

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK  
280 GODWIN AVENUE  
MIDLAND PARK NJ 07432  
MARCH 30, 2023**

**8:00 P.M. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**On March 30, 2023 at 8:00 P.M., the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park conducted a meeting at Borough Hall in the Council Chambers located at 280 Godwin Avenue as previously advertised. Agenda items for the meeting were also listed on the Borough website.**

**Mayor Shortway** called the meeting to order, noting the date as March 30, 2023, and that there will be a 3-minute limit to each individual addressing the Governing Body during the Open Public portions of the meeting.

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:** This meeting was held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice having been published according to law with a copy on file in the Borough Clerk's Office and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Mayor Shortway</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Present</b>

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Attorney Robert Regan, Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin, and Deputy Clerk Mari J. Margiotta

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the Budget Session, Work Session, Closed Session, Open Public Meeting, Sine Die, and Reorganization Meeting from the dates of December 8, 2022, December 15, 2022, and January 5, 2023 as all Governing Body members have previously received copies of the Minutes and copies are available to the Public at the Borough Clerk's Office.

<b>Introduced by:</b>	<b>Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>
<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Abstained on December 8 &amp; 15, 2022</b>	
	<b>Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
	<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Abstained on December 8, 2022</b>	
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
	<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Aye</b>	

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Mayor Shortway** opened the meeting to the public for general questions, concerns, and comments. There being no one from the Public wishing to speak, the Public Portion was closed.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Mayor Shortway**

**Mayor Shortway** reported the County Mayor's Regional Meeting was held on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The Mayors discussed the recycling of Styrofoam which is not accepted by most municipalities. The Borough is considering shared services with Waldwick to accommodate our residents. On March 12, 2023, the **Mayor** and **Councilwoman Peet** attended a charity event at St. Stephen's Church where a check was donated to the family who suffered the tragic fire in Midland Park. Ridgewood Water conducted a meeting on March 13, 2023 and the **Mayor** and **Councilwoman Peet** attended. Ridgewater Water is asking the municipalities to adopt an Ordinance to limit and impose fines on residents who do not abide by the water restriction rules. The **Mayor** is not in favor of fining Midland Park residents. A ribbon cutting was held on March 19, 2023 at a new salon in the Borough. The first Ramadan celebration was a huge success. The **Governing Body** enjoyed the food and festivities. Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin reported she received a telephone call from a resident who complimented the **Mayor** and **Council** and their acknowledgement of the Muslim Holiday.

**Councilman Kruis**

**Property Maintenance/ Public Works/Planning Board**

**Councilman Kruis** held a meeting with Superintendent of the Department of **Public Works** Matthew Tauber. Mr. Tauber updated the **Councilman** on the projects that were completed and currently in progress: the electricity and refurbishing at the baseball batting cage area, the Western Star Roll-Off truck was received, every Borough street has been cleaned by the street sweeper, spring clean ups at Wortendyke park, recreation areas, Habben Building, and the renovation of Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin's office. The Greenwood Avenue Culvert Project has an estimation of three (3) weeks. The PSE&G project at Westbrook Avenue has commenced. Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin reported an update for **Property Maintenance** issue at 80 East Center Street. The owner has asked for an adjournment from the courts due to medical reasons. On March 20, 2023, the **Planning Board** held their meeting and approved Eric Boe as the Planning Board Engineer and Darryl Siss as the Planning Board Attorney for another year.

**Councilwoman Peet**

**Public Safety – Police/Board of Health/Bd of Education/Ridgewood Water**

**Councilwoman Peet** reported the monthly statistics from the **Police Department**: 152 public service details which the officers responded to included community service, policing, welfare checks, and assisting residents. The **Councilwoman** attended the North West Community Development meeting where \$100,834.00 will be granted to Midland Park. The **Board of Health** will hold the annual Drive-Thru Rabies Clinic on May 8, 2023, at the Borough Hall parking lot. The NorthWest Regional Health Bergen Commission will sign a contract with the Borough of Franklin Lakes for services in the near future. The Commission has received \$643,000.00 in grant monies. On March 7, 2023, the **Board of Education** meeting consisted of personnel items, and an approval of a tentative budget of \$28,161,359.00 for the schools. **Councilwoman Peet** read the statistics of each grade and the cost of per student is \$27,000.00. The ratio is 8:1 student to teacher. The **Councilwoman** has tried to receive reports and information from the Bergen County Executive regarding funding for traffic concerns for the schools but has not received anything for the past two weeks. **Ridgewood Water** has encouraged its municipalities to ask for water conservation from its residents. Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin will send out an eblast to the Borough residents informing them of the Stage II restrictions.

**Council President DeLuca**

**Public Safety – Fire/Personnel/Library**

**Council President DeLuca** stated the **Fire Department** received the refurbished truck from Glen Rock and is now in service. **Library** Director Catherine Dileo report indicated a decrease in the Library's statistics for the month of February due to the tragic fire next door. The LLNG Grant application is nearly completed and will be sent to the State shortly. The Girl Scouts have been receiving more donations and

sorting the items at the Library. Children's Librarian Emily Myhren visited the Kindergarten classes to educate the students about the Library and read to the children. On April 15, 2023, to celebrate Ramadan, there will be an arts and crafts event in the Children's Department. The children enjoy the visits from the Dietician from ShopRite as she teaches and shares snacks. The Friends of the Library met on March 21, 2023. The summer concerts were discussed, and they will start in July and beginning at 7:00 P.M. on the Library's lawn.

**Councilman Braunius**      **Office of Emergency Management/ Recreation/Chambers of Commerce**  
**Councilman Braunius** reported Michael Rau from the **Office of Emergency Management** attended two seminars this month: Recovery & Disaster Guide and the SwiftReach. **Recreation** Director Kathy LaMonte has been processing the applications for the Veterans Banners. Ms. LaMonte is still working on the new resident's project and will include Ridgewood Water information and the Chambers of Commerce information is progressing.

**Councilman DeBlasio**      **Information Technology/Building Department/Municipal Alliance**  
**Councilman DeBlasio** recapped his discussion with **Building** Official Mark Berninger. Mr. Berninger had a meeting with other Board members regarding: boarding of dogs, repaving of commercial lots, soil movement, and retaining walls. The obeying of regulations for posting of signs has slacked during COVID. Mr. Berninger and Technical Assistant Amy Davidson have inspected the Borough for violations and acted accordingly. Taco Bell will be going before the Zoning Board with their application. **Information Technology** Director Philip Scaglione has reported to the **Councilman** there has been a few issues with the Police Department's body cameras. Mr. Scaglione is continuing the upgrades with the Cloud. The Recreation Center security cameras are all functioning and recording. The current Ordinance for 5G, is being amended in order to protect the Borough from future issues. **Councilman DeBlasio** addressed the subject matter **Councilwoman Peet** spoke of concerns the cost and ratio of students to teachers. Midland Park is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest municipality in the County of Bergen regarding cost per student. The State of New Jersey makes it more difficult to regionalize and make the process more viable. The **Municipal Alliance** has reported that there is progress.

**Councilman Damiano**      **Finance/Public Safety – Ambulance/Fire Prevention**  
**Councilman Damiano** was absent. **Councilman Braunius** reported the Bills List was processed.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin thanked the Mayor and Council for permitting Ms. Martin and Deputy Clerk Mari J. Margiotta to attend the New Jersey Municipal Clerks Association Convention. Ms. Martin updated the Governing Body on the lost dog brought to the Administrator/Clerks Office. The owner was found and reunited with the dog. There has been some push back and complaints from the business owners regarding the enforcement of the signage Ordinance. It has come to the Building Department's attention, several houses have been converted to two-family homes. Building Official Mark Berninger has stated to the owners that they must convert back to single family homes. Mr. Berninger is monitoring the situation. Ms. Martin updated the status on the JIF Loss Control Report. No improvements were suggested at this time.

Deputy Clerk Mari J. Margiotta noted in the December 15, 2022 Budget Session Minutes, there was a clerical error that was corrected.

**MOTION:** Resolution #070-2023 Authorize the Award of Contract to R.M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC for Recreation Field Concrete Bleacher Pads be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

Introduced by:	Council President DeLuca	Seconded by:	Councilwoman Peet
Roll Call:	Councilman Braunius	Aye	
	Councilman DeBlasio	Aye	
	Councilman Damiano	Absent	
	Councilman Kruis	Aye	
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye	
	Council President DeLuca	Aye	

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

All matters listed below are considered by the Borough Council to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Borough Council, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

**Resolution #067-2023 Requesting Permission for the Dedication By Rider for Recreation**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Divisions of Local Government Services for approval as a Dedication By Rider of revenues received by the Borough of Midland Park when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 provides for receipt of Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts by the Borough of Midland Park to be put in a Trust Fund to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the donations to the Recreation Department are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or another legal requirement:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Midland Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures from the donations to the Recreation Department per N.J.S.A. 40:12-1 or N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 for community events supplies.
2. The Clerk of the Borough of Midland Park, County of Bergen, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**Resolution #068-2023 Requesting Permission for the Dedication By Rider for Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a Dedication By Rider of revenues received by the Borough of Midland Park when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 provides for receipt of Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts by the Borough of Midland Park to be put in a Trust Fund to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the donations to the Police Department are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or another legal requirement:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Midland Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures from the donations to the Police Department per N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 for necessary equipment supplies.

The Clerk of the Borough of Midland Park, County of Bergen, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services



**Resolution #069-2023 Borough Employee Salaries**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance #11-2023 establishes salary ranges for employees; and

**WHEREAS**, said Ordinance requires that individual salaries be set by Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park that the following salaries are hereby authorized for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>2023 RATE</b>
Mayor	\$ 5,002.32
Council Member	3,583.81
Borough Clerk	144,945.32
Deputy Borough Clerk	64,732.50
Administrative Assistant	52,000.00
Administrative Assistant	37,782.20
Planning/Zoning Bd Secretary	10,480.50
Part-time Records Clerk	\$18.81/hr
Borough Administrator (Stipend)	1,048.05
Chief Financial Officer/Library Bookkeeper	101,537.66
Tax Collector	74,000.00
Tax Assessor	45,809.30
Information Technology	\$75.00/hr
Plumbing Inspector	15,519.56
Elevator Inspector	2,519.51
Ho-Ho-Kus: Plumbing Inspector	12,471.80
Ho-Ho-Kus: Plumbing Sub-code Officer	1,877.10
Fire Inspector	3,597.75
Ho-Ho-Kus: Fire Sub-code Officer	2,300.20
Fire Inspector - Sub	\$22.00/hr
Electric Inspector	22,352.32
Ho-Ho-Kus: Electric Sub Code	15,532.97
Construction Code Enforcement	90,714.21
Construction Code Enforcement – Ho-Ho-Kus	37,558.14
Construction Code Control Assistant	43,750.00
Ho-Ho-Kus: Building Inspector	16,700.13
DPW Superintendent	99,901.36
DPW Utility Laborer	81,503.26
DPW Utility Laborer	74,708.26
DPW Utility Laborer	69,594.54
DPW Utility Laborer	67,902.94
DPW Utility Laborer	56,405.59
Recycling Coordinator (Stipend)	4,580.93
Recycling Center Attendant	\$16.00/hr
Custodian/Bldg Maintenance Worker	69,097.39
Municipal Court Judge	24,137.76
Municipal Court Administrator	89,665.38
Municipal Court Cashier	\$75.00/Session
Fire Prevention Official	37,510.55
Property Maintenance Official	\$20.96/hr
Police Chief	220,265.06
Police Secretary	53,659.15

Police Desk Clerical	\$19.45/hr to 20.16/hr
Crossing Guards	\$20.00/hr to 25.91/hr
Police Special Officers/Matrons	\$20.00/hr to 22.35/hr
Office Emergency Management	13,624.65
Recreation Coordinator	60,159.06
DePhillips Center Attendants	\$12.50/hr to 15.84/hr
<b><u>Summer Staff Salaries 2023</u></b>	
Summer Camp Coordinator	\$20.00/hr to 30.00/hr
Asst. Summer Camp Coordinator	\$13.00/hr to 25.00/hr
Counselor: Year #1	\$ 7.50/hr
Counselor: Year #2	\$ 8.50/hr
Counselor: Year #3	\$ 9.50/hr
Counselor: Year #4	\$ 10.50/hr
Counselor: Year #5	\$ 11.50/hr
Counselor: Year #6	\$ 12.50/hr
Counselor: Year #7	\$ 13.50/hr
Senior Counselor	\$ 15.00/hr

**Resolution #071-2023 Cancel Balances for Capital Improvements Authorized and Receivables**

**WHEREAS**, certain General Capital Improvement Authorizations balances remain dedicated to projects completed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances in the amount of \$6,145.98 (funded), so that the unexpended balances may be returned to respective funding sources: Municipal and Bergen County Open Space funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park, that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriations/Projects be canceled:

**GENERAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

<b>ORD. #</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>
08-2022	3/31/22	Dairy St Rec Area Improvements	\$ 1,165.48	M.O.S.
			\$ 1,165.49	B.C.O.S
12-19	9/26/19	120 Woodside Improvements	\$ 3,815.01	M.O.S.

**Resolution #072-2023 Award Payments of 2022 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted Ordinance #9-00 establishing and implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 388, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the LOSAP program, a list of eligible members has been presented to the Borough Clerk, a copy of the same being annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the list of eligible members has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Clerk, and funds have been certified by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park, does hereby approve the 2022 increase of 2% as per Ordinance #20-18 or the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2023-01 for the list of thirty-eight (38) eligible members to receive full benefits at the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-two Dollars and Ninety-two Cents (\$1,372.92) per eligible member, proposed total award of Fifty-two Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Dollars and Ninety-six cents (\$52,170.96) for 2022 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Fire Department and Ambulance Corps members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

### **CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I, Laurie O'Hanlon, Certified Municipal Financial Officer of the Borough of Midland Park, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Midland Park for calendar year 2022.

#### **Resolution #073-2023 Stigma-Free Campaign**

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Executive and the Board of Commissioners, along the Bergen County Department of Health Services, supports the designation of Stigma-Free Zones in every municipality, and; **WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that 1 in 4 adults experiences mental illness in a given year and 1 in 17 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder; approximately 20% of youth ages 13 to 18 and 13 % of youth ages 8 to 15 experience several mental disorders in a given year, and;

**WHEREAS**, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and;

**WHEREAS**, Stigma-Free Zones aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma, and;

**WHEREAS**, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down the barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed, and;

**WHEREAS**, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel helpless, and;

**WHEREAS**, establishing Stigma-Free Zones will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided, and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Midland Park recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Bergen in designating the Borough of Midland Park as a Stigma-Free Zone.

#### **Resolution #074-2023 Pay-To-Play Wogisch**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Midland Park has a need for renovation services at Woodside Park Field, through Robert W. Wogisch Landscaping Contractor Inc., 1170 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Ringwood, N.J. as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sean Canning, Q.P.A., of the Canning Group, LLC has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

**WHEREAS**, *The Robert W. Wogisch Landscaping Contractor Inc. has provided for quotes in accord with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 in an amount of \$44,000.00 acceptable to the Borough; and*

**WHEREAS**, The Robert W. Wogisch Landscaping Contractor Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that Robert W. Wogisch Landscaping Contractor Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Borough of Midland Park* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Robert W. Wogisch Landscaping Contractor Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$44,000.00 are available as follows;

Line Item: 3-40- -960-012 Municipal Open Space Projects

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Robert W. Wogisch Landscaping

Contractor Inc. not to exceed \$44,000.00 for renovation of Woodside Park Field; and,  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

<b>Introduced by: Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Seconded by: Council President DeLuca</b>
<b>Roll Call: Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**1. Resolution #065–2023 Bills List**

**WHEREAS**, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Midland Park in the following amounts:

Current Fund ('22)	\$ 15,735.00
Current Fund	\$ 46,418.67
Capital Fund	\$ 213,561.13
Trust Fund	\$ 3,225.64
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 278,940.44</b>

**WHEREAS**, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Midland Park and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Finance Committee, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, claims have already been paid in the following accounts:

Current	March 15 <sup>th</sup> Payroll	\$ 225,828.94
Current	March Health Payments	\$ 104,984.63
Current	March School Taxes	\$1,907,290.08
Current	PFRS/PERS Annual pymt	\$1,055,878.00
Current	Mnl Ck-Bergen Cty Clerk	\$ 13.00
Current	Mnl Ck-Mitel Cloud Svcs	\$ 1,135.30
Current	Mnl Ck-Verizon Wireless	\$ 646.17
Trust	P-Card: GoToMeeting	\$ 14.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council President and Council of the Borough of Midland Park that the claims totaling **\$3,574,730.56** approved and ratified respectively.

<b>Introduced by: Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Seconded by: Council President DeLuca</b>
<b>Roll Call: Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**2. Resolution #066-2023 Authorize Representative to Bergen County Communication Advisory Board - Michael Rau**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Midland Park has entered into a shared service agreement with the County of Bergen for Police, Fire and Ambulance communication dispatch; and,



**WHEREAS**, Bergen County has established a Communications Advisory Board; and,  
**WHEREAS**, David V. Murphy has recommended Michael Rau, the Borough of Midland Park's representative, serve on the Bergen County Communication Advisory Board; and,  
**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Midland Park Administrator concurs with this recommendation; and,  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Midland Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Michael Rau is authorized to serve as the Borough of Midland Park's representative as the Bergen County Communications Advisory Board; and,  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to Police Chief Powderley for filing of said resolution with the Bergen County Director of Communications.

**Introduced by: Councilwoman Peet**

**Seconded by: Councilman Kruis**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution Pulled from Consent Agenda:**

**Resolution #070-2023 Authorize the Award of Contract to R.M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC for Recreation Field Concrete Bleacher Pads**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Midland Park has a demand for Recreation Field Concrete Bleacher Pads through R.M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506, as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough sought two (2) quotes for service in accord with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, to wit:

R.M. Tuit Paving & Trucking	\$20,700.00
SCS Contracting	\$24,500.00

**WHEREAS**, R. M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 is recommended for award based upon price and other factors, the other factors being in the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works, the timeliness of the work completion expected; and

**WHEREAS**, R.M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 in the aggregate is expected to provide in services more than the pay to play threshold of \$17,500.00 with a quote of \$20,700.00; and

**WHEREAS**, R. M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that R. M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Midland Park in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit R. M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$20,700.00 are available as follows:

Line Item: 3-40- -960-012 Municipal Open Space Projects

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with R. M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 not to exceed \$20,700.00 for the services as quoted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

**Introduced by: Councilman DeBlasio**

**Seconded by: Council President DeLuca**

Roll Call:	Councilman Braunius	Abstain
	Councilman DeBlasio	Aye
	Councilman Damiano	Absent
	Councilman Kruis	Aye
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye
	Council President DeLuca	Aye

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION:**

**1. ORDINANCE #10-2023**

**“AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$157,224.00: \$78,612.00 FROM 2022 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE DAIRY STREET RECREATION COMPLEX: DUGOUT SUNSHADES, CONCRETE PADS AND PRACTICE FIELD IRRIGATION, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$78,612.00 FROM THE MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE FUND”**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Midland Park, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.**

The Borough of Midland Park has been allocated granting monies in the sum of approximately \$78,612.00 by the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Municipal Program for the Dairy Street Park Removal & Replace Old Playground with New Project in the Borough of Midland Park

**Section 2.**

The sum of \$78,612.00 is hereby appropriated for the payment of the cost of such construction authorized and described in Section 1 hereof. The sum of \$78,612.00 is appropriated for the matching amount of the granting funds and remaining costs associated with the project with the additional cost of \$78,612.00 coming from the Municipal Open Space Fund.

**Section 3.**

The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

**Section 4.**

This ordinance hereby incorporates the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 with a dollar amount not to exceed \$157,224.00.

**Section 5. Severability**

If any section, sentence, or any other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment will not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance but will be confined in its effect to the section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy which such judgment will be rendered.

**Section 6.**

This ordinance will take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I, Laurie O'Hagan, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Midland Park, do hereby certify that adequate funds have been appropriated in the Capital Improvement Fund Account.

**Introduced by: Council President DeLuca      Seconded by: Councilman Peet**

Roll Call: Councilman Braunius Aye  
Councilman DeBlasio Aye  
Councilman Damiano Absent  
Councilman Kruis Aye  
Councilwoman Peet Aye  
Council President DeLuca Aye

Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing on Ordinance #10-2023 will be held on April 13, 2023.

**2. ORDINANCE #11-2023**

**"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK FOR THE YEAR 2023 BEGINNING JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, AND THEREAFTER."**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following schedule setting forth the salaries and wages to be paid to certain Borough Officers, Employees and Officials during the year 2023, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, and thereafter, be and is hereby approved:

<u>POSITION</u>		<u>2023 RATE</u>
Mayor	Up to	\$ 5,500.00
Council Members	Up to	\$ 4,000.00
Borough Administrator (Stipend)	Up to	\$ 2,000.00
Chief Financial Officer/Library Bookkeeper	\$ 2,500.00 to	\$105,000.00
Borough Clerk	Up to	\$145,000.00
Deputy Borough Clerk	Up to	\$ 65,000.00
Records Clerk	\$ 15.00/hr to	\$ 20.00/hr
Administrative Assistant	Up to	\$ 55,000.00
Administrative Assistant	Up to	\$ 40,000.00
Planning/Zoning Bd Secretary	Up to	\$ 15,000.00
Tax Collector	Up to	\$ 80,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector/Tax Clerk	\$35,000.00 to	\$ 65,000.00
Tax Assessor	\$11,000.00 to	\$ 50,000.00
Plumbing Inspector — M.P.	Up to	\$ 16,000.00
Plumbing Inspector — Ho-Ho-Kus	Up to	\$ 13,000.00
Plumbing Subcode Official- Ho-Ho-Kus	Up to	\$ 2,000.00
Fire Subcode Official - Ho-Ho-Kus	Up to	\$ 2,500.00
Fire Inspector — M.P.	Up to	\$ 4,000.00
Fire Inspector (substitute)	Up to	\$ 30.00/hr
Elevator Inspector — M.P.	\$ 1,500.00 to	\$ 3,000.00
Electrical Inspector- M.P.	\$ 2,000.00 to	\$ 25,000.00
Electrical Sub Code — Ho-Ho-Kus	Up to	\$ 16,000.00
Property Maintenance Official	Up to	\$ 21.00/hr
Construction Code Official— M.P.	\$60,000.00 to	\$ 95,000.00
Construction Code Official — Ho-Ho-Kus	Up to	\$ 40,000.00
Construction Code Assistant	\$ 6,000.00 to	\$ 45,000.00
Building Inspector — Ho-Ho-Kus	Up to	\$ 18,000.00
D.P.W. Superintendent	Up to	\$110,000.00
D.P.W. Foreman	Up to	\$ 90,000.00
D.P.W. Utility Laborers	\$ 45,000.00 to	\$ 85,000.00
D.P.W. personnel "on-call" stipend		\$ 250.00/wk

D.P.W. personnel "boot allowance"		\$ 150.00/yr
Recycling Coordinator (stipend)	Up to	\$ 5,000.00
Recycling Center Attendant	\$ 14.00/hr to	\$ 20.00/hr
Building/Grounds Maintenance Worker	Up to	\$ 70,000.00
Municipal Court Judge	\$ 10,000.00 to	\$ 25,000.00
Municipal Court Administrator	\$ 20,000.00 to	\$ 90,000.00
Municipal Court Cashier	\$ 75.00	per Session
Information Technology	Up to	\$ 75.00/hr
Fire Prevention Officer	\$ 8,000.00 to	\$ 40,000.00
Fire Prevention Sub Inspector	Up to	\$ 2,500.00
Officer of Emergency Management	\$5,000.00 to	\$ 15,000.00
Police Chief	\$ 100,000.00 to	\$ 225,000.00
Secretary-Police Dept	Up to	\$ 55,000.00
Special Police/Matron/Desk Clerks	Up to	\$ 25.00/hr
Crossing Guard	\$ 20.00/hr to	\$ 26.00/hr
Extra Help - Any department	Up to	\$ 22.00/hr
Recreation Coordinator	Up to	\$ 65,000.00
Recreation Building Attendant	\$ 12.00 to	\$ 16.00/hr
Summer Camp Coordinator	\$ 20.00 to	\$ 30.00/hr
Asst. Summer Camp Coordinator	\$ 13.00 to	\$ 25.00/hr
Counselor: Year #1		\$ 7.50/hr
Counselor: Year #2		\$ 8.50/hr
Counselor: Year #3		\$ 9.50/hr
Counselor: Year #4		\$ 10.50/hr
Counselor: Year #5		\$ 11.50/hr
Counselor: Year #6		\$ 12.50/hr
Counselor: Year #7		\$ 13.50/hr
Senior Counselor		\$ 15.00/hr

- Individual salaries shall be set by Resolution of the Council within the salary range. In the absence of a minimum, any employee may be hired at any sum less than the maximum set forth above.
- All civilian employees' fringe benefits will be in accordance with the Borough of Midland Park's Personnel Policy Manual.
- All salaries and wages provided for herein shall be effective in accordance with the Resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Ordinance.
- This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passages and publication according to law.

**Introduced by: Councilman Kruis**

**Seconded by: Councilman Braunius**

**Roll Call:**

**Councilman Braunius**

**Aye**

**Councilman DeBlasio**

**Aye**

**Councilman Damiano**

**Absent**

**Councilman Kruis**

**Aye**

**Councilwoman Peet**

**Aye**

**Council President DeLuca**

**Aye**

**Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing on Ordinance #11-2023 will be held on April 13, 2023.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business for discussion at this time



**MOTION:**

A Motion was made to approve Jacquelyn Deppe to be the Intern Archivist for the historic preservation for the Borough of Midland's records and to be allowed to enter into the Habben Building.

**Introduced by: Councilwoman Peet**

**Seconded by: Council President DeLuca**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin read a request from a resident for a block party on the streets of Chestnut, West Summit, Aqueduct, Westview neighborhoods on Saturday, June 3, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday, June 4, 2023, from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Introduced by: Councilman Braunius**

**Seconded by: Council President DeLuca**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Councilman Braunius</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman DeBlasio</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin received another request from Pastor Rod Gorter for Good Friday. The churches in Midland Park would like to gather and pray for the community and our Nation at Borough Hall around 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Friday, April 7, 2023

Moved: **Councilman Braunius** and Seconded by: **Councilwoman Peet**  
Governing Body was in favor.

Ms. Martin announced there will be a commercial filmed in Midland Park. On April 22, 2023, there will be a detour through the Municipal Parking Lot for Highland Avenue between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. due to filming in front of Highland School. Sgt. Noah Van Vliet will be heading the project.

A sample resolution was received from the New Jersey League of Municipalities supporting "New Jersey Government Week". Ms. Martin asked if the Governing Body supported the resolution. Governing Body agreed.

The Letter of Intent for the 2023 Open Space Project to Bergen County must be submitted. Ms. Martin, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works Matthew Tauber, and Director of Recreation Kathy LaMonte have met and discussed previous and newer projects for next few years: two (2) pavilions, dog park, tennis court fencing, and College Street mini parking lot. The College Street parking lot project would be for the current year and would cost approximately \$208,000.00 with half being reimbursed by Open Space funds. The reconfiguration would consist of 28 parking spots with two handicapped spaces. While that project is underway, the cracks in the tennis courts could possibly be filled. The Governing Body agreed with the Administrator/Clerk's request.

The Mayor received a request for all New Jersey Mayors to support the Liquor License Reform. Ms. Martin would send the Governing Body the information so they can decide at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

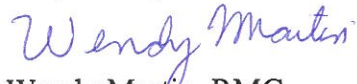
**Mayor Shortway** opened the meeting to the public for general questions, concerns, and comments.

There being no one else from the Public present, the Public Session was closed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, on a Motion by **Councilman DeBlasio**, Seconded by **Councilwoman Peet** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the Open Public meeting at 9:10 P.M. and convened immediately into the After Closed Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Martin, RMC  
Borough Administrator/Clerk