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Disaster emergency declared in Borough of Middletown

Middletown Mayor James H. Curry III has declared a disaster emergency in the Borough. The declaration was ratified at 11:30 a.m. in a special emergency meeting of Borough Council and takes effect immediately.

Mayor Curry said his decision to issue the declaration was in order to allow the Borough's staff greater flexibility in combatting the storm, which has already dumped more than eight inches of snow in the Borough.

Under the disaster emergency declaration, the Borough may utilize emergency procurement measures to acquire resources needed to fight the snow.

"The Public Works Department has done an excellent job of maintaining the main streets and emergency routes. That being said, the director of the Department has specifically requested additional assistance to help facilitate the removal of snow from side streets. We will acquire the help our team needs," Mayor Curry said.

With the remnants of two recent storms still along the sides of streets, there is limited room to plow more snow. Additional resources are needed to assist as crews begin work to remove snow and haul it away.

The emergency procurement authority under the declaration will enable the Borough to enter into contracts to rent additional equipment, hire temporary help, or purchase necessary supplies and procurement without the time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law.

Mayor Curry said the Declaration will remain in effect until conditions warrant an end to the emergency.

This measure is separate, and in addition to, the Snow Emergency declaration the Borough is currently under. That declaration, which prohibits parking on designated snow emergency routes, remains in effect.