

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 16-10

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
JEFFREY R. SURENIAN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC
FOR THE SERVICES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for a special counsel to assist the Township and its legal counsel in helping the Township address its responsibilities with respect to its affordable-housing obligations involving the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised, and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, will submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-1 commencing January 1, 2016 to any political committee or candidate through the term of this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC to serve as a special counsel to assist the Township and its legal counsel in helping the Township address its responsibilities with respect to its affordable-housing obligations involving the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing for an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00.
2. That the aforesaid contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because N.J.S.A.40A:11-5 states that no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for services rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law, or to advertise for bids for services which are of such a qualitative nature as will not reasonably permit the drawing of specifications or the receipt of competitive bids, all of which classification the aforesaid contract falls within.
3. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification shall be placed on file with this Resolution.
4. A copy of the agreement has been filed with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk during normal business hours.
5. The availability of funds has been certified by the local finance officer.
6. That a copy of the specific items pertaining to the award of this contract shall be published in a Notice of Award in the Daily Journal as required by law within ten (10) days of the Resolution authorizing same.

Moved By: Bruce Peterson

Seconded By: John T. O'Neill, Sr.

VOTING

James P. Crilley
John L. Daddario
John T. O'Neill, Sr.
Bruce T. Peterson
Scott Smith

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held January 7, 2016.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk