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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK AUTHORIZING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD CONTRACTS BELOW THE BID THRESHOLD THAT ARE IN EXCESS OF THE PAY-TO-PLAY THRESHOLD \$17,500.00

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (LPCL) N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 et seq. permits the appointment of a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) to oversee purchasing and contracting activities for a municipality, as well as to award contracts in accordance with applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, LPCL N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a et seq., permits an increase in the bid threshold to limits established by state legislation if a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) is appointed, as well as granting the authorization to negotiate and award contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, Justine Progebin possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA), as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and has been previously designated by Council action to serve in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, pursuant to Resolution 42-1.21, the increased in the bid threshold from \$40,000.00 to \$44,000.00, along with the corresponding 15% quote threshold from \$6,000.00 to \$6,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's Pay-to-Play law, codified under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5, establishes rules governing the awarding of contracts by local government units when the value of a contract exceeds the Pay-to-Play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, under P.L. 2023, c. 30, also known as the "Elections Transparency Act," municipalities are permitted to delegate authority to the Qualified Purchasing Agent to award contracts under the Pay-to-Play threshold of \$17,500.00 but below the statutory bid threshold (\$44,000.00) established under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes the value of allowing the QPA to make such awards to ensure efficient operations, compliance with state law, and proper oversight of municipal expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

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