RESOLUTION NO. 23-

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW CONTRACT WITH CHIEF OF POLICE

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown (the "Township") appointed R. Craig Weber as Chief of Police (the "Chief") in 2014 and entered into an individual employment contract with the Chief covering the period of December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 to govern the Chief's salary and benefits that are sometimes not clearly defined in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township has negotiated a new contract with the Chief covering the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 under which the Chief accepted no salary increases or back pay for the years 2020 and 2021, with \$5,000 annual increases from a new base salary of \$230,000 being implemented from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's newly proposed contract is very reasonable compared to other municipalities, and in many instances, far less than most similarly sized municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's contract continues to implement a variety of cost saving measures that will limit the Township's liability upon the Chief's eventual retirement from service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of the New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Employment Agreement between the Township and R. Craig Weber, attached hereto and made part hereof pursuant to the terms and conditions contained therein.