

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK  
RESOLUTION 224-6.25**

**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**, pursuant to Resolution #162-5.24, the Township Council approved Contract PRO24058 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; 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 FY25 Legal Operating account 5-01-20-155-000-984 for services ending June 30, 2025, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025, 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, 2025.

**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)

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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 FY25 Legal Operating account 5-01-20-155-000-984 for services ending June 30, 2025 and the balance of funds shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in future fiscal years. Contract PRO25051

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Cavel Gallimore  
Chief Financial Officer

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Joseph Battaglia  
Chief of Police

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Justine Progebin  
Business Administrator

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