**Resolution #6-2025 – Demonstrating Support and Consent to Apply for a Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Planning Grant: Village Comprehensive Plan Update**

**WHEREAS**, New York State periodically offers community and economic development grant resources to support community resiliency planning. The Village is contemplating funding request through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to update its 2015 Comprehensive Plan.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of State is soliciting applications through the CFA under the Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Program;

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Growth Program requires a 10% local match and provides up to 90% financial resources needed to conduct area specific plans that support smart growth principles such as mixed-uses in high density, compact zones that link community amenities guiding development to maximize economic, social and environmental benefits for the community;

**WHEREAS**, a properly planned historic village will bolster community vitality by identifying priority strategic investments that may spur employment and housing to overcome economic challenges;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Middleburgh has worked collaboratively with the Town since 2015 when the current Joint Comprehensive Plan was adopted;

**WHEREAS**, an updated Comprehensive Plan would focus on identifying strategic projects to best serve Village stakeholders – residents, tourists, and the business community alike – by strengthening grant applications;

**WHEREAS,** the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District (MVEDD) hosted a walk-about on June 10th with Village leadership, the Village Grants Committee, and the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) to identify strategic projects throughout the business district;

**WHEREAS**, the Village would like to engage MVEDD to work with the village to complete the updated to the comprehensive plan and all necessary reporting and administration*,* not to exceed $75,000 plan update offering a local match of cash and in-kind value of 10% to meet program requirements if awarded the Smart Growth Community Planning Program Grant;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Village Trustees authorize the Village Mayor to prepare and submit application and all related documentation with MVEDD’s assistance to the Smart Growth Community Planning Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Village Trustees authorize a local match at the discretion of the Village Mayor not to exceed $7,500 as eligible cash and in-kind services if awarded the Smart Growth Community Planning Program Grant.