

**RESOLUTION 22-xxx**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING  
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has a desire to contract with one vendor for the provision of electronic payment processing services to help consolidate how payments are received; and

**WHEREAS**, PL 1999 c.440 amended the Local Public Contracts Law and created a new category of contracting called Competitive Contracting; and

**WHEREAS**, 40A:11-4.3(a) requires that in order to initiate competitive contracting, the governing body shall pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting each time specialized goods or services enumerated in 40A:11-1 are desired to be contracted; and

**WHEREAS**, 40A:11-4.3(b) requires that the competitive contracting process shall be administered by a purchasing agent qualified pursuant to 40A:11-9, or, by legal counsel of the contracting unit, or by an administrator of the contracting unit.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to initiate competitive contracting to contract for electronic payment processing services.