

RESOLUTION #2 of 2019
A RESOLUTION ASKING THAT AIM FUNDING
BE RESTORED IN THE NEW YORK
STATE'S 2020 BUDGET

Whereas, “Aid and Incentives for Municipal Funding” (“AIM”) is essential to the Towns and Villages that receive such funding; and

Whereas, AIM is key state funding that Local Governments have relied on for years; and

Whereas, AIM affects not just Local Governments but the communities that they are located in; and

Whereas, Governor Cuomo’s proposed 2020 budget plan eliminates AIM funding for Local Governments that rely upon AIM funding for more than two (2) percent of their budgets; and

Whereas, It is believed that such a cut will save New York State \$60,000,000 in its budget but it will dramatically impact 1,328 of New York State’s 1,465 Towns and Villages; and

Whereas, Many Local Governments are already struggling financially, especially those in Upstate; and

Whereas, Local Governments must create and pass budgets that navigate a number of difficult financial stressors that include: the New York’s Tax cap, increasing health insurance costs, high contribution rates for the New York Retirement System, prevailing wage, competitive bidding and procurement obligations, the Wicks Law, the Taylor Law, Workers Compensation, and a dedicated but an often unionized and civil service protected work force; and

Whereas, In addressing its budget and its Local levy, Local Governments must face limited avenues for revenue generation, limited economic development in its boundaries, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, an

aging population often on limited incomes, a diminishing population, potential business opportunities that are fleeing high taxes and thus leaving New York State and often unpredictable sales tax distribution and/or generation; and

Whereas, The loss of AIM is magnified for those Local Governments which already have all or part of their 2020 budgets set; and therefore be it

Resolved, That the Town of Middletown on behalf of its residents, recognizes the important role of AIM funding in Local Governments; and be it further

Resolved, That the Town of Middletown enthusiastically encourages the New York State Governor, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to consider the consequences of the proposed reduction of AIM for Local Governments and demands that such funding be replaced in the Budget; and be it

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Kristen E. Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, Representative Antonio Delgado, Senator Jen Metzger, Senator James Seward, Senator Fred Akshar II, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblyman Chris Tague, Board of Supervisors, Tina B. Mole', Chairman, the Upstate New York Towns Association, The New York State Association of Towns, New York Conference of Mayors, the Catskill Mountain News and the Walton Reporter.

Motion made by: Brian Sweeney

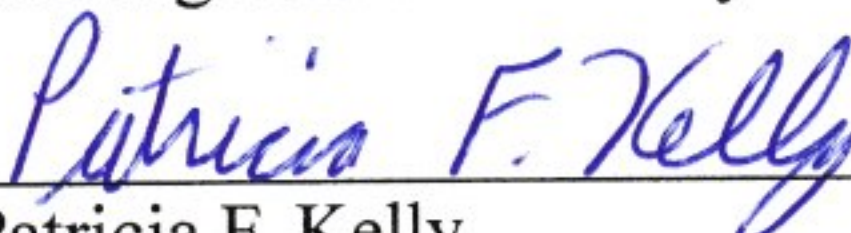
Seconded by: Kenneth Taylor

Councilman Christopher Dabritz was not in attendance.

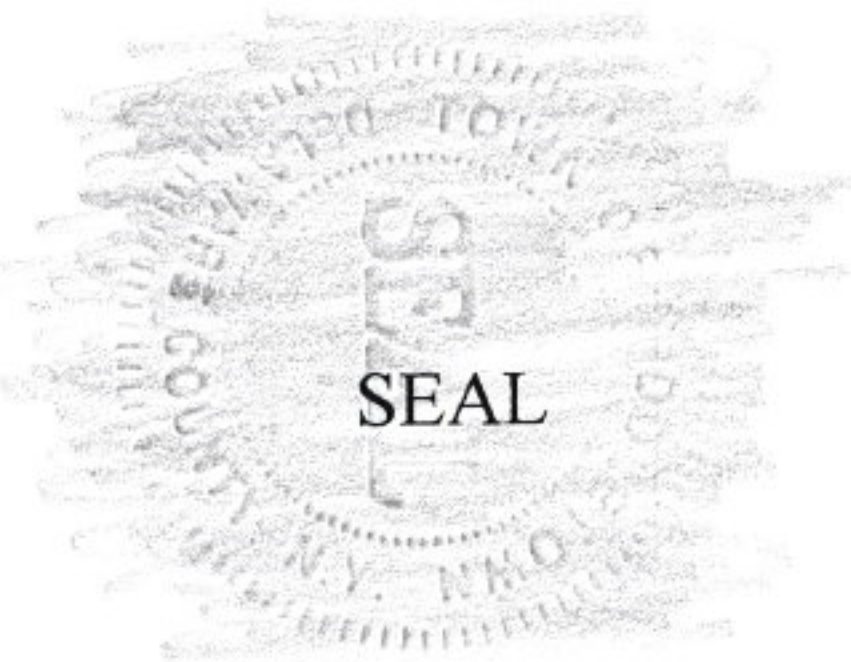
Resolution adopted by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Middletown at its regular meeting held on February 13th, 2019.

Dated: February 13th, 2019

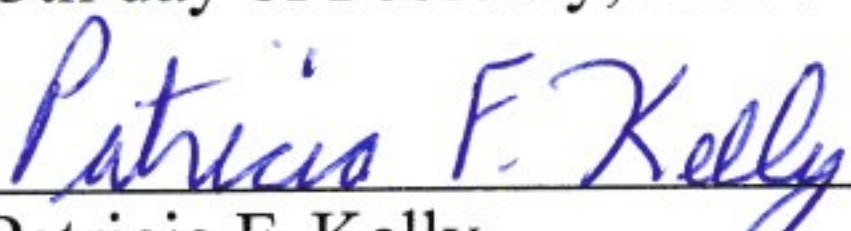


Patricia F. Kelly
Town Clerk
Town of Middletown



I, Patricia F. Kelly, Town Clerk of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the preceding resolution with the original thereof filed in my office at Margaretville, NY on the 13th day of February, 2019 and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York on the 13th day of February, 2019 and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Middletown this 13th day of February, 2019.



Patricia F. Kelly
Town Clerk
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