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### MIDDLETOWN ELKS SPONSOR YOUTH WEEK - LOCAL STUDENTS TAKE CONTROL OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

**MIDDLETOWN, NJ** On Monday, May 17th and Tuesday, May 18th ten students from area schools took over temporary control of the Middletown and Hazlet Township Committee meetings.

Students John Steakin Jr., Melissa Steakin, Meaghan Goggins, Kyle Copeman, Sophia Cifuentes, Alexis Krupinski, Marcella Garavaglia, Michael Bolen, Robyn Hoffman, and Alicia Pientek opened their respective meetings by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then proceeded to present awards and proclamations to various individuals and groups.



Middletown Elks Youth participate in Hazlet Town meeting.



Middletown Elks ER Dan Maloney displays proclamation from Mayor Joan Smith and Township Committee proclaiming Elks National Youth Week. With him are Melissa Steakin, Meaghan Goggins, John Steakin, Jr., Sophia Cifeuentes and John Steakin, Sr. Youth Activities chairman

These council meetings gave students a better understanding of how the government is run. Someday these students will look back and realize that this is an experience not many children have. We thank the Mayor and Council of Middletown and Hazlet for affording these fine young men and women a glimpse into our local government.

Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 is a proud sponsor of Elk s National Youth Week held to honor the youth of our country. We are happy to announce that these young adults did a fantastic job!

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