

Resolution #9-2025 – Support for Village Pool Improvements

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleburgh recognizes the importance of the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool as a vital recreational and social asset for the community, providing opportunities for swimming, recreation, and water safety education for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleburgh – in conjunction with its neighboring municipalities in the Towns of Middleburgh, Fulton, and Broome – finance the operation of a Joint Recreation Commission to provide free summer programming for local youth, including the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool, constructed in 1968 to promote and teach safe swimming practices, requires significant rehabilitation to ensure its continued safe and functional operation, address its deteriorating filtration system, concrete decking, bathrooms and changing rooms, and enhance its accessibility and amenities for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees voted at its regular meeting held on July 1, 2024, to form a collaborative Pool Revitalization Committee with the Joint Recreation Commission for the purpose of identifying and planning for future repairs to the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees voted at its regular meeting held on August 5, 2024, to appoint four representatives to the Pool Revitalization Committee, including two Board Members and two Village residents to ensure community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Pool Revitalization Committee met with the Village of Middleburgh's designated engineering firm, Delaware Engineering, to review conditions at the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool and determine areas for rehabilitation and improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees surveyed its residents via the Winter 2025 Water & Sewer Newsletter to determine community priorities for grant funding opportunities, and 55% of respondents (the greatest number) listed improving the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool; and

WHEREAS, a grant opportunity exists through the New York Swims grant program, administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, which aligns with the goals of rehabilitating and improving the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool will significantly benefit the community by providing a safe and modern facility, increasing access for individuals with disabilities, promoting water safety, and enhancing quality of life for local residents and visitors to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village of Middleburgh to support the submission of an application to the New York Swims grant program for funding to assist with the rehabilitation of the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool.

Be it RESOLVED that the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees hereby expresses its strong support for the submission of a grant application to the New York Swims grant program for both the rehabilitation and improvement of the Village of Middleburgh Community Pool as a result of the careful planning conducted by the Pool Revitalization Committee and the survey results compiled by the Village Board demonstrating community prioritization for this undertaking.