

Municipal Building
1200 Mountain Avenue

April 22, 2008

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the above place on the above date commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor
Council President:

Gerald D'Angelo
Robert Gorr
Ken DeVuyst (absent)
Bob Edwards
Sean Kaplan (absent)
Bob Schueler
Michael Venuto

Attorney: Edward Johnson

Mayor D'Angelo opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Public Meeting Notice of December 28, 2007.

Sherley Penrose, along with Cindy Chomen, presented the Middlesex Borough Alliance Committee Annual Poster Contest awards to the following individuals:

Grand Prize Winner – Ryan Stamm – OLMV School

Watchung School

Kindergarten – Mason Smith (Winner)
Kindergarten – Ronit Sheth (Runner Up)
Grade 1 – Haley Belcher (Winner)
Grade 1 – Brianna Fuenzalida (Runner Up)
Grade 2 – Cal Wilkins (Winner)
Grade 2 – Maryan Hussein (Runner Up)
Grade 3 – Kendrick Mui (Winner)
Grade 3 – Kristie Tackach (Runner Up)

Hazelwood School

Kindergarten – Daniella Salvatore (Winner)
Kindergarten – Hailey Hopf (Runner Up)
Grade 1 – Annabel Colitti (Winner)
Grade 1 – Madison Johnson (Runner Up)
Grade 2 – Maria Rosanio (Winner)
Grade 2 – Molly Dougherty (Runner Up)
Grade 3 – Wil Eustace (Winner)
Grade 3 – Lauren Ryan (Runner Up)

Parker School

Kindergarten – Samantha Gorel (Winner)
Kindergarten – Tyler Gibbs (Runner Up)
Grade 1 – Jamie Sibert (Winner)
Grade 1 – Robbie Potts (Runner Up)
Grade 2 – Brianna Piscocoy (Winner)
Grade 2 – Dylan Hollan (Runner Up)
Grade 3 – Candace DiNizo (Winner)
Grade 3 – Jasime Kaar (Runner Up)

OLMV School

Kindergarten - Sanya Maini (Winner)
Kindergarten – Anne Vrubliauskas (Runner Up)
Grade 1 – Deonna Powell (Winner)
Grade 1 – Nicky Kukoda (Runner Up)
Grade 2 – Ryan Stamm (Winner)
Grade 2 – Tracey Gartner (Runner Up)
Grade 3 – James Lawrence (Winner)
Grade 3 – Jillian McDonough (Runner Up)

Special Recognition – Adam Elgandy

Borough Auditor Andrew Hodulik attended the Public Meeting for the hearing on the 2008 Budget and stated that the Borough has submitted their application to the state for discretionary aid, and that we cannot adopt the budget before hearing final aid figures. In comparing last year's budget to this year's, it is in excess of \$1,000,000, which includes a shortfall in revenues of approximately \$400,000. Mr. Hodulik also indicated that on the appropriations side of the budget there is an increase of approximately \$800,000, which includes the areas of garbage, library, MCUA and pension programs, and is the driving increase in the tax levy.

Mayor D'Angelo opened the hearing on the 2008 Budget. Seeing that there were no comments, Mayor D'Angelo closed the hearing on the 2008 Budget.

Mr. Hodulik mentioned that this budget will continue to be tweaked and the tax rate will not be struck for some time, as the state budget is due June 30.

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance No. 1735-08 by title for introduction.

ORDINANCE NO. 1735-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH RESCUE SQUAD TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MOTORISTS ON JUNE 28, 2008, JULY 20, 2008 AND AUGUST 21, 2008 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF HARRIS AVENUE AND ROUTE 28, ROUTE 28 AND GREENBROOK ROAD AND MOUNTAIN AVENUE AND ROUTE 28 PURSUANT TO AUTHORIZATION GIVEN BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER SECTION 16:40-1.1 OF THE NEW JERSEY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SUBJECT TO THE MIDDLESEX BOROUGH RESCUE SQUAD OBTAINING A "CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT" FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Councilman Venuto moved for introduction seconded by Councilman Gorr and carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Members Edwards, Gorr, Schueler and Venuto. Nos.: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor D'Angelo opened the public portion of the meeting for discussion regarding any of the resolutions on the public consent agenda.

Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor D'Angelo closed the public portion of the meeting for discussion on the public consent agenda.

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Consent Agenda 2007(I)

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex is not desirous of removing any resolutions from the Agenda.

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

Resolution #105-08 – Resolution #112-08

Councilman Venuto moved for adoption seconded by Councilman Edwards and carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Members Edwards, Gorr, Schueler and Venuto. Nos.: None. Abstain: None.

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #105-08

WHEREAS, the residents of Edward Avenue, between Stella Place and Whitney Drive wish to conduct a block party on June 21, 2008; and

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

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

1. The Governing Body hereby grants the residents of Edward Avenue between Stella Place and Whitney Drive permission to conduct a block party on June 21, 2008.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #106-08

WHEREAS, the Watchung School PTO has requested to close part of Fischer Avenue between Howard Avenue and Valentine Avenue on May 17, 2008 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., with a rain date of May 18, 2008 for a fundraiser yard sale; and

WHEREAS, it is required that the governing body approve the temporary closure of this road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Governing Body hereby approves the closure of part of Fischer Avenue between Howard Avenue and Valentine Avenue on May 17, 2008 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., with a rain date of May 18, 2008 for a fundraiser yard sale.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #107-08

The Borough Clerk hereby declares as surplus the 1992 Honda Civic LX Sedan 4D that has been listed on the Police Department inventory.

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #108-08

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. is providing a copy of the Temporary Discharge Approval Application for groundwater generated from the remediation activities at the Middlesex Sampling Plant be submitted to the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking MCUA's approval to discharge the treated water generated by these activities to the MCUA treatment plant via the Borough of Middlesex's wastewater collection system; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is required to have the Borough's approval on a yearly basis for the temporary discharge approval, and a renewal application shall be submitted to the MCUA prior to the expiration date set forth in the Temporary Discharge Approval Application.

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

1. At the request of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Middlesex Borough hereby approves the execution of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority Temporary Discharge Approval Application for the Groundwater generated from the remediation activities at the Middlesex Sampling Plant.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #109-08

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERIM COSTS AGREEMENT WITH 150 LINCOLN BOULEVARD, LLC, THE CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER OF A PORTION OF THE LINCOLN BOULEVARD REHABILITATION AREA

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the "Redevelopment Law") authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land located therein constitute areas in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2006, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Borough”) adopted resolution # 179-06, entitled “Resolution Designating an Area in Need of Rehabilitation Along the West Portion of Lincoln Boulevard from the Bound Brook Border to 200 Feet East of it’s Intersection with Mountain Avenue and the South Portion of Mountain Avenue from it’s Intersection with Lincoln Boulevard to William Street in the Borough of Middlesex” (the “Designating Resolution”), which resolution designated said area as an area in need of rehabilitation (the “Rehabilitation Area”); and

WHEREAS, in the Designating Resolution, the Borough determined that the Rehabilitation Area met the criteria for an area in need of rehabilitation contained in the Redevelopment Law because more than half of the housing stock in the area is at least 50 years old; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Designating Resolution, A. Nelessen Associates, Inc. (“Nelessen”), planners retained by the Borough, prepared and submitted to the Borough Council, on March 6, 2006, a report (the “Nelessen Report”) describing the area under consideration and concluding that the area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law for designation as an area in need of rehabilitation because more than half of the housing stock in the area is at least 50 years old; and

WHEREAS, the Nelessen Report included, as Appendix A thereto, a list of Lots and Blocks within the proposed area in need of rehabilitation and, as Appendix C thereto, a map depicting the area proposed to be included in the area in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Appendix C to the Nelessen Report shows that Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 are intended to be included in the Rehabilitation Area, however, Appendix A to the Nelessen Report inadvertently omitted Block 316, Lots 9 and 10; and

WHEREAS, the Designating Resolution described the area to be designated as “the area along the west portion of Lincoln Boulevard and the south portion of Mountain Avenue including all lots along Lincoln Boulevard starting in the west at the municipal boundary with Bound Brook and continuing along Lincoln Boulevard to Mountain Avenue and ending shortly thereafter and the segment of Mountain Avenue as shown on the map in Appendix C attached to this Resolution”; and

WHEREAS, the Designating Resolution also provides that “All lots and blocks in the proposed Rehabilitation Area are listed in Schedule A attached to this Resolution”; and

WHEREAS, the map referred to in the Designating Resolution as Appendix C visually depicts the boundaries of the Rehabilitation Area and the parcels included therein; and

WHEREAS, the list of lots and blocks referred to in the Designating Resolution as Schedule A was intended to list all of the blocks and lots contained in the Rehabilitation Area depicted in Appendix C thereto and contained in the area described in the title of the Designating Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule A referred to in the Designating Resolution inadvertently omitted Block 316, Lots 9 and 10; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006 and October 25, 2006, the Planning Board conducted hearings for the purposes of discussing the Lincoln Boulevard Redevelopment Plan for

the Borough (the “Redevelopment Plan”), during which hearings, a representative from Nelessen presented and discussed a draft of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2006, the Planning Board held an open discussion for the purpose of providing recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning the adoption and implementation of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, by resolution adopted on March 14, 2007, acknowledged its support for the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan, with certain recommendations and comments (the “Prior Planning Board Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the Prior Planning Board Resolution provided, among other things, that certain modifications should be made to the Redevelopment Plan and that certain actions should be taken before adoption of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, in a report prepared by Nelessen dated May 4, 2007, entitled “Supplemental Amendment to Area in Need of Rehabilitation” and submitted to the Borough Council (the “Supplemental Nelessen Report”), Nelessen reports that Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 “have always intended to be part of the Plan, but were inadvertently omitted from the list of Block and Lots within the Entire Area in Need of Rehabilitation in Appendix A. . . .”; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nelessen Report provides that Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 do not, by themselves, meet the criteria for an area in need of rehabilitation contained in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 (the “Rehabilitation Criteria”); and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nelessen Report further provides that the overall area described in the body of the Designating Resolution and the title thereof does meet the Rehabilitation Criteria, allowing Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 to be incorporated as part of the overall Rehabilitation Area; and

WHEREAS, based on the Supplemental Nelessen Report, the Mayor and Council forwarded a resolution to the Planning Board for review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:40A-14, which resolution provided for the amendment of Schedule A to the Designating Resolution clarifying that Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 were to be included in the Rehabilitation Area (the “Amending Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, at an August 8, 2007 meeting of the Planning Board, a representative from Nelessen testified that the omission of Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 from the list of blocks and lots included in the Rehabilitation Area was inadvertent and that such parcels were always intended to be included therein; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board found that the Borough should amend Schedule A to the Designating Resolution to include Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 and, by resolution adopted August 8, 2007, the Planning Board recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt the Amending Resolution as presented; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 217-07 adopted on August 14, 2007, the Mayor and Council amended Schedule A to the Designating Resolution to clarify that Block 316, Lots 9 and 10 are included in the Rehabilitation Area; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 218-07 adopted on August 14, 2007, the Mayor and Council referred a revised version of the Lincoln Boulevard Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e); and

WHEREAS, during an August 22, 2007 Planning Board hearing, a representative from Nelessen presented the Redevelopment Plan, dated June 27, 2007 (the “June 2007 Redevelopment Plan”) and confirmed that the Redevelopment Plan incorporates all the recommendations and comments set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Prior Planning Board Resolution; and

WHEREAS, at such hearing, the representative from Nelessen testified that the June 2007 Redevelopment Plan incorporates the recommendation and comment set forth in paragraph 3 of the Prior Planning Board Resolution that “exception is taken as to the design standard proposed for the sidewalk street lighting as it is believed to be ‘too high’ and does not support the goal as expressed in Sec. 4.0 par G”; and

WHEREAS, at such hearing, the representative from Nelessen further testified that the June 2007 Redevelopment Plan does not incorporate the recommendation and comment set forth in paragraph 3 of the Prior Planning Board Resolution that “the Board finds that four story buildings do not ‘reflect the architectural design vocabulary of the Borough of Middlesex’” because it will be necessary to permit four story buildings, as well as the one six story building contemplated in the June 2007 Redevelopment Plan, in order to achieve the density of units necessary to stimulate the rehabilitation of the Rehabilitation Area; and

WHEREAS, at such hearing, the representative from Nelessen further testified that the recommended actions the Planning Board outlined in paragraphs 4a, 4c and 4e of the Prior Planning Board Resolution were in fact taken; and

WHEREAS, at such hearing, the representative from Nelessen further testified that in response to the paragraph 4b of the Prior Planning Board Resolution, in which the Planning Board recommended that the Mayor and Council “Obtain an Impact study determining what the population growth, due to the increased housing that “The Plan” provides, will have on taxes, schools and all Borough Services”, Nelessen compiled data addressing such issues and will present same to the Mayor and Council prior to their final consideration of the June 2007 Redevelopment Plan, although Nelessen has not yet generated a report incorporating said data; and

WHEREAS, at such hearing, the representative from Nelessen further testified that it would be premature to undertake the action recommended in paragraph 4d of the Prior Planning Board Resolution, namely that the Mayor and Council “Obtain a report from the Borough Planner, as to the impact, if any, of “The Plan” upon the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan of the Borough of Middlesex, specifically as it relates to the Borough’s Affordable Housing obligation”, in light of uncertainty regarding the regulation of affordable housing requirements by the Council on Affordable Housing and uncertainty regarding the nature and scope of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, at such hearing, the representative from Nelessen further confirmed that all of the evidence presented to the Planning Board at earlier hearings regarding the Redevelopment Plan, and such evidence and testimony presented during the hearing conducted on the date hereof, applies to Block 316, Lots 9 and 10, as well as to all other properties in the Rehabilitation Area; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on August 22, 2007, the Planning Board recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt the June 2007 Redevelopment Plan as presented, subject to the completion of those actions set forth in paragraph 4b of the Prior Planning Board Resolution, requiring that the Mayor and Council “Obtain an Impact study determining what the population growth, due to the increased housing that “The Plan” provides, will have on taxes, schools and all Borough Services” and paragraph 4d thereof, requiring that the Mayor and Council “Obtain a report from the Borough Planner, as to the impact, if any, of “The Plan” upon the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan of the Borough of Middlesex, specifically as it relates to the Borough’s Affordable Housing obligation”; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board further resolved to withdraw the recommendation and comment set forth in paragraph 3 of the Prior Planning Board Resolution that states that “the Board finds that four story buildings do not ‘reflect the architectural design vocabulary of the Borough of Middlesex’”; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2007, the Mayor and Council determined that the June 2007 Redevelopment Plan is in the best interest of the Borough and finally adopted Resolution No. 1723-07, approving and adopting the June 2007 Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Borough engaged in discussions with the owners of several properties located within the Rehabilitation Area, including 150 Lincoln Boulevard, LLC (hereinafter “150 Lincoln Boulevard”), the owner of Blocks 129, Lots 1 and 2 and Block 348, Lots 1, 2 and 3 (collectively, the “Project Site”); and

WHEREAS, 150 Lincoln Boulevard has expressed a desire to rehabilitate the Project Site in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan and 150 Lincoln Boulevard requested that the Borough designate it the redeveloper of the Project Site so that it may effectuate the rehabilitation of such properties; and

WHEREAS, after a review of 150 Lincoln Boulevard’s preliminary plans for the rehabilitation of the Project Site, the Mayor and Council have determined that said preliminary plans are consistent with the Redevelopment Plan and, further, that said plans meet the goals and objectives that the Borough have established for the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to engage in preliminary negotiations with 150 Lincoln Boulevard in furtherance of entering into a formal redevelopment agreement, with said preliminary negotiations to include the receipt and review of additional project specific information from 150 Lincoln Boulevard as may be requested; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 57-08 adopted on February 12, 2008, the Mayor and Council designated 150 Lincoln Boulevard as the conditional redeveloper of the Project Site, contingent upon, among other things, 150 Lincoln Boulevard executing a written agreement to reimburse the Borough for any and all costs associated with the Borough’s review of additional material and efforts involved in negotiating a formal redevelopment agreement between the Borough and 150 Lincoln Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, representatives of 150 Lincoln Boulevard executed an agreement, a form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, to reimburse the Borough for any and all costs associated with the Borough’s review of additional material and efforts involved in negotiating a formal

redevelopment agreement between the Borough and 150 Lincoln Boulevard (the “Interim Costs Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2008, the Mayor of the Borough (the “Mayor”) countersigned the Interim Costs Agreement and the Clerk of the Borough (the “Clerk”) attested and affixed the Seal of the Borough to said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to ratify the Mayor’s execution and the Clerk’s attestation of the Interim Costs Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby ratify the April 17, 2008 execution of the Interim Costs Agreement by the Mayor and the attestation thereof by the Clerk, as well as the affixation of the Borough’s Seal thereto by the Clerk.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #110-08

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

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #111-08

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex will go into closed session for the following reason as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- (1) Litigation
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The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution:

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

Resolution #112-08

Authorizing the Mayor to execute a NJDEP Well Water Permit Application for the purpose of groundwater monitoring associated with the United States Army Corps of Engineer's remediation project at the Middlesex Sampling Plant.

The Deputy Clerk proclaimed April, 2008 as Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, underage drinking is the number one problem among the nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent (80%) of New Jersey high school students have used alcohol and approximately thirty-nine (39%) have used illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, juvenile crime, violence and poor academic performance are closely linked with underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, youth smokers are 100 times more likely to smoke pot and become addicted to other illicit drugs such as heroin and cocaine; and

WHEREAS, any drinking or drug use by drivers; those under the age of 12; women planning for motherhood; or people who have already experienced problems due to their drinking and drug use; is high risk behavior; and

WHEREAS, alcoholism and other drug dependence are treatable and preventable disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD D'ANGELO, do hereby join with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Middlesex County, Inc.; proclaim that April, 2008 is **ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG AWARENESS MONTH** in the Borough of Middlesex. As Mayor, I also call upon all citizens, parents, addiction prevention and treatment agencies, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in the Borough of Middlesex to help raise awareness about this critical public health issue and join me in "drawing the line" against underage drinking and other drug dependencies.

The Deputy Clerk recognized by Proclamation Mr. Frank Oliver for his contributions to the Borough of Middlesex:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver, born on August 4, 1932, has been a lifelong resident of Middlesex Borough; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver, together with his wife Sadie, has raised his family in Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver served four years in the United States Navy serving both in Europe and in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver was a volunteer member of the Middlesex Borough Fire Department for twenty three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver has been a member of the Middlesex Borough Rescue Squad holding the rank of Captain and for the past eight years the position of President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver is a certified First Responder and CPR Instructor and in being so has taught many individuals in these skills undoubtedly resulting in the saving of many lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver has spent an incalculable amount of time in all hours of the day and night every day and any hour serving the public in the capacities he has held during his career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver, because of his strong personal belief in giving back to the community and a strong desire to serve the public, has helped many individuals in their times of need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Oliver has fulfilled through his actions the sentiments expressed by Thomas Jefferson who said “May I never get too busy in my own affairs that I fail to respond to the needs of others with kindness and compassion”.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gerald D’Angelo, Mayor of Middlesex Borough, State of New Jersey, along with the Middlesex Borough Council and on behalf of the citizens of Middlesex, wish to thank and honor Mr. Frank Oliver for all of his sacrifice and efforts for our community by presenting to him this proclamation that I now hereby set my hand and the Seal of the Borough of Middlesex to in witness whereof on this 19th day of April 2008.

Mayor D’Angelo opened the public portion of the meeting.

Gloria Hulihan, 448 Union Avenue questioned the salary increase in the Municipal Clerk’s Office, the number of police officers in the borough and the increase in the budget in the garbage and recycling line.

Mayor D’Angelo stated that the salary in the Municipal Clerk’s Office was for the employee that moved from the Administration Department into the Clerk’s Office. The Borough now employees 30 Police Officers and currently we have 2 vacancies. The increase in the budget in the garbage and parks line was due to the fact that we moved a vacant position from the Parks Department into the garbage line to funds the part time employees.

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

Councilman Schueler moved the approval of the April 1, 2008 Agenda Meeting Minutes and the April 8, 2008 Public and Agenda Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Venuto and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Chief Ed Winters, along with Fireman Jeff DeMassari discussed the specifications for the new fire truck that they would like to purchase for Lincoln Fire House. They anticipate this vehicle costing approximately \$461,000, which would not include the additional \$15,000 - \$20,000 for the installation of radios. (They should receive approximately \$65,000 for the trade in of Engine 21). We have considered applying to the MCIA for funding of this vehicle, which would allow us to waive the down payment fees. Council approved funding this vehicle through the MCIA.

Officer Battista notified the Mayor and Council of the Middlesex Borough Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program Night Out at Mountain View Park on May 16, 2008. She has requested that the governing body waive the permit fees for this event. Council will approve a resolution at the May 13, 2008 Public Meeting to waive these fees.

Mayor D'Angelo circulated to Council the itemized \$500,000 Open Space Grant request that was sent to the Middlesex County Freeholders.

Mayor D'Angelo reviewed the School Board Budget with the Council in preparation for the April 29, 2008 meeting with the Board of Education. He informed the Council that he has been in touch with the County Board of Education Business Administrator and indicated that because the Board of Education does not use secured funds for items in the budget, the Council can consider everything when deciding what should be removed.

Mayor D'Angelo discussed the last Construction Manager's Report for the new Police Building. The radio system will be up and running by the end of April. The remaining change orders were discussed (including change orders which were verbally approved by Council in October, 2007) and they will be approved at the May 13, 2008 Public Meeting.

Mayor D'Angelo indicated that the Superintendent of Public Works has mentioned that the sign room is completed, and he is now moving forward with the signs. The Mayor has given the Superintendent the Middlesex High School State Titles to be placed on the Welcome Signs in town.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Councilman Schueler and seconded by Councilman Edwards and carried by unanimous vote of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chismar, RMC
Deputy Clerk

