



**Common Council
Meeting
City of Middletown
December 3, 2019**

1. Pledge of Allegiance- Pres. Rodrigues asked all to rise for the pledge.
2. Roll Call: Present: Ald. Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Burr, Green, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9
3. Approval of Minutes

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Green to accept the minutes of Sept. 3, 2019 as submitted

All in favor

4. Correspondence
John Naumchik-Nothing this evening.
5. For the Good
No one came forward.

Mayor DeStefano-We requested time for a presentation by Utilities Service Partners Inc. We received some information from Ashley Shiwarski who is a representative of that company, they are affiliated with National League of Cities. This is something that the Council Pres. proposed a few years ago that we looked into. We were considering 2 options at the time; 1- the city doing the ...themselves we didn't think it was feasible for us to do it and 2- was to look for an outside vendor. We requested that Ashley be present here tonight to make a presentation not only to the Council but to the public at large. That we would be doing on television.

Ashley- Only on endorsed by the National League of Cities (NLC) but the company I actually work for is called Utility Service Partners and we administer this program.

We are a Better Business Bureau Business with an A+ rating, we did win the Torch Award for marketplace ethics from the Better Business Bureau that is something that we are very proud of.

What our program really is designed to do is help address the public policy issue of aging infrastructure.

We know that cities like yours all across the United States do their part either to upgrade or maintain their public infrastructure. The homeowners' portion of these lines were kind of being forgotten about.

That is actually why the National League of Cities went out and did research. They wanted to make a program like ours to make it readily and easily available to cities and towns all across the country.

We would partner with your city in order to make our completely optional program available to your residents. We provide homeowners with protection on their external water or well lines, sewer or septic line as well as their in home plumbing. We always provide these services with a complete turnkey approach for the city, we handle all the assets of the program. We do the marketing, billing, claims management and customer service. There is absolutely no cost to your city; if you choose to participate in the program and the city would receive an incremental revenue stream for that participation as well.

That is why I kind of think of our program as that free public awareness campaign. All residents here would receive a letter in the mail from us the beginning of the letter it is simply educational. Even if someone chooses not to enroll at least in the future they are well aware of what their service line responsibility is. Just that the city tried to take a proactive approach in helping to educate them.

Huge benefit is a peace of mind. Now the residents know that just for a few dollars a month they are able to transfer the cities line onto us. A reputable company that is endorsed by the National League of Cities. That way they can make one call to us. 24/7, 365 days a year and we would dispatch a local licensed plumber or contractor to do the repair. We only use plumbers from the local area. Mainly we want to keep as much money here within your local economy as possible. Also the plumbers from your local area will be familiar with your local codes and make sure to do the work up to our standards as well as yours. Which includes to get all the proper permits for those repairs.

We would develop a contractor network to specifically service your claim. You can be involved as much or as little as you would like. Where some of our city partners

will actually provide us a list of plumbers that they are familiar with or already working with.

All the plumbers for them to join our network we go through a detailed vetting process. We make sure that they are licensed, have the proper amount of insurance, bonded, they don't have any type of open complaints with the Better Business Bureau, we would also conduct background checks and drug screening.

We offer 3 completely separate and voluntary program. We offer an external water life coverage which would cover well lines

External sewer line coverage septic lines
As well as our in home plumbing

Our 2 external products are set up pretty much identically where we would begin to cover those lines wherever they become the resident's responsibility. All the way out to your city mains where those lines enter the home, that way if a resident were to be having an issue whether broken, crack, leaking pipe, tree root issue, a clog that needs clearing out really anything that impedes the flow of their line. As well as we do cover the ...frozen external water line. Homeowner has to make a phone call to us, we dispatch that plumber and then the plumber would bill us directly for the service. What your residents receive for their coverage is up to \$8,500 towards each and every repair incident. That is something that separates us from other companies out there. Ours is always on a per incident basis. So we never have an annual or lifetime limit as well as we never limit the number of incidents or claims that a homeowner can have in a calendar year. So again that resident does always receive up to \$8,500 towards each and every incident and that does include annual repairs that may be needed to their public streets, public sidewalks. We do not have a service fee or deductible. We would never want that \$50 or 100 fee to deter a resident from giving us a call and getting their issue taken care.

Our third product is our in home plumbing. Really developed by the request by our current municipal partners and that was the missing piece of the puzzle. ...cover any of our water, sewer or drain lines in the home that are actually in the home after the point of entry. That may be either broken or leaking, also includes any lines that could be embedded under a slab or a basement floor and coverage for the repair of clogged toilet.

Never service fee or deductible. No annual or lifetime limit. We never limit the number of claims that anyone can have. In home plumbing they always receive up to \$3,000 toward each and every repair incident.

If someone chooses to enroll in any of our options, they are a little bit more proactive about getting their issues taken care of.

Another piece is the actual the revenue piece for the city. So what the city does receive in return for their partnership with us is .50 per month per paid warranty contract. Essentially if a resident did choose to enroll in all 3 of our products, water/sewer/in home plumbing then the city could receive up to \$1.50 per month per household. That is paid to you as a form of a revenue stream every January.

A lot of our partners choose to do different things with this. Obviously anyone can do anything that they want and some just put it in the General Fund. We do have some cities that we...residents that may be having trouble paying one of their utility bills from month to month. I know several use it for different social service programs, you already have initiated here within the city. We even do have a partner that uses it to go towards their annual Fall Festival, however you all see fit.

Another benefit of our program since you all aren't currently members of the National League of Cities one of our benefits is that we would pay the cities dues to the National League of Cities for 3 yrs. that is included in the agreement.

The big thing everyone wants to know how do we market our program? We only have our market by direct mail, you never have to worry about us calling, door to door anything like that. We standardly do have 3 mail campaigns in a calendar year which our in the spring, fall and winter. The reason why we have 3 campaigns is because we offer 3 products; one nice thing is we never send anything out to a resident unless we have the city review and approval prior. Before each and every one of those letters go out we would send you a digital copy of that letter, we not only want to have the city have input on what goes to the residents. But know what exactly they receive, once we get the approval we let you know the dates we would mail it out. The city always has complete control on if and when a letter where to go out.

(Showing letter)

Letter does go out with city logo or letterhead that way the homeowners know this is the program the city is participating in.

Bottom of letter has our information.

Ald. Masi-Clarify one thing. If you have an incident external/internal at the same time; I know the external was \$8,500, internal \$3,000; \$11,500.

Ashley- If you would be enrolled in both and they were...

Ald. Johnson- On page 1 where it says "property owner data" ...is our city going to do that Commissioner, are we going to provide property owner data?

Commissioner Tawil-If that is what you decide. Basically she is looking for address. Name and address right?

Ashley-Correct. That is 100% optional. If the city provides...

Ald. Johnson-Language in the document about privacy.

Ashley-Correct. If the city provides the data we are the only people to see that. Only used for direct marketing of the 3 products that are in the agreement. It is not a requirement of the program but the city provides the data; that is if they do it says the city has the authority to do so and the privacy of it.

I think about 50/50 half our partners give us the data, either half don't have the capability or don't want to. I normally do recommend if they can provide it is typically more accurate than what we can purchase. If you can't do it that is not a big deal, we have third party vendor that we use and we purchase the data. Either way is fine with us.

Ald. Johnson-With respect to your products, so you answered the cap question. Is that billed to the resident semi-annually, annually how does it work?

Ashley-They have a lot of options. Monthly, quarterly, annually. They can receive a bill in the mail, they can do it on line, automatic withdrawal. But we do all that with them. It is always month to month. Even if someone pays annually and they want to cancel they just give us a call and we would refund any unused premium.

Ald. Johnson-When you say internal plumbing and drainage are you going to be my plumber from now on?

Ashley- It would not cover the appliances or faucets or things like that. It is the actual infrastructure in your walls as well as the repairs cost.

Ald. Tobin- Lets say I don't know what is happening to my water system breaks, I call a plumber in would you take care of that if it wasn't one of your plumbers. Do you get a receipt for the initial?

Ashley-We would want you to call our plumber first. We are call center, take calls 24 hrs.' a day if you need to file a claim. Would give you a call within 4 hrs. and be in your home within 24 hrs. typically it is less than the 4 hrs. that is the guideline that we give. Sometimes we will do a reimbursement but our ... must call our contractor first.

Ald. Tobin- Asked about if it was clogged opposed to being broken...

Ashley-No we would repair...cover service.

Ald. Ramkissoo- In Middletown we have certain plumbers, we have a smaller list of plumbers.

Ashley-We make sure that they follow all of your guidelines. So if for some reason we needed more plumbers we would make sure that they get licensed. Typically we work off that list if the City gives that to us.

Ald. Kleiner- If you call and you find you need the work done and the job is finished but you are not happy with the job, don't think it was done well; what kind of procedure to you have for that. Is the contract between the plumber and homeowner, between you and the plumber and what kind of resolution would he have?

Ashley-The resident and us have a direct contract for the service but also all of our plumbers that join our network are in agreement with us as well. With all of our jobs they are guaranteed for one year from the date of that but if the resident was not happy with the service they would give us a call we would send someone back out to figure out what is going on. Even if they can't ...the work is guaranteed for one year from the date of it. We also have a great resolution team in our offices. Every one of our partners has an account manager that is really there to deal with any type of issues that may arise as well as we have a customer advocacy team.

Pres. Rodrigues- Does that apply to townhomes/condos?

Ashley- Do your townhomes here do they have a single service line that runs to them and do they own that or do they have an HOA?

Pres. Rodrigues-They own.

Mayor DeStefano- We have some townhomes that will have an individual line going in and then we have condos where one line goes into the building.

Ashley- If the townhome has an individual line that property owner actually owns it then they would be eligible to enroll. A lot of times the HOA owns that.

Ald. Burr- Is there any waiting period, if I signed up for this and I had this problem before I signed up do you make a determination that it is our problem or your problem.

Ashley-We do not go out and inspect the line. There is a 30 day waiting period.

Pres. Rodrigues-Thank Ashley for coming.

6. Remarks of Dept. Heads

Maria Bruni/Economic Development-Annual tree lighting and parade. As you all know it is a 3 phase event. Starts with the cutting, decorating, the actual parade and lighting. It has become a true community event and it is very successful evening. We have about 35 groups, 400 marchers in the parade, floats, bands. Special thanks to the Donovan family again for donating the tree and all the sponsors. All the

volunteers. Spectators and all involved thank you. It's not just one department from the PD, FD, DPW, Recreation, BID, my team at the Paramount, Economic Development, especially Stefanie, Joseph and Eileen they really worked hard on this with us. They did a great job an also at the Paramount It's a Wonderful Life over 500 people came to see that. Just a spectacular evening, great weekend, spoke to a lot of the merchants downtown it continued on Saturday with small business Saturday.

Jacob Tawil/DPW Commissioner- I'm going to focus on the efforts on DPW. I just want to call out and emphasis the effort that DPW is put in during the storm snow, sleet, ice event. Basically they started 9am Sunday morning and did not go home until this morning at 5am. Talking almost 44 hrs. of work. They have the luxury of going in and relaxing if they are tired, if they cannot continue they can tell their supervisor that no longer able to work with no retribution against them. Everybody stayed, did put their heart into it and it was very difficult; especially on Sunday because of the sleet and ice. We had to use a lot of salt.

Remind the public do not shovel the snow back into the street. You will be causing hazard conditions if you.

Today we had an incident after our men went home some people shoveled snow back onto the street. Not advisable. We don't do it on purpose.

Please shovel around fire hydrants. That is very critical for the FD. We don't have enough men in the middle of the storm or after the storm we have to clean the streets. Please do yourself a favor and do us a favor work with us by cleaning the snow and ice around your fire hydrant. We appreciate that.

My hat is off to our men for heroic effort in this storm.

Ald. Masi- Asked about amount of salt left.

Commissioner Tawil-65%.

Ald. Kleiner- Leaves on the street prior to storm. Because of the storm can we extend that perhaps?

Commissioner Tawil- Yes. We will continue to do it, not add to it.

Don Luis/Fire Chief- We participated in the tree lighting. It was a great event, well participated.

Thanked Jacob for bringing up the hydrants. If you need help call the firehouse or DPW office.

We have 2 resolutions on the agenda tonight looking for your support.

Ald. Kleiner-How are we doing this year on number of calls compared to last year?

Chief Luis-We are actually down about 200 calls from last year.

Police Chief Ewanciw-Piggyback on what Jacob did say about the staff in DPW. They do an outstanding job. I get comments all the time when people do enter the city limits the difference in the streets from outside of the city. It helps all the residents and all emergency response. Jacob thank you to you and your staff for always keeping the streets clean for us.

Overnight parking is in effect 2am-6am. No parking on any city streets. That also goes into effect for any type of snow, weather conditions. As Commissioner was talking about throwing snow in the street it is a violation of our city code. It is not that we want to do it summon someone for throwing snow in the street. If it becomes an issue we do have recourse for that.

December 9th the Police Dept. will be partnering with Parks & Rec. to host Cops N Cookies. It will be our 3rd year, successful event. Monday, Dec. 9th.

Chris Brinkerhoff/Superintend of Recreation- After a successful tree lighting parade, I know Maria and her staff, Mayor and Miguel had the very next day the field dedication for Richard Wolslayer at Davidge Park expansion. Named Richard P, Wolslayer Athletic Field.

At Kuhls on Saturday there was over 200 people in attendance which shows the value that Dick Wolslayer has to so many people in this town. It is greatly deserved, the city recognized him really well. Great job by Maria, office and staff, Mayor's Office; I know the family really appreciated it. I like to thank the School District too, they helped to get the bell over there and put together presentations. Well deserved.

There are 2 resolutions tonight that we have. One is to authorize the Mayor to sign contract with Geese Police that helps tremendously in keeping our parks clean. Without it is actually a disaster, you can't even walk around the parks.

The other one is a resolution for us to go into contract with the OC Youth Bureau. This year the City of Middletown can receive Solutions funding up to \$55,000 is what we were approved for, \$50,000 being the Rec. Dept. covering our summer feeding program, our summer youth Leadership Academy, our boxing program, Teen Center and another \$5,000 is with the Police Dept. for Too Good for Drugs for Violence Program. We thank the County every year and that is \$55,000 going towards positive youth development program in our city.

Lastly check our website with holidays here we have so many special events going on. You can call the Rec. office as well.

Ald. Kleiner- When does the Little League registration end?

Chris Brinkerhoff- The very last one I think honestly January 11th. They have it on their Facebook page and also City website.

John Naumchik-It is also on the home page.

John Naumchik/City Clerk-Nothing this evening.

7. Public Hearings & Grievances
John Naumchik-Nothing this evening.
8. Petitions & Complaints
John Naumchik-Nothing this evening.
9. Remarks of the Mayor

Mayor DeStefano- Thanked Ashley for the presentation, it is a good program. Many people will buy into it especially as we know from the complaints from people who have a 2nd line. Cost seems reasonable. Hopefully the Council will take up the contract. It will be reviewed by Corp. Counsel possibly at the next meeting we can pass it.

Snow removal- they did work an awful lot of hours. They do go back and sleep a few hours here and there. Good job by Mark Pengel and his crew. I believe the snow amount was 13 inches Mr. Masi.

Ald. Masi- They are reporting 13.2 inches.

Mayor DeStefano-Pretty significant snowfall and combine that with the sleet, ice and amount of salt that was used.

Christmas tree program was fantastic. I think it is the largest crowd that I have seen. The tree is beautiful, the crowd beautiful, the weather held out. Maria and her staff did a good job along with all the other departments that participated. Mark Pengel lead the ... with his motorcycle, actually that was my mother in the side car, 90 yrs. old she chose to ride the side car.

We do have another event coming up during the holiday season. Festival of Lights that we do in conjunction with Temple Sinai will be December 22nd at the Something Sweet Park. No time right now but I think it is early evening. I will be providing the information to the public and to the Council. Hopefully it will be attended as the Christmas tree lighting.

Ald. Masi-5pm

Mayor DeStefano-One thing that Jacob was talking about shoveling snow in the street is also clearing sidewalks. You have 24 hrs. after the end of the storm to clear your

sidewalks, we will be sending out notices and we will be clearing sidewalks of people who do not do that. It is a safety issue and you will be billed for failure to clean your sidewalk if we have to go out and do it. Please, I encourage you to take the time to shovel your walks, have somebody shovel your walk. It is quite expensive to have a city crew go out and do it for you. It doesn't make sense not to do it because if we have to you are not going to be a happy person.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Downtown was very active over the weekend we expect to remain very busy throughout and we continue to plan for the bidding of the parking improvements and street scape improvements. We have been meeting with the Governor's office and with the Economic Development people of the State presenting them with our final plans. We are hoping next week, early next week we will have some type of ribbon cutting at the Woolworth building. We are trying to finalize the date and time and who will be here. We will be making that announcement over the weekend for the opening of that building which is one of the parts of the DRI project that was funded through the Governor's office.

Ald. Tobin- I've seen the Heritage Trail is coming along, is it a County park or once the trail comes into the city is it a city park?

Mayor DeStefano- It is not a county park at all. None of the trails are County parks. We have encouraged them to make it a linear park throughout the county but the money being used to fund it is transportation money. So it is actually... try to get cars off the road.

The property will be ours, the Trail will have easement to our property and other properties. The regulations that the County imposes on the Trail will be in place. There is one unique difference between the rest of the Trail from Harriman to Goshen and us this is really the first part of the real urban center the Trail will be going through. So there is going to be some unique issues to address and lighting being one of them. So we are finalizing all those plans, Jacob and I were at the meeting with the County Parks Dept. last Friday and their planners. The big trick right now is crossing East Main by the dentist office and how we are getting down Railroad Ave. and through the parking lots. Once we all agree on that then that project will be out to bid sometime 2020. Phase 1 is under construction as you said.

10. Remarks of Aldermen

Ald. Masi-I would like to echo what everyone said. Your entire dept. especially the people out there for all those hours. Just fantastic. We appreciate it, thank the leadership, we thank the people who were actually out there. I know in my neighborhood everyone had nothing but compliments for you.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I just want to apologize I know there were a lot of festivities going on from Wednesday all the way to Saturday, Sunday. I wasn't at any of them, I was under the weather.

Ald. Tobin-I echo Ald. Masi, great job DPW. I do notice when I leave town and coming back into town the pavement is clean and safer.

The tree lighting I couldn't find parking anywhere around. Well attended. Group effort. Police officers handing out candy canes to the Fire Dept., DPW and all the floats, Parks Dept., the train. Definitely has become part of my family tradition.

Ald. Green- I'll echo DPW compliments. It is just amazing. Police Dept. and Fire Dept. never complaining to be out there.

The parade was amazing, the tree was inspiring; I think the size of the crowd and anyone who was in the parade marching down I think the parade stopped when you hit Woolworths and Tompkins building. For the first time at least since I have been in the parade you look to your left and wow, the building just lite up for me. Seeing all the great things going on downtown it was the first thing you saw there. It was really beautiful looking.

If you saw the renderings of the park I know the city posted them; it is going to be another beautiful addition to our city. Great things are happening and glad everyone is warm and safe.

Ald. Johnson- DPW, whenever I wake up no matter what happens the night before I am going to look at pavement and that is a beautiful thing. Thank you Jacob and your men.

The 2 events Friday night for the tree lighting and Coach Wolslayer I thoroughly enjoyed both of them. Those are examples of things that people make them look easy but they are not easy to do. I thank all the people who make all the events.

Personal friend Mr. Wolslayer there was a lot of Middletown history in that room that night. It was awe inspiring.

Paths crossing with Sen. Metzger, Ald. Kleiner and I attended the Tenants' Rights workshop with Cornell Co-op. I attended an even where Amy's Kitchen was talking to some organic growers in the County to lineup potential relationships.

Welfare issues coming before the government next year and how...

Legislative committee there are two things on my worksheet. 1) towing issue and the other double pole zombie pole. Those are on Alex's desk, I am sure he has a busy court to finish up. I did provide both Jacob and Alex with a copy of the law that was put into effect 2016 as a potential template on how we are going to address that. I also put into your boxes I attended the November 14th Regional Advisory Board meeting I represent the City with the DA's Office. It is always a learning experience for me, Darlene DeJesus ran the meeting. I was maybe one of 2 civilians everybody else was law enforcement. The topic was Criminal Justice Reform bill. I didn't

really know that I would have to think about that very much but it turned out I got to think about quite a bit. Of course the first bite of the apple was the DA's point of view which was not a happy camper. Of course they had a press conference to talk about that. Then I got a chance to speak with Mayor and Chief and regardless of how that conversation went we know that Middletown is ready and able to implement the law to its fullest extent starting January 1st regardless of chatter.

I listened to ACLU and I asked Darlene where did this come from? Supposedly a case in Rikers where a gentleman ended up being incarcerated because he couldn't make bail and that raised the issue of bail reform and does it adversely affect people in poverty; more so than others. Also he ended up being incarcerated for longer than anybody anticipated which got you back to the discovery section that says it should happen in a timely manner.

I listened to ACLU, I listened to law enforcement, I also took the chance to provide you with the NYCOM policy brief. I found 5 comments interesting. 1). Confusion and serious concerns have arisen regarding on how some of these amendments will be implemented and what impact the amendments will have on local criminal justice system.

Comment- new disclosure requirements bring the pendulum to far placing a significant burden on law enforce and prosecutors provide discovery in an extremely short time period that would be 15 calendar days.

Comment- new disclosure laws will require state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to dedicate significant human and fiscal resources processing evidence for disclosure to defendants.

Comment- Perhaps ominous. The new speedy trial requirements are likely to result in prosecutors being more judicious in the cases they prosecute and anybody in public policy in the state of NY ...this is another example of another unfunded mandate.

We will see how it goes. There are men and women hours that go into this bill. There are technology hours and upgrades that go into it.

We will see where it all lands.

Ald. Ramkisson- Jacob amazing handling of this difficult storm. DPW did a great job of keeping our roads clear by contrast to outside of city limits.

Ald. Kleiner- Next Monday will be our 2nd Ward constituents meeting, Dec. 9th at 7pm.

There will not be a Citywide Watch meeting next Tuesday. We are going to wait until March to resume the Citywide Watch; but if you have any issues you can always call or come to our meetings.

2 things that will be coming up before our next meeting; Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7th. I believe next Saturday at 10 am they do a remembrance ceremony American Legion Post #151 off of Wawayanda Ave.

Mike Cody a lot of people know who Mike Cody is he really single handedly put together that Town of Wallkill Veteran's Memorial Park. He is having an event at Kuhl's Highland House on Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 6pm-9pm recognition of adding a 4 section to their Vietnam Veteran's War Memorial Wall. It is going to be a roast beef dinner. Mike's #342-4629.

Mike is an amazing guy.

Christmas tree ceremony and celebration was terrific. I want to thank the Donovan family. That tree is magnificent. Might be the tallest one we had.

DPW once again great job. You know when the ABC evening news leads their broadcast with the snow totals in Middletown, NY we are getting hit pretty hard it doesn't happen often.

The Dick Wolslayer event well deserved, wonderful idea to name the field after Coach Wolslayer. He has been such a part of Middletown, I know Marty Kuhl was delighted to have that Erie Bell out in the entrance way. Congratulations to the Middies.

With this weather we know the Warming Station it is run by volunteers and there will another volunteer training on Dec. 11th at 7pm. You can always go to the website Middletownwarmingstation.com to sign up for overnight volunteer and also volunteers to help 2 hr. shift from 8-10.

I want to thank Marilyn and Dave Bechtle and all the people who keep that going.

I had Mulberry House open this weekend as a warming center.

Ald. Jean Francois-4th Ward constituents meeting this Saturday, Dec. 7th.

Commissioner I tip my hat to you and your dept.

Ald. Burr- Jacob, you and your staff did a wonderful job.

I also attended both events on Friday and Saturday. Friday was phenomenal it felt like an old parade day.

What can I say about Coach? He is a heck of a guy.

Pres. Rodrigues- I also want to thank DPW. Great work out there Jacob.

Great weekend.

Going back to what Ald. Johnson said about bail reform. This law was passed by our elected officials up in Albany through the budget. Never spoke about the open law. About how the bail reform based. Only about 49 laws that are affected by it.

We need to reach out to our elected officials in Albany because they passed it, they were very quiet of what they passed. Unfunded mandate means we are stuck with the bills. Facing a \$6billion deficit in the new budget.

Pres. Rodrigues read off the bills.

It is hard to run the city and get stuck with mandates. Shame on NYC. Voice your opinions.

11. Unfinished Business

John Naumchik –Nothing this evening.

12. New Business

272.19 Resolution for the Mayor to sign an agreement with Emergency Reporting that is compatible with the County for the Middletown Fire Department for a cost of \$2,940.00 plus a onetime set-up fee of \$360.00. This is a properly budgeted item.

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Mayor to sign the attached agreement with Emergency Reporting that is compatible with the County for the Middletown Fire Department for an cost of \$2,940.00 plus a onetime set-up fee of \$360.00. This is a properly budgeted item.

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

273.19 Resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept “Solutions” funding from the Orange County Youth Bureau and, following approval, to sign any and all necessary contracts on behalf of the City of Middletown.

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

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby authorize the Mayor to accept “Solutions” funding from the Orange County Youth Bureau and, following approval, to sign any and all necessary contracts on behalf of the City of Middletown.

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

274.19 Resolution to accept a donation from the PBA in the amount of \$250.00 for community outreach.

On motion of Ald. Green seconded by Ald. Masi

WHEREAS; the Police Department is in receipt of a \$250 donation given to the Middletown Police Department from the Middletown PBA.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept and use this donation to help fund the continued community outreach and add these funds to the A.3120.501 (Community Outreach) line of our 2019 budget.

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

275.19 Resolution to accept an award in the amount of \$4,500.00 to participate in the statewide “Child Passenger Safety” program effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Tobin

WHEREAS; the City of Middletown Police Department has been awarded \$4500 to participate in the statewide “Child Passenger Safety” program effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS; this grant money was given in an effort to increase the proper use and installation of child safety seats in New York State, and to cover the cost of recertification fees for our certified car seat Technicians/Officers.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that this funding be added to the Child Passenger Safety budget line A.3189.450.

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

276.19 Resolution that \$5,000 of the “Solutions Funding” that has been previously approved by the Common Council be added to “Too Good for Drugs and Violence” budget grant expense line for 2020.

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 that \$5,000 of the “Solutions Funding” that had been previously approved by the Common Council under resolution # 311-19, be added to “Too Good for Drugs and Violence” budget grant expense line A.3120.509 for use in 2020.

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

277.19 Resolution that the third enforcement period funding for STOP DWI in the amount of \$4,729.00, be added the STOP-DWI budget line within the Police Department Budget.

On motion of Ald. Kleiner seconded by Ald. Burr

WHEREAS; the City entered into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Orange and approved by the Common Council in February 2019, for STOP DWI funding for the contract dates of November 27, 2019 through January 1, 2020.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the third enforcement period funding in the amount of \$4,729.00, be added the STOP-DWI budget line within the Police Department Budget.

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

278.19 Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an Tri-State Geese Police Contract to control the Geese Population in Watts Memorial Park, Maple Hill Park and Fancher Davidge Park, including park expansion

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

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Tri-State Geese Police Contract to control the Geese Population in Watts Memorial Park, Maple Hill Park and Fancher Davidge Park, including park expansion.

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

279.19 Resolution to approve a change order (amendment 2) in the amount of \$58,700.00 for the Secondary Screw Pumps Replacement Project) for services from C.D.M. Smith.

On motion of Ald. Burr seconded by Ald. Masi

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve a change order (amendment 2), as per the attached letter dated November 20, 2019, in the amount of \$58,700.00 for the Secondary Screw Pumps Replacement Project for Submersible Pump Emergency Installation Assistance and Electrical Panel Relocation Design from C.D.M. Smith.

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

280.19 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer a total of \$108,000.00 within the Fire Department 2019 Operating Budget for various equipment and 207A-Retirement payments thru 12/31/19.

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 a total of \$116,000.00 within the Fire Department 2019 Operating Budget in the following manner for various equipment and 207A-Retirement payments thru 12/31/19:

From	Amount	To
A.3410.100 Personal Services	\$ 80,000	A.3410.200 Other Equipment
A.3410.202 Coats & Boots	\$ 5,000	A.3410.200 Other Equipment
A.3410.417 Gas & Oil	\$ 7,000	A.3410.200 Other Equipment
 A.3410.436 Testing of Trucks	 \$ 5,000	 A.3410.200 Other Equipment
 A.3410.496 Personnel Training - Vol	 \$ 3,000	 A.3410.200 Other Equipment
 SCBA Replacement Program		
A.3410.410 Uniform Allowance	\$ 4,000	A.3410.111 207A-Retiree

A.3410.494
Personnel Education-Career

\$ 4,000

A.3410.111
207A-Retiree

207A-Retireem payments thru 12/31/19

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

281.19 Resolution to approve a proposal from CPL for miscellaneous improvements to the South Street parking lot in the amount of \$16,000.00.

On motion of Ald. Tobin seconded by Ald. Green

WHEREAS; Clark Patterson Lee has submitted a proposal to provide professional services in conjunction with miscellaneous improvements to the South Street parking lot in the amount of \$16,000.00, and

WHEREAS; this work would include a base bid item of new, covered, cast in place concrete stairs and landings and miscellaneous guide rail and replacement of fencing as bid alternates, and

WHEREAS; DPW is re requesting that the funding come from line #H.0897.900 (Downtown Improvement and Demolition General). The City has recently applied for the \$100,000 SAM Grant through Senator Metzger's office, for this project. Once the grant is awarded, this work can be submitted for reimbursement.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize to engage CPL for this work, per the attached proposal, and obtain the funding in the amount of \$16,000 from line #H.0897.900.

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

282.19 Resolution to amend the City Code to add one handicap parking spot in from of 37 Harrison Street.

On motion of Ald. Burr seconded by Ald. Masi

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes to amend the City Code Chapter 460, Vehicle and Traffic, Section 460-28 No-parking zone; handicap permit only to add the following:

(74) One spot directly in front of 37 Harrison Street to expire 2 years from this date.

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

283.19 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer from the General Fund Balance \$121,410.00 to add 1,800 Tons of salt at \$67.45 /ton to maintain a full storage at the Salt Storage Facility.

On motion of Ald. Green 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 from the General Fund Balance \$121,410.00 to add 1,800 Tons of salt at \$67.45 /ton to maintain a full storage at the Salt Storage Facility in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
General Fund Balance	\$121,410.00	A.5142.450 Snow & Ice

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

284.19 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$5,000.00 within the DPW 2019 budget to cover purchase of materials and supplies for the Snow & Ice Dept. for the remainder of the year.

On motion of Ald. Johnson 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 Treasurer to transfer \$5,000.00 within the DPW 2019 budget to cover purchase of materials and supplies for the Snow & Ice Dept. for the remainder of the year which the balance of account is currently depleted for remainder of the year in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.5142.440 Repairs to Equipment	\$5,000.00	A.5142.450 Materials & Supplies

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

13. LOCAL LAWS

John Naumchik-Nothing this evening.

14. AUDIT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Johnson

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. Ramkisson, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Burr, Green, Masi, Pres. Rodrigues-9

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sisco