

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 005 OF THE YEAR 2019

Councilman Robert Reeve Jr. offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ASKING THAT AIM FUNDING BE RESTORED IN NEW YORK STATE'S 2020 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, "Aid and Incentives for Municipal Funding" ("AIM") is essential to the Towns and Villages that receive such funding; and

WHEREAS, AIM is key state funding that Local Governments have relied on for years; and

WHEREAS, AIM affects not just Local Governments but the communities that they are located in; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo's proposed 2020 budget plan eliminates AIM funding for Local Governments that rely upon AIM funding for more than two (2) percent of their budgets; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that such a cut will save New York State \$60,000.00 in its budget but it will dramatically impact 1,328 of New York State's 1,465 Towns and Villages; and

WHEREAS, Many Local Governments are already struggling financially, especially those in Upstate; and

WHEREAS, Local Governments must create and pass budgets that navigate a number of difficult financial stressors that include: New York's Tax cap, increasing health insurance costs, high contribution rates for the New York Retirement System, prevailing wage, competitive bidding and procurement obligations, the Wick's Law, the Taylor Law, Workers Compensation, and a dedicated but an often unionized and civil service protected work force; and

WHEREAS, In addressing its budget and its Local levy, Local Governments must face limited avenues for revenue generation, limited economic development in its boundaries, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, an aging population often on limited incomes, a diminishing population, potential business opportunities that are fleeing high taxes and thus leaving New York State and often unpredictable sales tax distribution and/or generation; and

WHEREAS, The loss of AIM is magnified for those Local Governments which already have all or part of their 2020 budgets set.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Town of Harpersfield on behalf of its residents, recognizes the important role of AIM funding in Local Governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town of Harpersfield enthusiastically encourages the New York State Governor, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to consider the consequences of the proposed reduction of AIM for Local Governments and demands that such funding be replaced in the Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senator James Seward, Assemblyman Chris Tague, County Executive Tina Mole', the Upstate New York Towns Association, The New York State Association of Towns, New York Conference of Mayors and the Local News Media.

Seconded by Councilman Matthew J. Taylor with the vote as follows:

Supervisor	James Eisel Sr.	Aye.
Councilman	Robert Reeve Jr.	Aye.
Councilman	Harry Peterson	Aye.
Councilman	Edward S. Slicer	Absent.
Councilman	Matthew J. Taylor	Aye.

STATE OF NEW YORK     }  
COUNTY OF DELAWARE   }  
TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD   }

I Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk for the Town of Harpersfield have compared the preceding copy with the original Resolution on file in this office adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield at a regular meeting held on February 12, 2019, and I DO HEREBY CERTIFY the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the original.

Witness my hand and seal of the Town of Harpersfield, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019



Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk

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