



City of Middletown
Common Council Meeting
September 7, 2021
City Hall
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

P R E S E N T

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Ald. Tom Burr
Ald. Gerald Kleiner
Ald. Andrew Green
Ald. Paul Johnson
Ald. Kate Ramkissoon
Ald. Sparrow Tobin
Ald. Jude Jean-Francois

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1 1. Pledge of Allegiance

2 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Roll.

3 2. Roll Call

4 Roll Call: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner,
5 Johnson, Jean-Francois, Burr, Green, President Rodrigues.

6 3. Approval of Minutes

7 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Approval of minutes.

8 **COUNCIL CLERK:** Tonight we have two common
9 Council meeting minutes, one from August 3rd and one from
10 August 17th.

11 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** All right. Motion by
12 Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

13 Any discussion? All in favor?

14 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye.

15 4. Correspondence, Communications and Reports

16 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Correspondence.

17 **COUNCIL CLERK:** Okay. We received a lease from
18 103 North Street that needs to go to the Legislative
19 Committee.

20 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay.

21 **COUNCIL CLERK:** The Kiwanis received that I --
22 they would like to invite the Common Council for our
23 first annual tree dedication. Everyone received that in
24 their mailbox. Okay, received and filed.

25 And then Aegon Marketing, we received the dog

1 control officer inspector report that shall be received
2 and filed.

3 And then Aegon Marketing, we also received a
4 municipal shelter inspection report for Port Jervis. And
5 that's received and filed.

6 That is all for correspondence.

7 5. For the Good of the City.

8 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** For the Good of the City,
9 anyone who would like to address the Council, please step
10 up.

11 Eileen, do we have anybody on line?

12 **EILEEN:** Not at this time.

13 6. Remarks of the Mayor.

14 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Remarks of the
15 Mayor.

16 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** Nothing this evening.

17 7. Remarks of Department Heads

18 DPW Commissioner.

19 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Good evening,
20 all.

21 So, we have many resolutions here, DPW, before
22 you. I am not going to make any comments on them except
23 if you have any questions I'll be happy to come up and
24 address them, so I will not waste your -- your time.

25 So, we had our major rain event on September

1 2nd. And -- and it was -- it was one of the heaviest
2 rain that we had since Irene and Lee. We had 7.8 inches
3 of rain in about 20 hours which is quite a bit. The good
4 news is all the infrastructure reinforcement that we did
5 for our drainage system has worked. North Aspen and
6 County Route 78 protected that entire development, that
7 flood diversion wall. The water level came up, flooded
8 County Route 78. It still protected the entire
9 development as it was designed and constructed to do.

10 Maple Hill in there, I was in close contact
11 with Nick Pople (phonetic) in there, one of the residents
12 who lives in that area. He was, you know, he was
13 concerned, but he was very happy there's no adverse
14 impact of this almost 8 inch of rain on him. Before it
15 was couple of inches his whole yard would be flooded and
16 -- or maybe 1 inch and we -- it would have major issue.

17 All the culverts that we installed under FEMA
18 funding in there, millions and millions of dollars across
19 DPW garage and so on and so forth, they worked very well.
20 And we still had some flooding, some road closures in
21 typical places, was (inaudible) Avenue and Sterling and
22 some other areas in there which is, you know, but that's
23 all, you know, that's kind of expected because of the
24 severity of the storm.

25 Tomorrow night, just to warn our residents,

1 already flood warnings are in effect for tomorrow night
2 into the next day early in the morning with gusts of
3 wind. So be on the lookout for downed trees or downed
4 wires. And be very careful. Please call either our
5 police department if you have any concern regarding down
6 wires call the -- after hours, that's the police
7 department otherwise call DPW 343-3169 during regular
8 office hours. And called Orange and Rockland if you have
9 any concern about smelling gas or downed wires or
10 anything like that. Just stay away from them, stay away
11 from flooded roads, please.

12 And your catch basin in front of your house or
13 in your neighborhood, if it's safe enough for you to
14 clean it -- to clean the top off of leaves or debris or
15 anything like that before the storm, that would be very
16 helpful.

17 And during the storm, if you feel that it is
18 safe enough for you to do so, please do the cleaning
19 because that probably will save your neighborhood of
20 potential flooding.

21 The Mayor did not report to you on downtown in
22 here, but downtown project, the contractor came in,
23 dressed up everything. It looks very good. There is
24 punch list items that yet to be done. And there's
25 irrigation systems yet to be completed. And they're

1 working on it. Hopefully, they'll be done in a couple of
2 weeks. And that project would be totally completed.

3 The traffic operation project, the one we've
4 been reporting to you about finally it's coming to
5 reality. We opened the bid on -- on August 31st. There
6 were few bids in there. And one bid was very close to
7 the engineer's estimate, about 20 -- 26, 27 million
8 dollars there. So we're going over the valuation,
9 evaluating the bids right now ourselves and the
10 consultant, DSP. And, hopefully, we'll be making
11 recommendation to you and the Mayor and the DOT by the
12 next Council meeting.

13 Water line project in there, the 20-inch high-
14 pressure waterline replacement, we're having some issues
15 in four sections of the installed pipe. We're very
16 concerned about it. We directed the contractor to
17 replace the above-ground piping which has not been
18 installed yet with the heavier thicker class (inaudible)
19 pipe to avoid any fabrication issue that we had with the
20 previous batch. And that is being done. And we're
21 working very closely with the contractor. The contractor
22 so far has been very helpful. The issue is with the
23 fabricator or the manufacturer of the (inaudible) pipe.
24 We are trying to resolve this issue, so that the City's
25 interest is protected for 100 years to come because

1 that's what we designed these things for.

2 And Davidge Park expansion project is moving
3 along as you guys have seen which is we're getting the
4 electrical contractor now. We're going to be doing --
5 DPW is going to be doing the excavation for the
6 electrical contractor to put his conduits in. I met with
7 the Mayor a few times about it. And we're proceeding to
8 lay the -- the ground for -- and the basis, basically,
9 for the future lighting for the field. So there isn't
10 going to be any lighting right now because of budget
11 consideration. But in the future, it will be easily
12 added in there since we're going to have the conduit and
13 the wires underground already installed.

14 And electronic drop off reminder, it's -- it's
15 on Saturday, not this Saturday, the 18th. And it's going
16 to be at DPW garage on Monhagen Avenue. And it's going
17 to be from 8 o'clock until 3 o'clock. So bring -- bring
18 your electronics. Alderman Kleiner reminded me that we
19 don't have description on our website of what will be
20 accepted and what will not be accepted. So it has been
21 added. And it's there now and you can look it up on our
22 website, City website and DPW section what will be
23 accepted and what is not. Just bring your electronics
24 over to the DPW garage. Our guys will be there to help
25 you unload it and you will move along. COVID regulations

1 will be -- will be observed meaning masks and to stay
2 away from each other without any close contact with
3 anybody.

4 With that, I will conclude my regards. Council
5 President, if you have questions for me.

6 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for Jacob?

7 Thank you for the update, Jacob.

8 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Alderman.

9 **ALD. KLEINER:** There's one question.

10 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Jean-Francois.

11 **ALDERMAN JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Yes. Commissioner,
12 I've been getting a few phone call with residents that
13 have flooded basement. There was one that if the City
14 could do another possibility we could do another bulk
15 pickup because they have a lot of --

16 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** That's --
17 that's a good question. To be honest with you, it was on
18 my mind and I -- my fault I neglected to bring it up to
19 the Mayor -- to discuss it with the Mayor.

20 **ALDERMAN JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Okay.

21 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** I'll discuss it
22 with the Mayor and we'll bring it up to your attention.
23 It would be a good idea to do, you know, for people who
24 got impacted, adversely impacted with the flood --

25 **ALDERMAN JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Okay.

1 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** -- to pick up.
2 But I'll discuss it with the Mayor. I don't have any --
3 anything yet.

4 **ALDERMAN JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Thank you.

5 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.
6 That's -- thank you for bringing that up.

7 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Are we getting any calls?
8 Anybody asking?

9 **JACOB TAWIL, DPW COMMISSIONER:** I -- not to my
10 knowledge. But I was thinking about it. You know, I've
11 seen it -- I've seen it done in other cities. And it's
12 been in the back of my mind. It's just my fault. I
13 neglected to bring it up to the Mayor's attention.

14 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Fire Chief.

15 **NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF:** Good evening. As
16 Jacob said, during the storm 7.8 inches of rain. We
17 responded to 34 emergency calls. We had two calls, two
18 electrical fires that we took care of.

19 And I just want to remind people, when they see
20 a fire truck coming down the street with lights and
21 sirens, don't go around them. The person that did go
22 around them wound up in 4 foot of water stuck in his car
23 on Wisner Avenue. So karma does strike.

24 Just to let the Council know, our 16 Scott
25 packs came in. Now, all of our Scott packs are up to

1 date. Engine 4 and Engine 6 received them.

2 And our parade is still scheduled for October
3 2nd with inspection night October 1st. All of you are
4 invited for inspection night, 6:00 p.m. We'll pick you
5 guys up.

6 Any questions?

7 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for the
8 fire chief? Thank you, Chief.

9 City Treasurer.

10 **KELLY ANN KELLY, CITY TREASURER:** Good evening.
11 I don't have anything, unless you have any questions for
12 me.

13 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions?

14 Thank you, Kelly.

15 **KELLY ANN KELLY, CITY TREASURER:** Okay.

16 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Police Chief.

17 **JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF:** Good evening,
18 Council. I just have one thing just to share with the
19 community and the Council this evening is in the coming
20 days, hopefully by the end of the week we'll be going
21 live with our Community Feedback Program. It's called
22 QHIT. It's a program we partnered with the affiliated
23 with our records management system. So whenever someone
24 calls us or is a victim of some type of a crime, not
25 every crime, but certain crimes, it automatically

1 generates a survey to that person. It's a quick two to
2 three question survey just to get some feedback from the
3 community of how we're actually serving the community.
4 So that's going to go into effect hopefully by the end of
5 this week. We've been working on it now for about six
6 weeks, putting it in place, getting everything up -- up
7 to speed.

8 This is not to report emergencies. It is not
9 to make complaints or anything to that effect. It is
10 specifically to address the service that was provided to
11 the member of the community.

12 So I just want to make everybody aware we did
13 some social media pushout on that with a little video to
14 see what it's about. But, hopefully, it is going to be
15 well received and hopefully gives us some good feedback
16 as to how we are serving the community and if we need to
17 make any changes in a positive direction.

18 Other than that, I have no questions unless you
19 have questions for me.

20 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for the
21 police chief? Thank you, Chief.

22 **JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF:** Thank you.

23 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** City Clerk.

24 **JOHN NAUMCHIK, CITY CLERK:** Okay. Tonight in
25 local laws, there's an introduction only tonight of Local

1 Law Number 2 of 2021. And that's increasing the terms of
2 the Deputy Commissioners of Public Workers. That will be
3 voted on in the next meeting which is September 21st.

4 Also, to -- just a note that everybody that's
5 having garage sales or yard sales to make sure that they
6 need a permit and no signs are allowed on any of the
7 telephone poles in the City of Middletown or trees.
8 They've been -- I've seen many on the poles. We've
9 picked a couple and I've been sending letters out. Just
10 a reminder. Thank you.

11 That's all I have.

12 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you, John.

13 8. Public Hearings and Grievances.

14 (Nothing this evening.)

15 9. Petitions and Complaints

16 (Nothing this evening.)

17 10. Remarks of the Alderman.

18 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Remarks of
19 Alderman. Alderman Burr.

20 **ALD. BURR:** Nothing this evening.

21 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Jean-Francois.

22 **ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS:** Nothing.

23 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Kleiner.

24 **ALD. KLEINER:** Thank you. We have a -- Andrew
25 and I have a Second Ward Constituents meeting be coming

1 up Monday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. And
2 Mayor DeStefano will be part of the meeting. He's
3 graciously agreed to come to our meeting if you have
4 questions. Keep it in mind.

5 I want to wish our Jewish community friends a
6 happy Rosh Hashanah. That's tonight until tomorrow.
7 It's the year 5782. And next week is Yom Kippur. So
8 it's -- it's a holy time for the community.

9 I also want to mention that September 17th
10 coming up is Constitution Day. And it's one I always
11 point out, the day that the Constitution was signed and
12 adopted in 1781. I think that's, these days, very
13 important date and an important event to remember.

14 And this Saturday will be the 20th anniversary
15 of the 9/11 attack. So keep that in mind. And I don't
16 know of any specific events locally, but we certainly
17 will all remember. Thank you.

18 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Ramkissoo.

19 **ALD. RAMKISSOON:** Good evening. I just wanted
20 to mention briefly that we are -- a bunch of us were in
21 attendance at Festival Square on Friday, the 27th where
22 we dedicated that park and forever renamed that John
23 Degnan Square. And I just wanted to mention it because
24 it was a beautiful moment. And he is a very great man
25 and a big part of Middletown. And I think it was really

1 neat to watch him be able to enjoy being honored by the
2 people that he served for so many years. So I just
3 wanted to mention him in the meeting as well.

4 The next thing I'd say is just about school.
5 We're back to school, week 1, just two days. Just --
6 just twos and we are figuring it out. It has been a year
7 since we've had all the kids in school. So I just on
8 behalf -- as another mom and as a person who does work in
9 the school, just deep breath moms, dads, kids, staff, all
10 of us. We're going to get there and a little patience
11 goes a long way.

12 That's all I have.

13 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Johnson.

14 **ALD. JOHNSON:** Thank you. I agree with
15 Alderwoman Ramkisson. The John Degnan was a good thing.
16 He's given us many, many years of service, both, as an
17 educator and as an administrator for the City. He
18 accepted the honor with appropriate humility, but I'm
19 sure he actually enjoyed it. So, great move whoever's
20 idea that was, great idea. Thank you.

21 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Green.

22 **ALD. GREEN:** Thank you very much. Just a lot
23 happened since our last meeting, it's amazing to think.
24 But, you know, we had a great Run for Downtown, of course
25 the Degnan dedication. You know, and I just want to

1 thank all the crews and everyone, all the departments who
2 worked so hard during that storm. It really -- was --
3 was an effort by everyone involved, so that's something
4 we need to recognize.

5 As Alderman Kleiner mentioned, you know, I -- I
6 remember exactly where I was, what happened on September
7 11th, I'll never forget. And I know so many around us
8 who were directly affected, whether it be family,
9 friends, those who were lost. So just keep remembrance
10 of that as we go into Saturday and 20 years on.

11 And just, again, for everyone who's
12 celebrating, well wishes and a Happy New Year and Happy
13 Rosh Hashanah.

14 Thank you very much.

15 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Tobin.

16 **ALD. TOBIN:** Yeah, ditto on the most everything
17 there, you know, Happy New Year.

18 Also, my condolences to Legislator Paduch for
19 the loss in his family.

20 And September 11th, you know, never forget 20
21 years later. Never forget the people that we lost, but
22 also we should never forget the people that that were
23 there that helped, you know, save the people and rebuild
24 the city and that, you know, are suffering from some of
25 the health effects 20 years later. So, you know, as a

1 society, it's important to remember that. It touched us
2 so closely here in the New York Metropolitan area.

3 And Alderman Jean-Francois and myself had a
4 chance to visit the Farmers Market this weekend. It was
5 excellent, so much fresh produce right from the farm to,
6 you know, right to you. So I encourage everybody check
7 it out. Thank you.

8 11. Unfinished Business.

9 (Nothing this evening.)

10 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** That's it. New business.

11

12 CERTIFICATE

13 I, LISA KANE, certify the foregoing transcript of proceedings
14 prior to New Business of the September 7, 2021 Middletown City
15 Council meeting was prepared using the required electronic
16 equipment and is a true and accurate record of the
17 proceedings.

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19 Signature: *LISA KANE*

20 Date: September 20, 2021

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12. New Business

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

 Sec'd by Ald. Green

 Date of Adoption 09-07-21

 Index No: 179-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

WHEREAS; Recreation & Parks Department was given a donation in the amount of \$1,300.00 for the purchase of benches and,

WHEREAS; The Middletown Recreation & Parks Department is requesting that the Common Council accept this donation and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the donation into account A.7110.478 Park Improvements.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

 Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

 Date of Adoption 09-07-21

 Index No: 180-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached proposal from CDM Smith for additional professional engineering services, allowing them to continue grant project support for the City of Middletown. The cost to amend the current contract with CDM Smith is estimated to be \$75,000. This would be an amendment to the current authorization under City Resolution 44-18, which has previously been amended under resolutions 164-19 and 134-20.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$75,000.00 within the DPW 2021 budget which would be included in future reimbursement requests made on behalf of the City of Middletown to NYSDEC under the contracts for the City's two WQIP grants in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
H.0967.966	\$75,000.00	F.8310.400
Land Acquisition-Water Protection Project Purchase of Property		Water Administration Contractual

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Ramkissoon

Date of Adoption 09-07-21

Index No: 181-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

WHEREAS; The Middletown Courthouse Renovation Project will include a schematic design phase of the project through the construction administration phase, for a total fee of \$215,600, and

WHEREAS; there is a remaining total of \$118,916.90 on the current purchase order for this project. Having to subtract the remaining balance of the current fee authorization, the additional fee amount requested is \$96,683.10.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached updated proposal from B&L to provide additional engineering design services for the new Middletown Courthouse Renovation Project, the former Federal Courthouse.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to fund the project in the amount of \$96,683.10 from the project funding H.0916.900 line.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoon

 Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

 Date of Adoption 09-07-21

 Index No: 182-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$75,000.00 within the DPW budget due to a major increase in overtime hours worked by the department due to the distribution of the new garbage and recycling carts to all City residents and the newly implemented Sanitation plan in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.8160.100	\$75,000.00	A.8160.103
Personal Service		Sanitation Overtime

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

 Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

 Date of Adoption 09-07-21

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NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached contract with New York Security Systems Inc for the Video Surveillance and Access Control System Service/Contract Maintenance program for City Hall and Community Center in the amount of \$500.00 per month on an annual payment of \$6,000.00.

LET IT BE FUTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to fund the program from the A.1490.400 account.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

 Sec'd by Ald. Burr

 Date of Adoption 09-07-21

 Index No: 184-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$15,000.00 within the 2021 operating budget of the Middletown Recreation & Parks Department to cover insufficient funds to account #A.7110.440 due to multiple vehicle breakdowns including our garbage truck and dump truck in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.7180.100	\$15,000.00	A.7110.440
Pools: Personal Services		Parks: Repairs to Equipment

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 09-07-21

Index No: 185-21

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the request from the Ulster County the use of the mobile stage on Saturday, September 11, 2021, with a rain date of September 22, 2021.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the City to set up and take down as well as transport the stage and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents between the City and the County of Ulster.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 09-07-21

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NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

WHEREAS; when the City hired a Deputy Commissioner, the City offered to pay him an additional \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per year once he steps up and takes on the Plumbing Inspector job and duties, including conducting all plumbing inspections, and reporting, and

WHEREAS; the Deputy Commissioner was hired on August 10, 2020 and since then he has taken on the Plumbing Inspector duties.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize to increase the Deputy Commissioner annual pay by \$15,000.00 retroactive from January 1, 2021, as he was taking on the duty of the Plumbing Inspector.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 09-07-21

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Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby amend the City Code, Chapter 460 Vehicles and Traffic, Section 460-28, No-Parking zone; Handicapped permits only to remove the following:

(63) Directly in front of 14 Houston Ave.

13. Local Laws

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A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERMS OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose of this Enactment. The purpose of this enactment is to increase the terms of office for the Deputy Commissioners of Public Works from one (1) year to three (3) years.

Section 2. The first sentence of Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 11. All officers elected or appointed under this Charter, except Mayor, Aldermen, City Judge, Chief of Police, Corporation Counsel, Commissioner of Public Works, Deputy Commissioners of Public Works, City Clerk, Registrar and Clerk of the Common Council, Treasurer, Members of the Board of Health and Civil Service employees, shall hold offices for one (1) year, and until their successors shall qualify.

Section 3. A new Section 68-D is added to the Charter of the City of Middletown to read in its entirety as follows:

68-D. The Deputy Commissioners of public works shall be full-time employees of the City of Middletown and shall serve three (3) year terms, commencing from the time of appointment.

Section 4. Severability.

If the provisions of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State

14. Audit

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Green

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, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Burr, Green, Pres. Rodrigues-8

15. Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM