

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 September 17, 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 January 18, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fiore, Hibell, Perry, Snell, Mayor Settembrino  
Absent: None

Also present were Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Colleen Lapp, Township Engineer Ted Maloney, Acting Deputy Clerk Kaaren Sena 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 freedom and way of life.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

#### **Police Promotions**

Sergeant Anthony Bagileo to Police Lieutenant  
Patrolman Brian Dilworth to Police Sergeant

Chief Weber spoke and congratulated Lieutenant Bagileo and Sergeant Dilworth. Mayor Settembrino administered the oath of office.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/PROCLAMATION**

Proclamation Recognizing October 2018 as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month in the Township of Middletown

**PROCLAMATION  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**National Substance Abuse Prevention Month  
October 2018**

**WHEREAS:** In 2011, the first Presidential Proclamation designating October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month was issued to pay tribute to those working to prevent substance abuse in our communities and to rededicate ourselves to building a safer, drug-free America; and

**WHEREAS:** Substance abuse touches all aspects of our communities and contributes to an estimated \$193 billion in crime, health, and lost productivity costs; and

**WHEREAS:** Young Americans aged 12 to 20 account for 11 percent of the country's monthly alcohol consumption; and

**WHEREAS:** Through community-based efforts we can strengthen the support systems that deter our Nation's young people from drug consumption and improve both academic performance and workforce readiness; and

**WHEREAS:** Each dollar invested in an evidence-based prevention program can reduce costs related to substance use disorders by an average of \$18; and

**WHEREAS:** In an effort to dispel myths that young people have about underage drinking and drug use, Middletown Township's **Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex** partner with local law enforcement, health providers, businesses, schools, colleges, parents and youth to educate the community. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Kevin M Settembrino and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month in Middletown and call upon the people of Middletown to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and family discussions.

Proclamation Recognizing October 2018 as Make a Difference Month in the Township of Middletown

**PROCLAMATION  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
October 2018  
Make a Difference Month**

**WHEREAS:** On October 27<sup>th</sup>, millions of volunteers across the nation will unite with a common mission—to improve the lives of others on the 27<sup>th</sup> year of Make a Difference Day; and

**WHEREAS:** **Make A Difference Day** is the largest single-day of volunteering in the country. No matter who you are or where you're from, everyone has the power to do something that would improve the life of another. Whether it's donating a can of food that will help one person or working on a project that would benefit an entire community, every contribution makes a difference; and

**WHEREAS:** One in six people in the U.S. and one in eight people in New Jersey face hunger; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2014, approximately 68.5 million pounds of food have been distributed through New Jersey's emergency food providers, and 443,918 households receive some type of SNAP benefits; and

**WHEREAS:** Middletown Township is committed to combating hunger throughout the Township; and

**WHEREAS:** In recognition of Make a Difference Day, Middletown Township will hold a **Food and Cleaning Supplies Drive** throughout the entire month of October. Donations are to help stock the Middletown Township Social Services/Middletown Helps Its Own Household Pantry located at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth; and

**WHEREAS:** Middletown Township and New Jersey's Emergency Food Provider System strive to bring awareness and attention to hunger and encourage the community to become involved in endeavors to end hunger in our Township. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Kevin Settembrino and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim October, 2018 as **Make a Difference Month** in Middletown Township. We encourage the community to Make a Difference and support Middletown's Food and Cleaning Supplies Drive throughout the month of October.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

September 4, 2018

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

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt stated motion carries to approve minutes.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

#### **2018-3236 – MOVED TO NOVEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING**

Township Clerk Heidi Brunt read the following ordinance by title:

#### **2018-3238 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Certain Real Property Identified As Block 532, Lots 42 And 43 On The Official Tax Map Of The Township Of Middletown, Commonly Known As 480 State Highway 36**

Mayor Settembrino opened the meeting for public comments.

Don Watson, 1 Collinson Dr., asked what is the purpose of this ordinance? Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded it is for the impound and tow lot. He also said that the billboard will remain.

Hearing no further comments from the public, it was moved by Mayor Settembrino, seconded by Committeeman Fiore to close the public hearing and carried to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading.

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Township Clerk Brunt requested a motion to adopt a consent agenda including Resolutions 18-213 through 18-220, 18-222 and Bingo and Raffle Applications.

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

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

### **Resolution 18-213 - Resolution Concurring With Planning Board's Redevelopment Study & Preliminary Investigation Report Regarding Block 1088, Lots 1 And 3 (230 And 250 Half Mile Road), And Block 1086, Lots 29 And 30 (100 And 200 Schulz Drive) And Designating The Same As An Area In Need Of Rehabilitation**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, by Resolution No. 18-78 adopted on January 23, 2018, the Township Committee authorized and requested the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation (“the Investigation”) to determine whether Block 1088, Lots 1 and 3 (230 and 250 Half Mile Road), and Block 1086, Lots 29 and 30 (100 and 200 Schulz Drive) on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Middletown constitutes an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth under the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (“LRHL”) for non-condemnation purposes., specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3; and

**WHEREAS**, Stan Slachetka, PP, AICP, LEED-GA and Jeffrey Cucinotta, PP, AICP of T & M Associates prepared a “Redevelopment Study & Preliminary Investigation Report” for

the designated Area of Investigation dated August 15, 2018 ("the Investigation Report") which is attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Investigation Report, Block 1088, Lots 1 and 3 (230 and 250 Half Mile Road), and Block 1086, Lots 29 and 30 (100 and 200 Schulz Drive) did not meet the abovecharted criteria to each independently qualify as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the redevelopment designation criteria, the LRHL, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14a, also permits a municipality to designate an area in need of rehabilitation upon satisfaction of at least one of the six conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, the Planning Board specified and gave notice that on September 5, 2018 a hearing would be held for the purpose of hearing persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the properties in the Area of Investigation constitute an area in need of rehabilitation as that term is defined under the LRHL, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2018, 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, with James Gorman, Esq., representing the Planning Board being present; and

**WHEREAS**, the hearing was opened to all persons from the public who were generally interested in or would be affected by a finding that the property within the Area of Investigation constitutes an area in need of rehabilitation under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14a; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2018, the Planning Board received uncontested testimony from Stan Slachetka, PP, AICP, LEED-GA and Jeffrey Cucinotta, PP, AICP of T & M Associates, providing a first-hand account of the conditions that they observed during their exhaustive examination of the properties within the Area of Investigation, which confirmed the description of the conditions and their findings contained in the Investigation Report; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2018, the Planning Board recommended that the Township Committee designate the above-mentioned properties of the Area of Investigation as an area in need of rehabilitation due to the substantial evidence that these parcels within the Area of Investigation meets the criterion enumerated in the Investigation Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14(a), of a continuing pattern of vacancy, abandonment or underutilization of properties in the area.

**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 adopts

the above recitals, findings of the Planning Board and the Investigation Report attached hereto as Exhibit A prepared by T & M Associates as if set forth fully herein, therefore, determining and hereby declaring that the Area of Investigation consisting of Block 1088, Lots 1 and 3 (230 and 250 Half Mile Road), and Block 1086, Lots 29 and 30 (100 and 200 Schulz Drive) hereby qualify and are declared to be an area in need of rehabilitation according to the criteria set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately pursuant to law.

**Resolution 18-214 - Authorizing The Contract For The Roof Replacement Project At Croydon Hall For The Middletown Public Works Department Through The Educational Services Commission Of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Middletown is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10, and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes a municipality to acquire goods and services through a duly formed cooperative purchasing system without advertising for bids, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is in need of replacing the Roof at the Croydon Hall Classroom Building for Middletown Public Works Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System has awarded a contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122 for Roof Repair/Replacement (Contract# ESCNJ/AEPA IFB # 017-F) in the amount of \$260,778.25 and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middletown has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available, and are designated to line item appropriations of the official budget no. see below-. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof and the funds to be expended herein are assigned to line item no. see below. A copy of the within resolution and certification shall be certified by the Township Clerk. The Township Attorney is satisfied that the 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.

C-04-55-918-227-004 - \$260,778.25

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Township of Middletown enter into an agreement with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122 for the Roof Replacement Project at Croydon Hall in the amount of \$260,778.25.

1. 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) Director of Public Works
- D) Vendor

**Resolution 18-215 - Resolution Authorizing Award Of Contract To A Vendor With State Contract For Personal Protective Equipment For The Middletown Fire Department**

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

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-12 et seq., and the regulations promulgated there under, the following purchase without competitive bids from a vendor with State Contract is hereby approved:

**VENDOR**

NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT  
119-131 ROUTE 22 EAST  
GREENBROOK, N.J. 08812

STATE CONTRACT# A80961  
AMOUNT \$299,768.00

**DESCRIPTION**

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Middletown has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available, and are designated to line item appropriation of the official budget no. C-04-55-918-227-. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and part hereof and the funds to be expended herein are assigned to line item no. 001. A copy of the within resolution and certification shall be certified by the Township Clerk. The Township Attorney is satisfied that the 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.

C-04-55-918-227-001 - \$299,768.00

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) Fire Chief
- D) Vendor

**Resolution 18-216 – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills for September 17, 2018**

The Township Committee hereby approves a Resolution for payment of bills for September 17, 2018 in the amount of \$10,909,613.35.

**Resolution 18-217 - Authorizing The Execution Of A Commodity Resale Agreement With The County Of Monmouth**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.15 authorizes local contracting units to enter into Commodity Resale Agreements for the purchase of certain commodities from other contracting units; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monmouth has authorized the renewal of the Monmouth County Commodity Resale System (SYSTEM IDENTIFIER 99174 – MCCRS), for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2023;  
And

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of this Municipality to become or remain a member of the Monmouth County Commodity Resale System for that period.

**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 Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Commodity Resale Agreement with the County of Monmouth.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution, along with the executed Commodity Resale Agreement to Elizabeth Perez, Shared Services Coordinator, Office of Shared Services, County of Monmouth, Hall of Records Annex, First Floor, 1 East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey 07728.

**Resolution 18-218 - Resolution Authorizing Request For Proposals For Real Property Inspection And Data Verification Services**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to P.L. 2013, c. 15 (N.J.S.A. 54:1-101 et seq.), the Township of Middletown (“the Township”) participates in Monmouth County’s Real Property Assessment Demonstration Program (“the Program”), which has significantly aided in reducing the volume and size of tax appeal judgments in the Township by maintaining more fairly equalized tax assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s current contract for such services is expiring this year, therefore, at the recommendation of the Township’s Tax Assessor, the Township would like to issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) pursuant to the Fair and Open Process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5) for an outside vendor to conduct real property inspection and data verification services under the Program.

**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 issuance of an RFP for real property inspection and data verification services under the Program.

**Resolution 18-219 - Resolution Extending Conditional Designation Of Brandywine Acquisitions And Development, LLC/Middletown Investors, LLC As The Redeveloper Of The Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan Area As Part Of A Public Private Partnership Entered Under The Local Redevelopment And Housing Law**

**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, which make up the 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 of qualifications and evaluation that included a financial analysis by consultants retained by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2018, pursuant to Resolution No. 18-98, the Township conditionally designated Brandywine Acquisitions and Development, LLC as the Redeveloper of the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Plan area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redeveloper has established a single purpose entity, Middletown Investors, LLC, for the purpose of developing a new Town Hall for the Township, which collectively with Brandywine Acquisitions and Development, LLC, shall hereinafter be referred to as “the Redeveloper”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redeveloper and the Township have been in exclusive negotiations for many months, which should be completed in the near future, therefore, requiring an extension of the Redeveloper’s prior conditional redevelopment designation.

**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 extends

the conditional redeveloper designation of Brandywine Acquisitions & Development, LLC/Middletown Investors, LLC previously granted pursuant to Resolution No. 18-98 through December 31, 2018 subject only to making all necessary escrow payments and final entry of Redevelopment Agreement and related agreements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-9.

**Resolution 18-220 - Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Assistance / Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (C40A:65-1, et seq.) authorizes local units such as this Municipality to enter into shared service agreements with other local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monmouth, a local unit, has offered to provide Municipal Assistance / Shared Services to this Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of this Municipality to enter the proposed Municipal Assistance / Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Middletown that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Municipal Assistance / Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk will forward a certified copy of this resolution, along with the executed Municipal Assistance / Shared Services Agreement to the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Monmouth, Hall of Records, 1 East Main Street, Freehold, N.J. 07728.

**Resolution 18-222 - Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Middletown, New Jersey Authorizing Change Order No 2 For The Stevenson Park Road Bridge Over Jumping Brook**

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

**STEVENSON PARK ROAD BRIDGE OVER JUMPING BROOK NO 2.****DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:****EXTRAS:** - **NONE** -**SUPPLEMENTARY:** **S3 Regrading of East Approach Roadway to West Front Street****REDUCTIONS:** -**None**-

	ADDITIONAL	REDUCTION
Total reductions this CO	0.00	0.00
Total extras this CO	0.00	0.00
Total Supplementary this CO	17759.14	Xxxxxxx
Total this CO	17759.14	Xxxxxxx
Net change this CO	17759.14	
Previous Change Orders	500.00	0.00
Total Change Orders to Date	18259.14	0.00
Net Change in Contract	18259.14	0.00
Original Contract Amount	\$1,194,194.00	
Change Orders to Date	\$18,259.14	
Revised Contract Price	\$1,212,453.14	

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. Lucas Construction Group, Inc.

**BINGO AND RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Middletown HS North PFA	18-153
Middletown HS North PFA	18-154
St. Catherine's Church	18-156
St. Catherine's Church	18-157
BPOE Middletown Elks #2179	18-158
Middletown Village PFA	18-159
BPOE Middletown Elks #2179	18-163
Ocean Avenue School PTA	18-164
Ocean Avenue School PTA	18-165
King of Kings Lutheran Church	18-166
Port Monmouth PTA	18-167
Port Monmouth PTA	18-168
Port Monmouth PTA	18-169
Port Monmouth PTA	18-170
Port Monmouth PTA	18-171
Port Monmouth PTA	18-172
Brevent Park & Leonardo Fire Co.	18-173

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE ABC ISSUING AUTHORITY****Resolution 18-221- Resolution Authorizing Renewal Of Plenary Retail Consumption License For The 2018-2019 License Year**

**WHEREAS**, applications have been made to the Middletown Township Committee for PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES for the year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 accompanied by the statutory fee of \$2,280.00.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSEE</u>	<u>TRADE NAME</u>
1331-33-001-002	Carl V. Bachstadt Executor Estate of Tessie Bachstadt	

**WHEREAS**, the premises where the licenses are sought have been duly inspected by the Office of the Chief of Police of the Township of Middletown, and it appearing that the applications are in due form and that all legal formalities have been met including a special ruling by the director of NJ ABC.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk issue the necessary licenses pursuant to this resolution and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey, provided that in each case payment of \$200.00 filing fee by the licensee have been made to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in accordance with P.L. 1970, Chapter 77.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committeeman Hibell, thanked Chief Weber and the Police for a great department. He is looking forward to Middletown Day.

Committeewoman Snell, congratulated Sergeant Dilworth.

Committeeman Perry, Thanked the Chief's for their great work. Reminding everyone September 22<sup>nd</sup> is Middletown Day. He commented on the unique and beautiful 9/11 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony. He wished a safe journey to Task Force 1 Emergency response to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina.

Deputy Mayor Fiore, commented we are fortunate to have leadership of the Middletown Township Police Department and one of the safest communities in New Jersey and the USA. Reminded everyone to attend Middletown Day September 22, 2018.

Mayor Settembrino, Thanked the Chief and the Middletown Township Police Department. Thank you to Father Luigi and the food pantry for their great work.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Diane Fisler, 870 West Front Street, concerned of the traffic with the Stevenson Sports Complex. Opposes the improvements to the park. Concerned by the dangerous speeding traffic. She was disturbed that large groups of pro soccer were notified about speaking and that the residents were not notified separately. Mayor Settembrino responded that he will be at the meeting scheduled with the residents of Shady Oaks to discuss further. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded that environmental impact plans will have to go before the DEP. Farms are less desireable than soccer fields and wells will have no impact on the lake.

Valerie Barney, 941 West Front Street, lives across from Stevenson Park. She is concerned about 324 parking spots proposed. Concerned for traffic she has had damage due to vehicle accidents. She is concerned about the one lane bridge and the shadow lake condition. She opposes the location due to the motor vehicle accidents.

Pat Foley, 65 Smoke Tree Terrace, Shady Oaks, she is concerned about safety. The is a 20 foot clearance for fire trucks according to Fire Marshall Skelly. She objects to the location due to the roadway. She listened to the you tube video of the meeting felt the Committee was dismissive about traffic concerns. She would also like to see a copy of the deed. Deputy Mayor Fiore responded that this is a concept plan and we do not yet have a grant. It was just an application. The site was selected because there would be no need for tree clearing and it is open and flat land. The committee have tried to work in the past with the Board of Education to improve the current fields.

Marianne Kligman, 26 Harbor Green Circle, she is concerned about the cut through for avoiding the light at Half Mile Road. Concerned about the inappropriate location and recommended a different location be found. She recommended a study be conducted to address concerns regarding noise level and extremely dangerous traffic. She also expressed she was upset that the town only informed soccer parents and not the residents of the area. She recommended looking on Highway 36 for a location. Mayor Settembrino responded that this is only a concept plan and they only voted for an application. If the process shows that it is not a good location then it will not go forward, it is not a done deal.

Frank Guadiano, Middlebrook Court, Shadow Lake, he objects to the fact they were not notified about the hearing. He is concerned it will cost a lot of money and taxes will eventually be used to build the fields. He is also concerned it will destroy Shadow Lake. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded that wells do not take away from Shadow Lake. Deputy Mayor Fiore commented should farming not be there?

Austin Canaday, Shadow Lake, stated a petition was sent to the Township Committee about saving Shadow Lake. He was happy with the change to the herbicide there is improvement. He objects to the soccer fields built with threat to the lake.

Carl Lorelli, 78 Privet Place, commented he lived off Karyn Terrace East for over 30 years and chose Shady Oaks for the quiet.

Lori Lowenstein, 19 Page Drive, Shadow Lake, she discussed the previous budget for Shadow Lake that \$1 million could not do. Would cost more now due to the deterioration. She is concerned this will ruin the lake further increasing access to the lake. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded we spend more money every year to care for the lake and options are still be discussed. He commented that Shadow Lake belongs to everyone.

Carmella Dekotis, Shady Oaks, objects to the fields behind her home at Shady Oaks due to the level of noise. Mayor Settembrino responded this plan may not come to fruition it is only a concept plan. The Township needs fields and need to balance the locations.

Jim Gilber, Sterling Court, he lived on Lincroft Farms and saw farms disappear. The population is not growing why is this a crisis now and not before. Mayor Settembrino responded this is a result of a study done many years ago. Deputy Mayor Fiore discussed all the leagues and need for capacity. There is no time to rest fields at the full capacity. He discussed the various leagues and not having Board of Education field access. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded there are more teams, more games and more demand. There are two fields at Lincroft Acres and the neighborhood location. This location has nothing to do with the passing of Mr. Stevenson.

Debra Harry, West Front Street, this is a difficult problem but riparian rights to the lake are on her deed. She is asking for studies and surveys to be done. Mayor Settembrino responded this is just a concept plan and no engineering has been done. All of this must still be investigated.

Dominick Acerra, 16 Lohsen Place, supports the fields at West Front Street and Stevenson Park. Cannot see the adverse effect or value of the land. The park is needed or kids will be up to no good.

Paul Barney, Page Street, objects to the location and is concerned about traffic.

Tara Fleming, 49 Brandywine Way, she proposed using some land at Circus Liquors for soccer fields.

Jane Denton, Shady Oaks, has lived in Tinton Falls and backed up to Monmouth Regional. She moved to Shady Oaks to escape the noise. She objects to the sporting event noise please reconsider location.

Mr. Barrett, 61 Quince Court, Shady Oaks, objects to the location for recreational facilities. This will impact us greatly.

Anthony Brescus, Resident, supports building fields. Sports are in great demand and the demand is greater every year. The existing fields are not maintained well.

Tom Pat, 83 Harbor Green Circle, objects to the traffic potential. The bridge should have been made bigger. He fears that two fields will open the door for more.

Steve Madigan, Shady Oaks, asked the Township Committee to consider the Stevenson bridge failed and the access road with Shady Oaks is still open. Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante responded the rear access has always been there. He met with the Attorney and head of the association and permission was given for Oasis. The project is not done and when complete it will only be used in emergency.

Florence Prospect, Shady Oaks, asked if there would be lights? Committeeman Perry responded that no lights are involved in this application.

Jim Connors, Shady Oaks, commented what would it have cost to do a traffic study prior to the application.

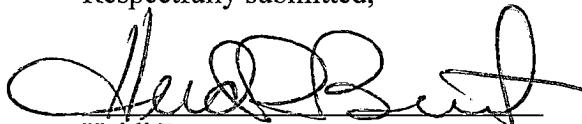
**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Settembrino, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fiore and carried to adjourn at 1:45 a.m.

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

Clerk Brunt stated motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Brunt  
Township Clerk

Approved:



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Kevin M Settembrino, Mayor