. It will be over by 4, they will have telescopes and everything set up. For safe viewing (showing).

Ald. Jean-Francois- Annual paving project I think was the most ambitious ever. Kudos to the Commissioner and DPW.

Ald. Cid- Thank all the Dept. Heads for working together.

It did bother me when Mr. Fernandez spoke. ...feel badly and try to represent the City where you want to make a difference. You are creating panic, you are creating ... you are just contributing to that. That is not we are doing.

11. Unfinished Business

Karen Sisco-Nothing this evening

12. New Business

232.17 Resolution to transfer \$20,000.00 within the DPW 2017 budget to continue the Code Enforcement overtime in the BID district.

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$20,000.00 within the DPW 2017 budget to continue the Code Enforcement overtime in the BID district at the same levels they have been operating in the following manner:

| From | Amount | To |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| A.1490.100 | \$20,000.00 | A.1490.103 |
| DPW Personnel | | Overtime |

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

233.17 Resolution to close streets for the 158th Annual City of Middletown Firemen's Parade which will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

On motion of Ald. Burr seconded by Ald. Masi

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York does hereby authorize the Commissioner of Public Works and/or his designee and the Chief of Police and/or his designee to close the following streets for the 158th Annual City of Middletown Firemen's Parade which will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, with the lineup to be at 2:00 p.m. and step off to be at 3:00 p.m. Lineup for the parade will begin on Highland Avenue.

Saturday, September 9, 2017 – suspend parking and close necessary streets along parade route, 2:00-4:30 PM. Parade route will be from Highland Ave. to West Main Street to North St. ending at Thrall Park.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

234.17 Resolution to accept a donation from North Congregational Church in the amount of \$100 to purchase school supplies for the "Stuff the Bus" campaign.

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon seconded by Ald. Johnson

WHEREAS; The Middletown Cares Coalition received a donation from North Congregational Church in the amount of \$100 to purchase school supplies for the "Stuff the Bus" campaign.

WHEREAS; The Middletown Cares Coalition is requesting that the Common Council accept this stipend and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the donation into the T.0094 trust account; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby authorize the Treasurer to accept the donation and deposit it into the existing trust account for the amount of \$100.00 for the Middletown Cares Coalition.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

235.17 Resolution to accept a donation from Sue Depuy in the amount of \$100 to purchase school supplies for the “Stuff the Bus” campaign.

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Jean-Francois

WHEREAS; The Middletown Cares Coalition received a donation from Sue DePuy, Middletown resident, in the amount of \$100 to purchase school supplies for the “Stuff the Bus” campaign.

WHEREAS; The Middletown Cares Coalition is requesting that the Common Council accept this donation and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the donation into the T.0094 trust account; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby authorize the Treasurer to accept the donation and deposit it into the existing trust account for the amount of \$100.00 for the Middletown Cares Coalition.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

236.17 Resolution to accept the bids for Chemicals as per the recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works.

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Jean-Francois

WHEREAS, bids were opened by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on July 13, 2017, for Chemicals, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment referred the bids to the Commissioner of Public Works for his review and recommendation to the Common Council of the City of Middletown, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Commissioner of Public Works and awards the bids for Chemicals to the following:

Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC, 90 East Halsey Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054:
Water Treating Aluminum sulfate, 50% solution (liquid alum) in 4000 gal. delivery @ \$261.00/dry ton.

Faesy & Besthoff, LLC, 1492 High Ridge Rd., Stamford, CT 06903:
Copper sulfate in 50 lb. bags, in minimum loads of five tons @ \$2,740.00/ton

Univar USA, Inc., 532 E. Emaus St., Middletown, PA 17057:
Fluosilicic Acid 23.50% in minimum 1,000 gal. delivery @ \$2.13/gal.

Evoqua Water Tech, LLC, 2650 Tellevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243:
Sodium Chlorite 25% in 1000 gal. del. @ \$0.709/gal. or \$7,090.00.

Surpass Chemical Co. Inc., 1254 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204:
Caustic Soda, 25% solution (sodium hydroxide) in minimum loads of 4,000 gal. per delivery @ \$462.13/dry ton.

JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., 1765 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236:
Sodium Hypochlorite 15% (liquid chlorine) in minimum 2,000 gal. del. @ \$.75/gal.

Slack Chemical Co. Inc., 465 S. Clinton St., Carthage, NY 13619:
Hydrochloric Acid 15% in minimum 1,000 gal. delivery @ \$2.429/gal.
Sodium Hypochlorite 12.5% in 55 gal. drums @ \$1.129/gal.

SNF Polydyne, Inc., P.O. Box 279, One Chemical Plant Rd., Riceboro, GA 31323:
Cationic Dry Polymer per pound in minimum delivery of 36 bags @ \$1.36/lb.
Cationic Liquid Polymer per drum in minimum delivery of 4 drums at a time @ \$342.00/drum.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

237.17 Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a renewal of an ACA Assistance Agreement with CPI-HR for one year with no change in price.

On motion of Ald. Kleiner seconded by Ald. Johnson

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached renewal of an ACA Assistance Agreement with CPI-HR for one year with no change in price.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

238.17 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to accept a donation of \$2,000.00 from Prestige Lexus of Middletown in support of Neighborhood Watch.

On motion of Ald. Jean-Francois seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to accept a donation of \$2,000.00 from Prestige Lexus of Middletown in support of Neighborhood Watch and credit account T-51.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

239.17 Resolution to approve a change order from Boyce Excavating in the amount of \$41,279.61 in order to stabilize the Monhagen Brook channel bank's two block walls.

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon seconded by Ald. Johnson

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the attached change order from Boyce Excavating in the amount of \$41,279.61 in order to stabilize the Monhagen Brook channel bank's two block walls located on City property between the Water Department Building and DPW Buildings, off Monhagen Ave.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer from the General Fund Balance \$41,279.61 for the change order which may be funded by FEMA and covered under the current FEMA "Large Projects" which the City's consultant has applied for request for time extension for the project in which the reimbursement will be replenished to the General Fund Balance:

| From | Amount | To |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$41,279.61 | FEMA Large A.1900.996 |

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

240.17 Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a cellular Burglar Alarm System and a cellular Fire Alarm System agreement from Tyco Integrated Security for the building at 25 South Street (Federal Court House Building).

On motion of Ald. Cid seconded by Ald. Jean-Francois

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached cellular Burglar Alarm System and a cellular Fire Alarm System agreement from Tyco Integrated Security for the building at 25 South Street (Federal Court House Building), the Burglar Alarm System includes a \$497.70 installation fee with a charge of \$1,239.21 annually for 5 years; the Fire Alarm System has a \$497.70 installation fee with \$1,596.42 annually for five years to be covered under the DPW Contractual line A.1490.400.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

241.17 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000.00 within the 2017 Paramount Budget.

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000.00 within the 2017 Paramount Budget in the following manner:

| From | Amount | To |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| A.7010.448 Promoters & Sponsors | \$10,000.00 | A.7010.443 Rental Fee-Movie Reels |

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

242.17 Resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal from Barton & Loguidice for coordinating and overseeing the removal of hazardous material that currently exists at 31-34 Bolles Avenue.

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal from Barton & Loguidice for coordinating and overseeing the removal of hazardous material that currently exists at 31-34 Bolles Avenue within the confines of the Middletown Community Campus in the amount of \$40,000.00 which will be recoverable from a \$500,000 Restore NY Grant that the City was awarded earlier this year from Empire State Development (ESD).

| From | Amount | To |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$40,000.00 | A.8180.900 Demolition |

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

243.17 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$950.00 within the DPW 2017 budget to cover the expense of a back to work physical.

On motion of Ald. Jean-Francois seconded by Ald. Masi

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$950.00 within the DPW 2017 budget to cover the expense of a back to work physical in the following manner:

| FROM | AMOUNT | TO |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|
| A.1620.417 | \$950.00 | A.3010.463 |
| Maintenance | | Safety & Health |
| Gas & Oil | | |

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

13. Local Laws
Karen Sisco-Nothing this evening

14. Audit

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Burr

I move that the accounts be audited the claims be adjusted and the Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Masi to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual agreement

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Ramkissoon, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Cid, Witt, Kleiner, Burr, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

In Executive Session at 10:00 PM

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon seconded by Ald. Burr to come out of Executive Session 10: 25 PM

15. Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sisco

