

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
THE LAW OFFICES OF APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY, P.C.
TO PROVIDE SPECIAL LABOR CONSULTATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, given the quasi-military operation of local law enforcement, personnel matters within the Police Department must be processed in such a manner that is separate and apart from other municipal officials; and

WHEREAS, in April 2019, the Chief of Police along with consultation from the Business Administrator and Municipal Attorney, engaged the Law Offices of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. (with offices at 25 Independence Boulevard, Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938) to provide legal consultation to the Department on personnel matters; and

WHEREAS, due to the firm's extensive experience in labor and employment law specifically with police departments, it is the Chief's recommendation to retain the firm's services under a professional service agreement with a not-to-exceed amount of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, compensation shall be paid at a rate of \$200.00 per hour, and reimbursable expenses, in an amount not-to-exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds for this purpose are available in FY24 Legal Operating account 4-01-20-155-000-984 for services ending June 30, 2024, and the balance of funds shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in future fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contract for "professional services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 20th day of May, 2024, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an amendment to the agreement with the Law Offices of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. to provide special legal consultation services in an amount not-to-exceed \$17,500.00, for services ending December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) since this contract is for services performed by a business authorized to practice a recognized profession and it was not necessary to obtain competitive bidding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer, certify that \$17,500.00 is available for this purpose in FY24 Legal Operating account 4-01-20-155-000-984 for services ending June 30, 2024 and the balance of funds shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in future fiscal years. Contract PRO24038

Cavel Gallimore
Chief Financial Officer

Joseph Battaglia
Chief of Police

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

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

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
MEHTA				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
HUTCHINSON				
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 May 20, 2024.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk