RESOLUTION NO. 24-

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the "Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act," N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq. (the "**Act**"), authorizes local governments to enter contracts with other local governments for the joint provision of municipal services which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) allows two or more municipalities to share courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and employees for their municipal courts without establishing a joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown ("**Middletown**") and the Borough of Keyport ("**Keyport**") desire to share facilities, equipment and court staff, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c), in order to conserve resources and to provide for a more efficient and economically sound municipal court system; and

WHEREAS, at this time Middletown and Keyport desire to maintain their right to appoint their own judge, prosecutor and public defender at their own expense; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement to be entered, Keyport shall pay Middletown \$147,000 annually, plus an additional day rate for special court sessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to enter into a new Shared Services Agreement with Keyport for the provision of municipal court services pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Shared Services Agreement included herewith as **Exhibit A**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the executed Shared Services Agreement to the Division of Local Government Services at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for informational purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4b.