

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of Middletown Township was held in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall, One Kings Highway, Middletown, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m. on February 20, 2018.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to The Star Ledger, The Independent and Two River Times and by posting at the Middletown Township Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk all on October 19, 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Absent: None  
Vacancy One

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, CFO Colleen Lapp, Director of Public Works and Engineer Ted Maloney and Township Clerk Heidi Brunt.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a moment of silence to honor the troops serving worldwide defending our freedoms and way of life.

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read Resolution 18-101 in its entirety and requested a motion to adopt.

It was moved by Mayor Murray to appoint Rick Hibell to fill the vacancy on the Township Committee, seconded by Committeeman Perry.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Nays: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated the motion carried to adopt resolution 18-101

**Resolution 18-101 - Resolution Making Appointment to fill Vacancy on the Township Committee for the Unexpired Term of Gerard P. Scharfenberger**

**WHEREAS**, effective February 3, 2018, Gerard P. Scharfenberger resigned from the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerard P. Scharfenberger was a Republican officeholder, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, the Republican Executive Committee of the Township of Middletown convened a meeting and selected three names to submit to the Township Committee for consideration to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Executive Committee submitted the names of Rick Hibell, Cathy Rogers, and Anthony Panzica, for the Township Committee's consideration, which now must be acted upon by the Township Committee by selection one of these three names to fill the vacancy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby selects Rick Hibell to serve on the Township Committee for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2019 of Gerard P. Scharfenberger and shall be sworn immediately.

**SWEARING IN OF COMMITTEE MEMBER RICK HIBELL**

Mayor Murray administered the following oath:

I, Rick Hibell, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people, and I do swear to faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of Township Committeeman, according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

**New Police Officers**

Chief Weber spoke and Mayor Murray swore in the new officers.

Officer Felipe Caamano  
Officer Joseph Pesany  
Officer Donald Porter  
Officer Joshua Revette

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATION:**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to approve the minutes.

It was moved by Mayor Murray, seconded by Committeeman Fiore and carried to adopt the minutes of the following meetings:

December 18, 2017 Executive Session Minutes  
December 18 Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2018 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Nays: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carries to approve minutes.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title

**2018-3215 Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Business Uses Associated With The Growth, Production And Sale Of Recreational Marijuana Within The Township Of Middletown And Establishing Minimal Conditional Use Standards For Medical Marijuana Related Facilities\***

It was moved by Mayor Murray, seconded by Deputy Mayor Settembrino to pass this Ordinance on first reading:

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Nays: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: None

Township Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held at a date to be determined.

**2018-3216 Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 362 Of The Code Of The Township Of Middletown Establishing A No Knock Registry**

It was moved by Mayor Murray, seconded by Committeeman Perry to pass this Ordinance on first reading:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Nays: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: None

Township Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to pass this ordinance on first reading with a public hearing to be held March 5, 2018.

**Ordinance 2018-3217 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & To Establish a CAP Bank**

It was moved by Mayor Murray, seconded by Deputy Mayor Settembrino to pass this Ordinance on first reading:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Nays: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including resolutions 18-91 through 18-100 and Bingo and Raffle Applications.

It was moved by Mayor Murray, seconded by Deputy Mayor Settembrino and carried to adopt the consent agenda:

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Nays: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: None

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated the motion carried to adopt the consent agenda.

**Resolution #18-91 – Resolution Releasing the Performance Guarantee For MSKCC Properties, LLC (Block 1045, Lot 1)**

WHEREAS, the developer of the Site known as MSKCC Properties, LLC had posted with the Township a Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,352,550.00; and

WHEREAS, T&M Associates, as set forth in their letter of January 25, 2018, indicates that they have inspected the premises and have recommended that the performance guarantee in the form of a Surety Bond No. 016062171 in the amount of \$2,352,550.00 and per existing agreement there was no cash portion of the bond, however the original bond documents will be released upon submission of a Maintenance Guarantee or rider in the amount of \$294,068.58; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee agrees with said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Middletown Township Committee that the Performance Guarantee be released.

A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to the following:

- a. T&M Associates
- b. Planning
- c. Mark Svenningson Sr VP Finance  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Finance Suite  
633 Third Avenue  
New York NY 1007

**Resolution No. 18-92 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Recreation Bus Trips for Various Events for The Middletown Recreation Department**

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, ten (10) bids were picked up by vendors, and three (3)

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Responsive Bids were received as follows.

VENDOR

- 1. R. HELFRICH & SON INC.  
P.O. BOX 157  
KEANSBURG, N.J. 07734
- 2. WEHRLE BUS SERVICE  
436 MATAWAN AVENUE  
CLIFFWOOD, NJ 07721
- 3. STA  
65 ROUTE 45 EAST  
PINE BROOK, NJ 07058

Bids were advertised as per N.J. State Statutes and affidavit of publication is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

R. HELFRICH & SON INC., P.O. BOX 157, KEANSBURG, N.J. 07734 and WEHRLE BUS SERVICE, INC., 436 MATAWAN AVENUE, CLIFFWOOD, NJ 07721 shall Furnish and Deliver the following as per Bid Proposal & Specifications & Covenants thereof dated February 13, 2018 said bidders being the Lowest Responsible Bidders for selected venues.

DESCRIPTION

VENDOR

PROVIDE BUS SERVICE  
FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH  
PERIOD FOR SELECTED  
VENUES AND SENIOR BUS TRIPS  
FOR THE MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

R. HELFRICH & SON INC.  
P.O. BOX 157  
KEANSBURG, N.J. 07734

PROVIDE BUS SERVICE  
FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH  
PERIOD FOR SELECTED  
VENUES FOR THE MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEHRLE BUS SERVICE, INC.  
436 MATAWAN AVENUE  
CLIFFWOOD, NJ 07721

WHEREAS, bids have been reviewed by the Purchasing Agent and Janet Dellett, Director of Recreation and it is their recommendation that the contract be awarded to the low bidders for the selected trips.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. It hereby awards the contract for "Recreation Bus Trips" to R. Helfrich & Son Inc., P.O. Box 157, Keansburg, N.J. 07734 not to exceed \$25,000.00 and Wehrle Bus Service, Inc., 436 Matawan Avenue, Cliffwood, NJ 07721 not to exceed \$2,000.00.
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract is awarded pursuant to a Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-5 et seq.
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract is open-ended pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11-10 with no firm quantities being guaranteed. Funds will be certified and encumbered by individual purchase orders prior to each request for service.
4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:
  - A) Purchasing Agent
  - B) Chief Financial Officer
  - C) Janet Dellett, Director of Recreation
  - D) All of the above Bidders

**Resolution 18-93 - Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement With The Borough of Highlands For Animal Control Services**

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown ("Middletown") and Borough of Highlands ("Highlands") entered negotiations for Middletown to provide Highlands animal control services pursuant to a shared services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the above parties desire to enter into a shared services agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) for the provision of animal control services pursuant to the terms and conditions provided therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the entry of a shared services agreement with Highlands pursuant to the terms and conditions contained therein as attached hereto and made part hereof for animal control services for a fee of \$18,000 per year for a one-year term with a maximum of two one year renewal periods.

**Resolution 18-94 - Resolution For Temporary Emergency Appropriation**

WHEREAS, emergent conditions have arisen with respect to the payment of bills in a number accounts and no adequate provision has been made in a Year 2018 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the Year 2018 for the Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$18,952,238.11 for the Current Fund, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** (not less than two thirds of all members of the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, New Jersey affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation shall be and the same is hereby made for the following purposes:

2018 Temporary Budget Worksheet		
Account Number	Description	2/20/2018 Amount
<b>Current Fund</b>		
8-01-20-100-101-200	Purchasing O&E	500.00
8-01-21-180-100-200	Planning - O&E	5,000.00
8-01-26-290-101-200	Snow - O&E	20,000.00
8-01-26-290-104-200	Dept of Public Works Administration & Engineering-O&E	1,000.00
8-01-26-305-100-100	Solid Waste & Recycling - S&W	45,000.00
8-01-26-305-100-200	Solid Waste & Recycling - O&E	549,150.00
8-01-26-310-100-200	Maintenance of Township Property -O&E	20,000.00
8-01-26-315-100-200	Fleet Maintenance - O&E	94,600.00
8-01-31-446-200-200	Utilities - Natural Gas	25,000.00
8-01-31-447-100-275	Utilities - Heating Oil	1,000.00
8-01-31-460-200-200	Utilities - Motor Fuel	30,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$791,250.00</b>



- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2018 budget under the appropriate titles.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

**Resolution 18- 95 - Authorizing Change Order No 3 For Ideal Beach Improvements Phase I**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Ideal Beach Improvements Phase I - Change Order No. 3**

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:

- EXTRAS:** - NONE -
- SUPPLEMENTARY:** S-4 Additional work and fees associated with 2.5-week extension of project (staff & equipment)
- REDUCTIONS:** R-1 Cancellation of Supplemental Work (S-3) from Change Order No. 2 (Repair deck railings damaged by vandalism).

	ADDITIONAL	REDUCTION
Total reductions this CO	XXXX	-\$1,044.73
Total extras this CO	XXXX	XXXX
Total Supplementary this CO	\$13,343.29	XXXX
Total this CO	\$13,343.29	-\$1,044.73
Net change this CO	+\$12,298.56	
Previous Change Orders	+\$8,533.83	
Total Change Orders to Date	+\$20,832.39	
Net Change in Contract	+\$20,832.39	
Original Contract Amount	\$667,256.00	

Change Orders to Date	+\$20,832.39
Revised Contract Price	\$688,088.39

be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

- A) Purchasing
- B) Joseph E. Maloney, PE – Township Engineer
- C) T&M Associates
- D) 3R Painting & Contracting

**Resolution 18-96 – Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Contract for the Nutrient Program Services for Sports Fields and Township Lawn Areas**

WHEREAS, The Township of Middletown awarded a contract for Nutrient Program Service to Natural Green Lawn Care, 795 E. Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 on February 10, 2015 to provide said services for a twenty-four (24) month period with an option for two (2) additional twelve (12) month extensions agreeable by both vendor and the Township of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works/Parks has determined that extending the contract would be in the best interest of the Township of Middletown and would like to execute said option for an additional twelve (12) months with no increase from the original contract amount of \$47,228.35 for 2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. It hereby awards an extension of the existing contract for an additional twelve (12) months to Natural Green Lawn Care, 795 E. Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 for a total of \$47,228.35.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract was awarded pursuant to a Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are currently available and are designated to line item appropriation of the temporary budget no. 8-01-26-290-102. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part of hereof and the funds to be expended

herein are assigned to line item no. 301. A copy of the within resolution and certification shall be certified by the Township Clerk. The Township Attorney is satisfied that the certification of availability of funds has been provided and a copy of the within resolution shall be made a part of the file concerning said resolution and appointment.

2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- A) Purchasing Agent
- B) Comptroller
- C) Ted Maloney, Director of Public Works
- D) Vendor

**Resolution No. 18-97 – Resolution for State Contracts**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown desires to purchase various goods and services from authorized vendors under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing Program 1-NJCP as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-77.15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Purchasing Agent has reviews and recommends the utilization of these contracts on the grounds that they represent the best available; and

**WHEREAS**, a list of vendors has been attached hereto showing state contract vendors, state contract numbers and maximum amounts from which purchases may be made during the calendar year 2017.

**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Mayor and the Township Administrator as Contracting Agent is hereby authorized to process purchase orders with vendors on the attached list in accordance with the terms of the State Contracts as indicated in amounts not to exceed amount listed for each; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that no certification of funds from the Chief Financial Officer has been attached because these contracts are open-ended pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11-10 individual purchase orders will be processed prior to release of the order to the vendor.

**Resolution 18-98 - Resolution Conditionally Designating Redeveloper for the Town Hall Complex Public-Private Partnership Project and Authorizing Negotiations of Redevelopment Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2017, the governing body, acting as the Township's Redevelopment Agency, adopted Resolution No. 17-133 authorizing and requesting the Planning

Board to undertake a preliminary investigation of the properties, identified as Block 815, Lots 1.01, 6, and 7 (“Town Hall Complex”), to determine whether the area qualifies as an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 7, 2017, the Planning Board held a properly noticed public hearing pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 concerning the Area of Investigation recommending that it be designated as an area in need of redevelopment for non-condemnation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2017, pursuant to Resolution No. 17-184, the Township Committee determined that the Area of Investigation is an area in need of redevelopment for non-condemnation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2017, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2017-3200, the Township Committee adopted the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan consisting of Block 815, Lots 1.01, 6 and 7; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2017, pursuant to Resolution No. 17-256, the Township Committee authorized the solicitation of Requests for Proposals (“RFPs”) for the redevelopment of the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan Area through a public-private partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2017, two responsive submissions were made to the Township Committee for review and evaluation that included a financial analysis by consultants retained by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is prepared to make a selection of a Redeveloper to enter into a public-private partnership to redevelop the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan Area consistent with the Redevelopment Plan by making a conditional designation to enter into exclusive negotiations for entry into a Redevelopment Agreement to be negotiated within the next 90 days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee in the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby designates Brandywine Acquisitions & Development, LLC, 2 Ponds Edge Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317 as the Conditional Redeveloper of the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan Area to enter into exclusive negotiations for entry into a Redevelopment Agreement subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **TERM OF DESIGNATION.** Upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Conditional Redeveloper shall hereby be entitled to enter exclusive negotiations with the Township to advance the redevelopment of the

- Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan Area for a period of 90 days from the date of adoption of this Resolution for all purposes under the law.
2. **EXTENSIONS OF CONDITIONAL DESIGNATION.** This conditional designation may be extended for a period of 90 days once at the discretion of the Township Administrator if it is determined that the Redeveloper is proceeding in good faith with the Township towards commencing the redevelopment of the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan Area. Any further extensions may only be granted by formal action of the Township Committee.
  3. **NON-CONDITIONAL DESIGNATION.** A non-conditional redevelopment designation may be granted by resolution of the Township Committee upon adoption of a Redevelopment Agreement, which would supersede this conditional redeveloper designation.
  4. **NEGOTIATIONS.** The Township Administrator, Planner, Township Attorney and other necessary professionals or consultants to the Township are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate Redevelopment, Finance and other necessary Agreements, if any, with the Conditional Redeveloper as may be necessary to commence the redevelopment of the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan Area.
  5. **ESCROW.** This designation is conditioned upon a redevelopment escrow being posted in the amount of \$25,000 to cover the Township's estimated professional expenses associated with this project exclusive of other fees and escrow that may be required upon the successful negotiation and entry of a Redevelopment Agreement.
  6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately pursuant to law.

**Resolution 18-99 - Middletown Resolution Directing and Authorizing the Planning Board to Conduct the Reexamination of the Master Plan of the Township of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 the Planning Boards have the statutory power to prepare, adopt and amend Master Plans.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 the Township Committee is required, at least every ten years, to provide for a general reexamination of its Master Plan and development regulations by the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan was adopted in 2004, and subsequently reexamined and the land use plan amended in the years 2009 and 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the last Master Plan Reexamination was conducted in 2014 to address the impacts of Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy, with the emphasis that the scope wasn't limited to storm related impacts or issues but supplemented the prior reports; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the substantial changes in the development trends, the Township Committee is directing and authorizing the Planning Board to reexamine the Master Plan in order to determine whether the Master Plan and the related development regulations are still relevant and appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Township Committee does hereby direct and authorize the Planning Board to undertake the reexamination of the Master Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Planning Board, forthwith after the adoption hereof.

**Resolution 18-100 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for February 20, 2018**

The Township Committee hereby approves a Resolution for payment of bills for February 20, 2018 in the amount of \$27,627,554.41

**BINGO AND RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeeman Hibell stated that he will work hard for the Township. He congratulated the new Police Officers.

Committeeman Perry commended the Police Officers and the Chiefs. He commented that the Shared Service Agreement for Animal Control is a great savings for Tax Payers.

Committeeman Fiore commented he is looking forward to working with Rick Hibell on the Township Committee. He also thanked Anthony Panzica and Cathy Rogers for submitting their names for consideration. He congratulated the new Police officers.

Deputy Mayor Settembrino congratulated Rick Hibell on his appointment to the Township Committee. He also congratulated Freeholder Scharfenberger. He commented that he attended the Monmouth Medical Mayors Round Table and the Mater Dei Seraphs Gala.

Mayor Murray commented that she attended the Ideal Beach Community meeting along with Deputy Chief Dollinger and Committeeman Perry. She also attended the Round Table with Governor Murphy and Monmouth County Mayors. She welcomed Rick Hibell to the Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lefty Rymes Hanover commented he supports Governor Murphy legalizing marijuana and objects to the banning. He discussed the history of cannabis.

Scott Reed, 430 Prospect Avenue, stated he was a Volunteer Fireman in Middletown who was injured. He said the Dr. got him hooked on pain medication and supports Medical Marijuana.

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Colleen Bagglie, Morristown, NJ, asked the Committee to keep an open mind. She stated it is wise to be fiscally responsible with the share of tax revenue. She also commented the Police force is amazing, respectful and professional.

Susie Smallnick, Florence Road, Middletown, made various complaints about the Police Department.

Rose McGill, Lawrenceville, NJ, spoke about the history of cannabis use and her support for growing it.

Richard Maraski, Spotswood, NJ, Congratulated the Police Officers and stated he has PTSD and MS and is feeling better due to Medical Marijuana. He discussed alcohol and bars vs dispensary. Committeeman Fiore discussed the cost of enforcement, and objects to more bars as well.

Tricia Maguire, 49 Foxwood Run, Questioned why the Reexamination of the Master Plan is not happening.

Sue Giordano – UFCW 152, Discussed the union members and was speaking in favor of the cannabis workers and creating strong wages and jobs. She said the UFCW is willing to work with the Township.

Michael DiSeco, Alexander Drive, Commented on Resolution 18-98 and the redevelopment of Town Hall Complex. He would like to see sound and prudent development. Deputy Mayor Settembrino addressed the RFP process. Committeeman Fiore discussed the Municipal experience.

Jeffrey King, Eatontown, former Middletown resident, commented Middletown is premature to discuss the zoning for marijuana and discussed the hypocrisy with tobacco and alcohol.

Leo Christofilli, Cranberry Court, had questions on the Redevelopment of Municipal complex and wanted to know about the bonding lease to purchase scenario. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante described the process and expressed the need to move forward.

532 Center Avenue, Middletown, commented the heroin problem is out of control and that marijuana is causing that number to go down in many other states. Committeeman Fiore commented that guests at the Middletown Alliance meeting, Middletown Medical spoke about the legalization of marijuana and how it will increase the heroin addiction problem.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Murray, seconded by Deputy Mayor Settembrino and carried to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Perry, Settembrino, Mayor Murray  
Nays: None



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Abstention: None  
Absent: None

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Heidi Brunt  
Township Clerk

Approved:

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Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Mayor