

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
RESOLUTION**

Authorizing a Proprietary Contract with Rio Supply, Inc. for Neptune 360 Water AMI System

WHEREAS, a water meter is a device located within a dwelling or facility that measures the volume of water consumed; and

WHEREAS, the Township owns approximately 12,000 water meters as part of its municipal water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, in May 2019, pursuant to Resolution 157-5.19, the Township Council authorized Contract BID19004 with In-Line Services, Inc. of Flemington, New Jersey, for the Meter Replacement Project, which included the installation of a Neptune Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system, replacement of all meters, and WaterSmart software for customer portal access; and

WHEREAS, the Township's AMI architecture operates as follows: customer Neptune meter endpoints transmit data to the Neptune 360 AMI system via three (3) tower collectors; data from Neptune 360 AMI is then made available to the Township's WaterSmart customer portal and used in Edmunds for billing purposes; and

WHEREAS, in September 2023, pursuant to Resolution 285-9.23, the term for software maintenance under BID19004 expired, and a one-year proprietary maintenance contract was authorized with Rio Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$59,776.20 for continued support of the Neptune 360 AMI system and WaterSmart subscription (10/1/2023–9/30/2024); and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, pursuant to Resolution 339-11.24, a contract was authorized in the amount of \$31,959.57 for the period 10/1/2024–9/30/2025 with Rio Supply, Inc. (100 Allied Pkwy, Sicklerville, NJ 08081) covering Neptune 360 AMI and three tower collectors, excluding the WaterSmart subscription; and

WHEREAS, in August 2025, Rio Supply, Inc., as the authorized distributor, submitted a proposal for an annual fee of \$31,928.78 for continued support of Neptune 360 AMI and three (3) tower collectors, excluding the WaterSmart subscription, for the period 10/1/2025–9/30/2026; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has certified that the value of this contract exceeds \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this contract may be awarded by the governing body without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law for the provision or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software; and

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WHEREAS, prior to entering into a contract with the Township, Rio Supply, Inc. shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and all Pay-to-Play certifications, attesting that it has not made any reportable contributions in the Township of North Brunswick during the applicable period, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. and Township policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of September 2025, by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute a contract/purchase order and any other necessary documents with Rio Supply, Inc. (100 Allied Pkwy, Sicklerville, NJ 08081) for Neptune 360 AMI and three (3) tower collectors support, in the annual amount of \$31,928.78 for the term 10/1/2025–9/30/2026, as set forth in the attached supporting documentation.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) and in accordance with the Elections Law commonly known as Pay-to-Play, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
3. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Political Contribution disclosures, and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.
4. The Municipal Clerk shall cause notice of this action to be published in the *Home News & Tribune*, the legal newspaper of the Township, as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of North Brunswick, certify that funds totaling \$31,928.78 shall be made available contingent upon the adoption of the FY2026 Budget under Water Utility account 6-05-55-502-000-183. Contract 26-00799

Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer

Justine Progebin, Business Administrator

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

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOT	SEC	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
RICH						
HUTCHINSON						
MEHTA						
DAVIS						
SOCIO						
GUADAGNINO						