

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL SPACE
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Ida impacted New Jersey on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, bringing severe weather conditions including strong winds, reports of tornadoes, and heavy and sustained rainfall which was forecasted to reach up to ten (10) inches in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the tropical storm caused severe damage to North Brunswick's municipal facilities, infrastructure and equipment which could endanger the community's health, safety, and welfare if not responded to in an immediate manner; and

WHEREAS, during the late hours of Wednesday, September 1, 2021, the remediation specialist approved under the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund ("Rapid Recovery") was notified that water from the storm was coming into the Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 2, 2021, the Mayor for the Township declared a State of Emergency for the Township; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 2, 2021, Rapid Recovery came on site to assess the conditions of the Municipal Complex that was found to have sustained extensive water damage within the basement, mechanical room, court area and first floor of the Police department; and

WHEREAS, by September 10, 2021, Rapid Recovery had engaged engineers, whom collectively determined the building could be isolated by area to allow the building to reopen within a few weeks for all departments (excluding Police and Court which was anticipated to take 6-8 weeks) while remediation work was performed, and recommended municipal departments find temporary office space within other municipal facilities, temporary trailers and a county command trailer; and

WHEREAS, by September 17, 2021, Rapid Recovery notified municipal officials to expect additional construction delays, more specifically within the police department area and court; and

WHEREAS, during the week of September 20th, municipal officials responded to the notification of delay by moving non-police and court into trailers other municipal facilities, and determined additional space still required for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, municipal officials reviewed commercial property within the Township and found 1460 Livingston Ave LLC located at 1460 Livingston Avenue-Building 400 2nd floor North Brunswick, New Jersey has office space available on a temporary basis for immediate occupancy; and

WHEREAS, at the request of municipal officials, the Broker for 1460 Livingston Ave LLC has provided a Lease Agreement for temporary space within their facility as outlined attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, municipal officials have provided necessary information to the loss claim with the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund and received approval from the excess carrier that municipal expenses associated with temporary office space, including said Lease Agreement, will be covered under the claim; and

WHEREAS, in addition, 1460 Livingston Ave LLC has completed and submitted a C.271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby confirm the emergency and authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement for the Police Department to occupy on a temporary basis 1460 Livingston Ave LLC, with a three-month initial term (and option to extend month-to-month) at \$34,000/month for 10,000 square feet.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of North Brunswick, shall certified that funds shall be made available within the Storm Trust account contingent upon the receipt of funds from the Joint Insurance Fund in accordance with the financial terms of said Lease Agreement.

Cavel Gallimore
Chief Financial Officer

Joseph A. Battaglia
Police Chief

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
MEHTA				
LOPEZ				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on September 27, 2021.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk