

**BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of the Annual Meeting Notice of January 2, 2015 and was forwarded to the Star Ledger, Courier News and Home News, and posted at Borough Hall.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Ronald Dobies
Council President	Sean Kaplan
	Kevin Dotey
	Stephen Greco
	John Madden
	Bob Schueler
	Jack Mikolajczyk (Absent-Work)
Attorney:	Aravind Aithal

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**APPOINTMENTS-NONE**

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**PROCLAMATIONS-NONE**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Palumbo, Code Enforcer/Zoning Officer attended the meeting to discuss the possible hiring of a part time inspector that would report to her and help on days that she was not in the borough. This inspector would be responsible to help her identify vacant properties and assure of their maintenance. She would be looking for this individual to work 15 – 20 hours per week, primarily on weekends. The Code Enforcer is having a difficult time staying on top of these vacant properties, and now with the landscaping ordinance, by the time they are identified and there is a follow up, it takes 3 – 4 weeks to know which entity is responsible and at that time the overgrowth of the property has gotten out of control. She is looking to be more proactive, and would also like to use this individual also for housing complaints. At this time she has brought in \$19,000 from the landlord registrations and expects to take in approximately \$25,000 each year. Mayor Dobies will work on a salary and job description for this position and bring back to council.

Ms. Palumbo also mentioned that with the election coming up, all political signs must be no more than 32 square feet and must be removed within 30 days of the election.

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**PUBLIC HEARING-NONE**

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**NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Councilman Dotey moved to approve the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Dotey, Madden, and Schueler. Nos: None. Abstain: Greco & Kaplan.

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**REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. Finance/Taxation/Real Estate/Construction Official/Insurance
  - A. Councilman Kaplan mentioned with he has spoken with Ms. Fuhrmann about senior citizen members from Dunellen that come into Middlesex and would like to approach Dunellen to possibly consider getting a shared services with Dunellen for those seniors. Councilman Schueler made a motion to move forward and contact Dunellen about a possible shared service seconded by Councilman Greco and carried by a unanimous vote.
2. Recreation/Recreation Fields/Water & Light
  - A. Councilman Greco reported that October 17, 2015 is the scheduled Family Fall Festival at Mountain View Park and invited everyone to attend.
3. Fire/OEM/Board of Health/Rescue Squad/Flood
  - A. Councilman Dotey reported that Parker Fire House will be holding their Open House behind Borough Hall on October 9 from 6pm – 9pm
  - B. Councilman Dotey also mentioned that the By Laws of the Board of Health have been approved and they are now discussing the ordinance restricting smoking in public parks. They would like signs be put up in the areas that are restricted, which reference the ordinance number. Also in an appointed Board of Health Committee they are discussing restricting the sale of tobacco to individuals that are under 21.
4. Public Works/Parks/Sanitation/Recycling
  - A. Councilman Schueler reported that the DPW took possession of a new 2015 Mack Garbage Truck and it will be registered and on the road shortly.

- B. The DPW replaced worn Stop signs in the Pierce section of town including No Parking street signs and speed limits, and catch basin repairs were done on Judson and Benart Place.
  - C. They have completed and did punch list items on the Pad for Generator at Lincoln Fire House, obtained 2 new containers in Recycle Yard, a 40 yard and 30 yard container, which were purchased with Recycle Trust money
  - D. Also, the DPW cleaned the pathway on Dorn Avenue that leads to Hazelwood to provide a safe path for children walking. When finished will have holes filled and the path covered with millings and roll it and have wood chips on the side.
  - E. They also bought up the issue of restricting traffic on roadway between Field 5 and Mountainview Park playground, with bollards or gates so that emergency vehicles can use but it is mostly for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This is also the case with the flood road between Lee Drive and Parker Street.
5. Police/Legal/Code Enforcement/Construction/Municipal Court
- A. Councilman Madden made a motion to approve the August, 2015 Municipal Court Report seconded by Councilman Schueler and carried by a unanimous vote of Council
  - B. Councilman Madden made a motion to approve the August, 2015 Police Report seconded by Councilman Greco and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.
  - C. Councilman Madden stated that Chief Geist is in the process of interviewing for multiple patrolman positions at this time.
6. Administration/Department of Senior Services/Legislation/Licensing- Councilman Mikolajczyk was absent.

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## REPORTS

### Mayor

- 1. Mayor Dobies appointed Councilman Greco, Councilman Mikolajczyk and Councilman Schueler to a special committee for ball fields.
- 2. Mayor Dobies got council approval to move forward with the hiring of two full time DPW employees.
- 3. Mayor Dobies discussed his meeting that he had with Ed Kahn, Attorney Aithal, DPW Supervisor Teutsch and Kathy Anello regarding clarifying the language of the DPW and White Collar Contract.
- 4. Mayor Dobies reported that the Fire Department is cleaning up the old Fire Headquarters facility on Grove Street and are requesting that the borough approve the waiver of fees for the storage container. Council approved a resolution be adopted this evening to waive these fees.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Consent Agenda 2014(R)**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed resolutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex do not wish to remove any resolutions from this Consent Agenda.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved and adopted.

Resolution #222-15 – Resolution 225-15  
Resolution #228 – Resolution #230-15

Councilman Dotey made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Dotey, Kaplan, Madden, and Schueler. No: None. Abstain: None.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #222-15**

The governing body hereby approves the renewal of the Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services between the Township of Franklin and the Borough of Middlesex for the period November 1, 2014 – October 31, 2017.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #223-15**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Wilson Street have requested to have a block party between Washington Avenue and Locust Avenue/Venice Avenue on October 11, 2015 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, all the designated officials have given approval for this block party.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body hereby grants approval to the residents of Wilson Street to conduct a block party between Washington Avenue and Locust Avenue/Venice Avenue on October 11, 2015 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #224-15**

The governing body hereby appoints Ms. Denise Biancamano as a part time CFO for the Borough of Middlesex for 6 hours per week for a salary of \$20,000 effective September 28, 2015, pending a satisfactory background check. Ms. Biancamano agrees to spend a minimum of 1 hour weekly (after 4:30 pm) within the 6 hour period with the Finance Office and agrees to work any additional hours needed during budget time.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #225-15**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE  
OF A LEXMARK XM3150/XM1145 PRINTER, SCANNER, COPIER, FAX**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase a Lexmark XM3150/XM1145 printer, scanner, copier, fax for the Police Department from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Contracts Law, 40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS**, KDI Office Technology is under State Contract No. A51464 for the year 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for the purchase of a printer, scanner, copier, fax is not to exceed \$2,245.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of a Lexmark XM3150/XM1145 printer, scanner, copier, fax for the Police Department is ordered under State Contract No. A51464 be and is hereby approved.

The Treasurer hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$2,245.00 are available in Account No. 04-1818-00-1818-71.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #228-15**

**WHEREAS**, Police Officer George Pilesky is eligible for advancement in grade pursuant to Article XV of the Police Department Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, On July 31, 2015 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer George Pilesky be advanced in grade.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Police Officer George Pilesky be and is hereby advanced in grade to Patrolman Class "E" effective August 15, 2015 at an annual salary of \$67,662.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #229-15**

Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the Continuing Disclosure Agreement dated September 30, 2015 between the Middlesex County Improvement Authority and the Borough of Middlesex for various improvements and to acquire certain items of capital equipment.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #230-15**

The governing body hereby approves dismissing the fees for the storage containers for use by the Fire Department at Fire Headquarters.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

## **Resolution #226-15**

THE DISBURSING OFFICERS BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PAY THE ATTACHED CLAIM LIST AS PRESENTED, IF FOUND CORRECT, AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. EXCLUDED VOUCHERS MAY BE PAID UPON BEING FOUND ACCEPTABLE.

Councilman Dotey made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Greco and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Dotey, Kaplan, Madden, and Schueler. No: None. Abstain: None.

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### **DISCUSSION ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. Mayor Dobies discussed the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Fences and Accessory Structures which was discussed and approved by the Planning Board at the September 9, 2015 Planning Board Meeting. Copies of these amendments were referred back to Council for further action. Council agreed to introduce both of these ordinances at the October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Dobies opened the Public Portion of the meeting for any comments.

Sharon Smigel, 27 Washington Avenue questioned if any changes were made to the White Collar Contract. Mayor Dobies indicated that Mr. Kahn has a copy of this contract and Appendix A had incorrect positions listed.

Brian Pollio, 77 George Avenue questioned the paving of George Avenue, as he feels that it is a serious safety hazard and someone is going to get injured by the potholes. Mayor Dobies mentioned that council was notified about the 2015 mill and overlay projects and George Street is included. Funds should be available by the end of September.

Rich Thomasey, 109 Greene Avenue spoke on the Victor Crowell Committee and their recommendation of creating an "avenue of lights" on the east side of Willow for the holidays. This would involve having the residents pick out a tree and use their own lights to decorate and organize a festival day. Mr. Thomasey wanted to know if there is interest in them pursuing this idea. Mayor Dobies recommended that Mr. Thomasey pursue this with the committee and bring it back to the council.

Mr. Thomassey also mentioned the problem with residents that walk their dogs at Victor Crowell Park and do not clean up after their animals. Although the DPW placed signs at the park, the problem has not been corrected. Mayor Dobies requested that Councilman Madden speak with the Police Chief about possibly increasing the police patrol in that area.

Sharon Smigel also mentioned the overrunning of Canadian Geese that are at the library. Mayor said that we have tried everything that has been done, and the staff is trying to move them along.

John Ellery, 701 Lincoln Boulevard questioned if the borough is going to write a new sewer ordinance and if sewer bills will be mailed out in December? Mayor Dobies feels that this should be passed on to a new mayor and council. Council President Kaplan mentioned that he has been in discussion with our professionals over the last week and should have more information by Friday, and would be willing to meet with Mr. Ellery next week with some answers.

Seeing that there was no further public participation, Mayor Dobies closed the public portion of the meeting.

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #227-15**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

**WHEREAS**, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex will go into closed session for the following reason listed below as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and the minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the items no longer require confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

1. Chief of Police's Contract
2. Piscataway Sewer User Charges & Potential Suit
3. Part Time Salaries & Stipends

Councilman Schueler made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Dotey, Kaplan, Madden, and Schueler. No: None. Abstain: None.

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Councilman Madden moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting seconded by Councilman Schueler and carried by the following roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor  
Council President

Ronald Dobies  
Sean Kaplan  
Kevin Dotey  
Stephen Greco  
John Madden  
Bob Schueler  
Jack Mikolajczyk (Absent-Work)

Attorney: Aravind Aithal

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The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

**Resolution #231-15**

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Maraziti Falcon, LLP regarding the Piscataway Sewer litigation pending certification of funds and finalization of a contract.

Councilman Dotey made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Greco and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Dotey, Kaplan, Madden, and Schueler. No: None. Abstain: None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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Councilman Schueler made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting seconded by Councilman Greco and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

Respectfully yours,

Kathleen Anello, RMC  
Borough Clerk