

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH M&E ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH
DESIGN, REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION WORK TO THE MUNICIPAL
COMPLEX HVAC SYSTEM DAMAGED FROM HURRICANE IDA**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick has a need to engage a firm to provide professional mechanical engineering services, under a non-fair and open contract, pursuant to the provisions of State Election Law N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the 30-year-old Municipal Complex was constructed in accordance with codes and standards of the time; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of routine maintenance, the Division of Buildings and Grounds has engaged a third-party contractor to provide preventative maintenance and address any repairs necessary to the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system (“HVAC”) at the Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2021, a significant amount of water penetrated the Municipal Complex during Hurricane Ida, causing major damage to the structure, including the interior currently undergoing restoration; and

WHEREAS, procured under the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund, Rapid Recovery has been the lead contractor for the interior remediation and previously engaged M&E Engineers, Inc. as sub-contractor for plumbing work; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2022, pursuant to Resolution 10-1.22, USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers, Ltd. was authorized to provide *Architectural Services* for calendar year 2022, as awarded under a fair and open contract process, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Peter Campisano with USA Architects has been engaged to assist municipal officials working with representatives from Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) and the Claim Committee for the Garden State Joint Insurance fund (“JIF”); and

WHEREAS, in addition to having an *architect*, it has been determined necessary to engage services of a *mechanical engineer* familiar with the HVAC system to provide review, recommendation and oversight services; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Township, William Amann with M&E Engineers, Inc. (26 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876) has provided a proposal for services associated with the next phase of remediation and restoration efforts associated with the HVAC system; and

WHEREAS, compensation for said services shall be based upon the June 9, 2022 proposal submitted by M&E Engineers, Inc. to be paid upon submission of monthly invoices, in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, M&E Engineers, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that M&E Engineers, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of North Brunswick in the previous one year and that the contract will prohibit M&E Engineers, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, M&E Engineers, Inc. has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 13th day of June 2022, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the following:

1. The Mayor shall execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with M&E Engineers, Inc.
2. M&E Engineers, Inc. is hereby retained to provide professional engineering services as described above for an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.00.
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a).
4. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk.
5. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq., requiring that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of North Brunswick, certify that funds are available in the amount of \$20,000.00 under Capital account C-04-55-C20-210-905. Contract # PRO22053.

Cavel Gallimore
Chief Financial Officer

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				
SOCIO				
DAVIS				
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 June 13, 2022.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk