Common Council
Meeting
City of Middletown
March 17, 2020

1. Pledge of Allegiance- Pres. Rodrigues asked all to rise for the pledge.


3. Approval of Minutes

   On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Burr to accept the December 3, 2019 as submitted

   All in favor

4. Correspondence

   Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Middletown-Received & Filed

5. Remarks of Dept. Head

   John Naumchik-Just as an announcement as of the Governor’s Executive Order 202-1 to changes of the Opening Meeting Law that this may be held remotely without public but the public must have the ability to view or listen to our meeting. Which the meetings are going to be live on Ch. 20.

   The full minutes will be on the website as soon as possible. A full video of this meeting will be on the website in 24 hrs.
Still not sure about the early voting in April. I am sure we will be hearing about that in a couple of weeks. When I do it will be on the website.

Jacob Tawil/Commissioner of DPW- Just be careful. With the Corona virus I wish everybody be safe.

Ald. Masi- Those of you that are concerned about the Fireman’s exam, April 25th as of now the State has canceled all their testing. I notice the deadline coming up next Monday. We will continue taking applications please mail them in, don’t try to come in to City Hall and that is for any of the test you see. Mail in the applications even if you pass the deadline on the Firefighter one which is the 23rd of this month. I will continue taking until the State tells me that that is the end of it. We will put it on our website. If you go on our website you can download the applications and please once again mail them in. Don’t worry about the 23rd of this month deadline.

6. Remarks of the Mayor

Mayor DeStefano- First I want to acknowledge the great work the Governor and County Exec. Steve Neuhaus conducting daily phone calls, informing the public, informing us as Elected Officials throughout the County of what is happening countywide.

I want to give you an idea of what we will be doing to the public.

I believe yesterday or the day before I shared with you our outline or daily log of what we are doing here in City Hall. John touched on one of the things the Open Meetings and the fact that the public is not here at the meeting. We canceled all meetings, Boards or social gatherings of firemen, we closed the Rec. Center, closed the Senior Center, also closed playground equipment in the parks. We have had a few calls on that why? I think that is an obvious reason why. We don’t want to expose children to the virus on slides, swings and although they may be asymptomatic it is documented they can carry and infect their grandmothers. Those are the reasons why we are doing those things.

Timeline for the public

We were really notified in mid-February that there was an issue and that is when we started I believe we distributed NYS Dept. of Health notice to all departments posting for all employees so they have an idea of what to expect as things move forward.

February 26th our Emergency Management Team, Jacob is the Emergency Management Coordinator in the City. We met myself, Jacob, Chief of Police John Ewanciw and Fire Chief Don Luis. We were asking for what if scenario’s around City Hall and around City Government what are we going to do basically if certain things happen. We started preparing back in February. We had the Chief in that and Jacob attend some meetings regarding the virus with some of the educational
institutions in the area. Jacob issued an order directing all departments making sure their gasoline is tapped up, up to the top. Just general things you would do with any Emergency response.

Early March, March 3rd in fact Chief Ewanciw contacted all the vulnerable population. The Warming Center, Soup Kitchen, Libraries, School District to identify what issues they may have and what protocols they will be following. Establishing a line of communication between us and all those different organizations.

Right around that time the phone conferences with NYS began on a daily basis. We all logged into a conference call, we had opportunities to question and very accessible and it was the State running that.

Touro also canceled all classes, put all classes on line. On that date we prohibited large gathering in the City for City organizations such as I mentioned previously the Fire Dept. and making people aware of the social distancing concept.

We did have a discussion on buying bottled water which we really couldn’t figure out to much. Because water supplies are not impacted by this virus in any way. If that is a concern about and I know some of it is because people on tv will say go out and buy everything you need to buy for the next 2-3 months, hunker down with the water supply, it is safe and it is not impacted by the Corona virus.

We were making sure that all employees, employee’s safety protocols were kicked in. Any employee coming into the building we identify as sick were sent home. We asked that they not even come to the building and we established those cleaning protocols along with cleaning protocols in the parks and all the out buildings in the city.

March 9th we had 37 new cases in NYS

March 10th the total reached 173.

One of the telephone calls some of the issues-communities like ours and people are experiencing the same thing is the shortages that are out there. Hand sanitizer was the most important and 95 mask.

The Governor announced on March 9th that NYS was making the hand sanitizer, it would be distributed to the priority areas first like New Rochelle where the big outbreak was and certain portion of NYC.

The 10th we canceled all trips from the Rec. Center. There were trips planned to the Barkley Center, to a zoo down in Essex County, an aquarium all the trips were canceled and all activities were limited.
Around the 12th the Governor issued a ban on mass gatherings of 500 or more. The City also postponed the 2 concerts which were mass gatherings at the Paramount Theatre.

The Middletown Police then put out directives to staff on screening individuals in the lobby.

Right about that time we spoke to the Fire Dept. about screening phone calls into the Fire Dept. As you know our Fire Dept. does many medical calls to back up Mobile Life. We did not have appropriate gear at the time but they do have their air pack. So they were using that as a protective gear which works but then that had to be decontaminated coming back to the Fire House.

If Mobile Life is on the scene we are no longer doing back up on the scene with Mobile Life, but of course the Fire Dept. will go if there is an emergency and Mobile Life not respond.

The reason for that is that we don’t want to have exposure of the firemen and then all of a sudden we have firemen out and then we don’t have fire protection either. There is a reason for doing those things.

On the 13th we worked with all the School District we just cooperated with them on the food program in the parks.

Little League was canceled for now. The City pre-school we directed them to follow the school calendar waiting and anticipating that school would be canceled.

Right around that time on the 13th the Pres. declared the State of Emergency which kicked in a whole bunch of new regulations for us to follow. There is a little bit of difference between what the state is recommending and what federal recommending and we recommend that for most part follow the most restrictive guideline issued. At that time it was 50% all restaurants and bars had to reduce their capacity by 50%, I don’t think there was too much of a problem for many of the places because most people were not going out anyway. We were prepared to enforce that.

A lot of questions to the County and their phone calls and reverse 911 to educate the public. Of course Middletown we are lucky to have both Ch. 20 and a lot of social media activity. We have been basically dedicating probably 80-90% of Ch. 20 time to the Corona virus and the things that the City has done throughout the process. Anyone who is watching if you have access to cable you can go on Ch. 20 and follow what the City is doing. Some of the slides need to be modified a little bit they didn’t come out too well when transferred over. Eileen is working on that.

March 14th if you have been laid off the Governor has waived the 7 day wait for unemployment insurance. We just saw a projection now that unemployment in the
County is projected to go to 20% it is a very serious thing we are all dealing with both health wise and economy wise.

They also waived the 188 minimum school restrictions. The County Exec. announced today that anticipate all schools in Orange County will be closed for at least one month. That will bring you right through Easter week; we anticipated that anyway with a 2 week closure then a 1 week return and then going back out. Basically made it clear today and I think it is the right decision to close all schools through the Easter recess.

We assigned 2 School Resource officers to work with the School District and the distribution of the meals program on the 14th and that was going to start on March 16th.

One thing the Governor has highlighted in all his calls is the bed capacity of hospitals and the calling on the feds to be more involved with the Army Corp. of Engineers to construct some temporary hospitals. We don’t know the specifics of what is going on; but I know they are looking at different sites old schools, old hospitals like the old Horton Hospital here in Middletown. We believe they are looking at these facilities to once again activate as some short term hospital facility.

NYS Courts are closed with the exception of emergencies. All Middletown Criminal Courts issues are referred down to OC. All Middletown court issues related to traffic and tickets are down at the County.

Governor also announced waiver of telehealth, there will be no copay. If someone is charging for telehealth copay please contact the hotline that you see on NY.gov. It is pretty detailed Executive Orders that you can refer to.

One we did on the 15th we did discuss the possibility of a State of Emergency. I directed Alex Smith to do some research on it for a couple of reasons it gives us a lot of authority in purchasing and side stepping some of the bureaucracy that you normally would have to go through. But also what we had to do throughout the process is document our expenses because there is an anticipation that City expenditures and County expenditures and local municipal expenditures at some point will be reimbursed as in most disasters as we have seen in the past.

We then followed up on a daily basis keeping informed with State, County and the Regional Mayors now have a regional conference call so we can share information on a regional basis. I know HUD, Maria has been on calls with HUD to see if there is any way we can redirect any of our HUD funds into assisting local people.

We implemented the closing of City Hall as of yesterday afternoon. That is the reason for nobody at the public meeting here tonight. If you have City business most of it can be handled on line, you can call before you come here. If you need to come to City Hall if you have an emergency of some type; if you need a birth certificate,
death certificate or something that you need is urgent you can call ahead and we can possibly, John at the Clerk’s office can help you. If you arrive at City Hall you will be stopped, there is a lobby area between Police Station and City Hall is the only entrance for the public. It is locked, it is staffed and there is an intercom system there. During normal City Hall business days normal close of business someone will be there, ask you what your business is and they will try contact the dept. that you need to go to. If it is something that is urgent the dept. will try to help you. If it is something that is not urgent like someone wants to go to Economic Development and talk about opening a business we will not allow you into the building. Same thing with the Police Station, the Police lobby is closed all people going to the Police Station 24 hrs. a day can go to that location between the Police Station and City Hall off of James St. there is an intercom there and the Police Dept. will address your questions. Again, all part of the social distancing trying to limit people interacting with each other and meeting with the 6ft. rule as best as we can.

The eating program I mentioned earlier is in place, it is working great I understand they might expand it to a few more stops. I saw a post by Pastor Williams that Mid-City bus is being very cooperative and helping them in distributing the meals. We do have the snow fence up around the playground equipment, please do not violate that. Under Article 2-B of the State Emergency you can be charged if you violate any of the provisions of the State, County or City of Middletown State of Emergency.

As regards to the seniors we have continued to run the Senior Bus for obvious reasons. People need to get to the supermarket, the County has recommended that as long as we are able to maintain some type of regular service because people are losing drivers, some people in smaller communities are refusing either drive the bus or calling in.

We have been fortunate that we have been able to maintain the program. They do have proper sanitizing equipment after each trip. The whole bus is sanitized. It is still a concern at some point the bus system might have to be closed down because we are limiting it to 2-3 people per trip. If the volume gets up there we don’t know what the future will be with the bus system. We are taking the recommendations of the County and State government pretty serious in that area. If it does, a lot of people have been calling regarding how they can help, volunteers. The volunteers are not really needed at this point because we don’t want you to be exposed either. What we are doing is the overwhelming majority of city employees have been deemed essential employees. The Governor has requested that non-essential employees minimum 50% of your work force be released and allowed to work from home or working and not getting paid.

We are in our 9th year of a meeting the tax cap so we don’t have that flexibility to meet that standard as first originally prepared. Many people raised the question with the Governors’ staff of we needed some interpretation of the non-essential employee policy. What does it mean? Late this afternoon they did define it and basically it is subjective to the City and we will be putting together a position by position
recommendations on how that person can serve the City during this time of crisis. My personal opinion is that during these time this is when government is most needed. A small community like us we need to keep our senior program on the phone talking to them. If we are going to open the parks not the playground area we need them to be supervised, we need them to be clean, we have to pick up our garbage, plow our streets, we need our firemen, police and we need to collect money which we are doing in a lock box form or some type of collection at the door or in by mail. We need to pay bills. We’ve asked that many employees willing to volunteer during the work hour to pick up prescriptions or run some errands like shopping for any senior who needs it in the City of Middletown that we would be willing to do that also. We are coordinating that through the Senior Center in case and may be in conjunction with the bus program. We expect to announce that in the next day or two, number for you to call if you need prescription medications picked up, if you need some light groceries we will have an employee pick them up for you and bring them to your house. We ask that people do not abuse that, that truly seniors in need or someone with a disability in need that has trouble moving around that we would restrict it to that and we would ask people to cooperate when announced.

Message to businesses one of the calls today I think was re-enforcing if you are a business bars and restaurants you can only open for take-out. The State Liquor Authority has changed some of the laws regarding what alcohol you can sell to go. But for the most part people cannot sit in your establishment and consume either a drink or food. The police will be enforcing this. So we ask that you not do it. If you have any questions whether your business is covered under that act you can contact my office and we will try to get an answer for you through the OC Health Dept. or NYS.

Closing the hotline numbers are on Ch. 20. If you display any symptoms and you are not in a crisis situation please call the hotline number do not go to the hospital, contact your dr. use telehealth but do not go to the hospital unless absolutely necessary. If you are displaying shortness of breath, chest pain of course do that. But if you have a cough and running a fever please try your best to call the numbers first so they can do a screening so they can redirect you. They are opening a drive in test site at Anthony Wayne State Park for Orange & Rockland residents primarily up in the Bear Mountain area. That should be open within the next day or so it might be open as we speak. I know they were up here working on the logistics.

Ald. Burr- They suspended the off street parking.

Mayor DeStefano- Yes. We did today we were hoping to do it a couple of days ago but the weather projection last night was freezing rain possibly snow. We did have a couple of calls one gentleman… if it snows you have to remove. We will put out a Nixel. You should sign up for the Nixel. They will send you a text, e-mail I believe it is even phone recording on Nixel. It is important to stay up to date on that. But some of the calls were my kids were home from school they are usually not here they have cars some people weren’t very happy. It is as of today removed.
Ald. Burr- You cannot pay your city taxes on line. A couple of constituents called me and said they can’t pay their taxes on line, they are already late anyway.

Mayor DeStefano- We are going to freeze any penalties up to this point until we get a system in place where they can. The idea is to try not to bring them here. We have no bills coming in at this point, timely bills. If there is someone who is looking to pay their bill they can call and they might be able to arrange it for the Treasurer’s Office to meet them at the door. We always like to collect money. Mail it too.

Pres. Rodrigues- Emergency Management we started a call center, I know we do an extra cleaning and everything. We get reimbursed by the State/County.

Mayor DeStefano- The City. Potentially. We expected to act as even more so than a regular snow emergency which usually are portions reimbursed. All dept. have been told to track expenses.

Ald. Johnson- With respect to the Senior Bus I heard somebody told me today that some grocery stores are designating the first hour open to senior citizens. Do you know if we are doing that in Middletown?

Mayor DeStefano- Well the bus is available for rides.

Ald. Johnson- The establishment is saying this hour only.

Mayor DeStefano- I’ve seen certain stores I don’t which one right now.

Ald. Burr- Stop & Shop in the Middletown area.

Mayor DeStefano- There is a place in Florida Sam’s Meat Club, I am sure as one or two start somewhere …

Ald. Johnson- I’m saying if we coordinate the bus transportation with that … I tried to touch base with the Mayor every day, the Mayor as … as he appears to be he is a guy and there is a lot on his plate and making policy where the facts are fuzzy, the protocols and precedents or nonexistent. The supplies are limited. I am glad that the Governor and the County Exec. are providing some leadership, but the buck stops at the Mayor’s desk to put this all in place. As a resident and alderman I have 100% level of confidence in the Mayor and Dept. Heads.

Mayor DeStefano- Thank you. I think the key is dept. heads also we are here from early morning till usually late evening. A lot of that is based on feedback too from the public like the call from a guy on Lincoln St. about the overnight parking, it totally slipped our mind but he said my kids are home from college and that is how you change things.
To the public we want to hear from you. If you have something on your mind let’s hear it and we can try to make some changes.

10. Remarks of Aldermen

Ald. Burr—Everybody be safe, wash their hands. Do the protocols that are out there. Stay safe.

Ald. Kleiner—Thanked the Mayor and the Governor. I had people that use to live in Middletown seeing what is going on congratulated the city. I said I would pass it on, on how quickly we reacted and how quickly the food program is up.

I remember a month, month and half ago one of the experts from the CDC getting on in the air saying life as we know it is going to change. Of course they were shut down immediately and told everything was fine. We’ve learned who to listen to. The Governor has been very pro-active.

The Warming Station is still functioning. Volunteers are who haven’t been able to make it, others have filled in. I think only 1 or 2 dates they still need someone for. It goes through the end of March and April 1 or 2 is the last day.

The Salvation Army has stepped up and I thank Major Moore. The Salvation Army now has their warm place open. The library and other public buildings are closed. They are open, they are staffed but they could certainly use help if anyone is available during the day. Young, healthy and able to volunteer. Please get in touch with the Middletown Salvation Army, Major Moore and see how you can help.

The Historical Society will be closed. We have a particular population, I won’t say what the average age of the volunteer is. We are going to play it safe and be closed at least the next 2 weeks. We will take it from there, always leave a message.

We got in under the wire a week ago and had the DEC wildlife expert on deer overpopulation give a presentation. It was playing on Ch. 20 it may get pre-empted now by other emergency thing. Dr. Johnson can talk a little more about the survey we are going to do. But I do thank Susan Booth Bensik who came down from Albany to do the presentation and also our new DEC Region Ill Wildlife Expert is Jonathan Russell who came too and introduced himself. We had people to reach out to with our concerns and we will be doing a survey.

Be safe.

Ald. Ramkissoon—Mayor thank you for all the information you gave the constituents tonight. As a mom of 4 home in the house looking at a long stretch without school the School District is working on a plan.
Ald. Johnson- We had a workshop, I redistributed a lengthy from a symposium I attended back in New Paltz in October 2017. I did confer with the Council Pres. over the weekend and got the go ahead to at least put a first draft of a survey.

On the agenda tonight is an allocation for the cat sanctuary. I want to reassure you that Robin is emphatic in her work. She is putting a dent in the Washington St. population and that program is moving forward better than any of us could have hoped.

So grandma said cover your mouth when you cough, wash your hands I guess that is still true.

I spoke to a lot of people today and I met 2 people who bought freezers to stock pile meat. I didn’t see that coming.

Spoke to a young man, I said what are you going to do today? I have to go and stock up on shotgun shells. Oh. I what is going on with that? He looked me right in the eye, he’s probably 30 yrs. old and said desperate people do stupid things. I said ok. I didn’t see that one coming either.

Young lady today I said how you doing? Well it could be better. What is going on? Well I’m a student, my classes are canceled I won’t be able to graduate this May because I have lab courses and I can’t do virtual lab courses, so that is going to be put off for a while. I’m sorry to hear that.

I am a waitress in a big box restaurant, yesterday was my last day at work. Wow that is a lot.

Anything else. Well I’m supposed to get married this summer, I have the venue but I’m not really sure the venue will be able to host the wedding this summer. So I’m not sure how that is going to go. I said wow. She was smiling the whole time. But I did hear some good news on the radio today, what was that? Well all these restaurants are closing they are donating their food to the food pantries and people that need the food. And she said that is a really good thing. I said wow. You could be a lesson for a lot of people. So the bible is a very long book do unto others that pretty much covers most of it.

Ald. Green-Please follow all these guidelines, restrictions be smart. You read things on Facebook, social media and the experts don’t go there first. You have to watch what you are reading. Really do your due diligence and as the Mayor pointed out NY.gov. Middletown-ny.com for our local information. The Governor is really stepping up as is County Exec. Neuhaus, Mayor DeStefano and Dept. heads. Nobody really knows what tomorrow will bring but we know what we can do right now and know what the restrictions and rules are. I do hope you follow them. Be smart and limit your social interaction, keep a nice distance between you and others.
Happy St. Patrick’s Day everyone.

Ald. Tobin- I also like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day. I hope you are enjoying your corn beef and cabbage.

I like to thank all the workers that are on the front line in this health emergency, city, health dept. these are the people bagging groceries. Everybody that has to work and something that stay functioning thank you. I hope you support our local businesses. There are take-out options.

Like Ald. Ramkissoon said I am also trying to home school my kids. It is interesting. Try to teach my own kids it is a little difficult. There is no transferring out of class.

Please we are on uncharted waters. I don’t think the schools are totally prepared for on line learning. We have to adjust, adapt. The on line program you sign up, code, it is hard to communicate. There is going to be an adjustment period please be patient with the teachers and your schools. The most important thing we do is keep your children reading books, keep them active, write. If you have access on line services they are offering free membership now. Please take advantage of that.

Just ask everybody to slow down and be positive. Don’t sweat the small stuff. Prioritize. Unless it is life or death things can wait. Trust science, trust our doctors.

Ald. Masi-Nothing this evening.

11. Unfinished Business
John Naumchik-Nothing this evening.

12. New Business

59.20 Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Summer Youth Employment Program Worksite Contract with the County of Orange to obtain summer youth workers.

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the Summer Youth Employment Program Worksite Contract with the County of Orange to obtain summer youth workers, and, following approval, to sign necessary contracts on behalf of the City of Middletown.


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60.20 Resolution to close any and all streets and intersections as per the route for the YMCA 24th Annual Ruthie Dino Marshall Run on Sunday, June 14, 2020, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

On motion of Ald. Tobin seconded by Ald. Burr

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works, and/or his designee, and the Chief of Police, and/or his designee, to close any and all streets and intersections as per the attached route necessary and at their discretion, for the YMCA 24th Annual Ruthie Dino Marshall Run on Sunday, June 14, 2020, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and lasting until such time as it is no longer needed.

COURSE DIRECTIONS: Start on Wallkill Ave, Turn right onto Lake Ave, Turn left onto Ashland Ave which becomes Claremont Ct, Turn left on to Lake Ave, Turn right onto Frank Shorter Way (passing Fancher-Davidge Park on your left), Turn left onto Randall Heights, Turn right onto Roosevelt Ave, Turn left onto Watkins Ave, Turn right onto Alaska Ave, Turn right onto Highland Ave, Turn right onto Cantrell Ave, Finish across from YMCA.

Ald. Kleiner-Who knows by June 14th if we will be up and running. Once again not happy with shutting down the 2nd Ward and they made a little adjustment in the route. I really like to see them try harder, I am going to request if the Police Dept. and others if we follow it as quickly as possible and open up the 2nd Ward as quickly as possible after the run.

61.20 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer $5,000.00 to purchase the necessary items for Phase 1 of the Feral Cat Sanctuary on City property.

On motion of Ald. Green seconded by Ald. Johnson

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer $5,000.00 to purchase the necessary items for Phase 1 of the Feral Cat Sanctuary on City property as per the attached letter received on March 2, 2020 in the following manner:

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62.20 Resolution to authorize the use of the City of Middletown stage for the America the Beautiful Concert on Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 12 noon to 8PM for the benefit of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight.

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Burr

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the use of the City of Middletown stage for the America the Beautiful Concert on Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 12 noon to 8PM for the benefit of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED; that expenses incurred for the use of the stage and all liability associated with it use will be the responsibility of the concerts sponsors, America The Beautiful Concert Committee.


63.20 Resolution to accept DASNY Grant in the amount of $100,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant for improvements to the Paramount Theatre Parking Lot, South Street.

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon seconded by Ald. Tobin

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept DASNY Grant # 19452 for the amount
of $100,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor, as the sole signatory, to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant. This grant will be applied for improvements to the Paramount Theatre Parking Lot, South Street. This grant was secured by Senator Metzger.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the City Treasurer to establish a grant line in the 2020 budget to accept the funds in the amount of $100,000.00.


64.20 Resolution to accept DASNY Grant in the amount of $400,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant for renovations to the new Recreation and Parks Campus, (former START Center).

On motion of Ald. Kleiner seconded by Ald. Burr

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept DASNY Grant # 19453 for the amount of $400,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor, as the sole signatory, to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant. This grant will be applied for renovations to the new Recreation and Parks Campus, (former START Center). This grant was secured by Senator Metzger.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the City Treasurer to establish a grant line in the 2020 budget to accept the funds in the amount of $400,000.00.

65.20 Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer within the 2019 budget year-end budget clearing overdrafts (almost all) payroll related.

On motion of Ald. Burr seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer with in the 2019 budget the attached year-end budget clearing overdrafts (almost all) payroll related. The budget was never adjusted for non-union pay raises in 2019. The adjustments are all within the 2019 budget and are Fund Balance neutral.


66.20 Resolution to approve Program Fees for all full time City employees’ children for the Recreation & Parks Department programs

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Burr

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the attached Program Fees for all full time City employees children for the Recreation & Parks Department programs approved by Corporation Council and Recreation & Parks Committee.


67.20 Resolution to provide road millings to the Hillside Cemetery.

On motion of Ald. Tobin seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide road millings to the Hillside Cemetery at no cost as requested and authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to provide millings at his discretion based on the amount of inventory and the City’s needs.

68.20 Resolution to approve a MOU from the Shawangunk Fish and Game Association.

On motion of Ald. Green seconded by Ald. Masi

WHEREAS; the City of Middletown Police Department would like to utilize the services of the Shawangunk Fish and Game Association range for training of police officers, and

WHEREAS; the Shawangunk Fish and Game Association has drafted a MOU attached to is resolution which they will provide 4 floating range memberships to the City to be utilized by its officers at no cost for five years, and

WHEREAS; the City will provide Shawangunk with 30 dump truck loads of millings at no cost.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the attached MOU from the Shawangunk Fish and Game Association, to utilize the services of the range for training of police officers and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached MOU as per the approval of Corporation Counsel.


13. LOCAL LAWS

(NOTHING THIS EVENING)

14. AUDIT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Tobin

I move that the accounts be audited the claims be adjusted and the Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.


15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sisco