## TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK RESOLUTION 401-12.25

## AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH VERTEXONE FOR A ONE-YEAR WATERSMART SUBSCRIPTION – NTE \$25,000.00

**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**, 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 in the amount of \$59,776.20 for continued support of the Neptune 360 AMI System and Watersmart Software subscription (10/1/2023-9/30/2024); and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2025, pursuant to Resolution 308-9.25, the Township authorized a one-year agreement with Rio Supply to continue their support of the Neptune AMI System which includes three tower collectors, excluding the Watersmart subscription which was no longer available through Rio Supply; and

**WHEREAS**, VertexOne has submitted a proposal with a do-not-exceed amount of \$25,000.00 for a one-year subscription to Watersmart which will include the VXsmart (Watersmart) platform, VertexOne Digital Base, and all transactional fees; 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, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) of the Local Public Contract Law, for the provision or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to entering into a contract with the Township, VertexOne will complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, certifying that they will not make any reportable contributions to a candidate committee in the Township of North Brunswick for the term of the contract.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, and the State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize and confirm the following:

- 1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order and any other necessary documents, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (10/1/2025-9/30/2026) with VertexOne (1321 Upland Drive, Suite 8389, Houston, TX 77043) as set forth on the attached supporting document.
- 2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) and Elections Law commonly known as Payto-Play N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 Et seq. as described herein above.
- 3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with the Resolution.
- 4. Notice of this action shall be published by the Municipal Clerk in the Home News and Tribune as the legal newspaper for the Township.

## **CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of North Brunswick, certify that funds totaling \$25,00.00 shall be made available contingent upon the adoption of the FY2025 Budget under Water Utility account 6-05-55-502-000-183. PO #26-01401

Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer			
Justine Progebin, Business Administrator	Ronald Gordon, Esq., Township Attorney		
	Approved as to legal form		

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