

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT WITH
MERIDIAN STRATEGIC SERVICES, INC.
FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DAMAGED DURING HURRICANE IDA**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida impacted New Jersey on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, bringing severe weather conditions including strong winds, reports of tornadoes, and heavy and sustained rainfall in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the storm caused severe damage to municipal facilities, infrastructure, vehicles and equipment, including the Municipal Complex which had extensive damage to the sections of the Police Department, exterior façade and basement where the mechanical room is located; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2021, the Township filed claim(s) under the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) to begin remediation efforts; and

WHEREAS, in addition the Township made application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal Hurricane Ida Recovery Funding seeking reimbursement for expenses associated with restoration, as well as under the FEMA Public Assistance Program for future mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Township has previously engaged professionals to develop a scope of work necessary for the remediation and restoration of the Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, due to the complexity and multiple vendors that will be engaged for the remediation and restoration of the Municipal Complex, it has been determined necessary to engage a firm to provide project management and consulting services to assist with scheduling, coordination, oversight and reporting; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2023, pursuant to Resolution #151-5.23 the Township Council authorized an agreement with Meridian Strategic Services, Inc. (PO Box 158 Esopus, NY 12429) to provide project management and consulting services pertaining to the restoration and remediation services at the municipal complex building, with an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 and a two-year contract term, May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2025, with the option of two (2) one-year renewals if necessary; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, pursuant to Resolution #116-4.24, the Township Council authorized an amendment to the contract with an increase of \$15,000.00 in the current authorization, for a revised amount of \$65,000.00; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing remediation and restoration of the Municipal Complex, the Business Administrator recommends authorizing an increase of \$50,000.00 to the current authorization, for a revised authorization amount of \$115,000.00; and

WHEREAS, invoices received submitted by Meridian Strategic Services, Inc., is an eligible expense under FEMA and shall be included in the application for reimbursement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 24th day of June 2024, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize an amendment to the agreement with Meridian Strategic Services, Inc. to provide project management and consulting services pertaining to the restoration and remediation services at the municipal complex building, with an increase of \$50,000.00 to the current authorization, for a revised authorization amount of \$115,000.00.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that \$50,000.00 is available for this purpose in Storm Recovery Reserve Account D-33-56-850-005-001 contingent upon reimbursement under the FEMA application. Contract BID23002

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				
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 June 24, 2024.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk