TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 17-8

APPOINTING ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP SOLICITORS
MICHAEL GRUCCIO, FRANCIS REUSS III AND DANTE ROMANINI

WHEREAS, there exists the need for the "Professional Services" of a TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, to be retained by the Township for the performance of legal services and related duties associated therewith as directed by the authorized representatives of the Township of Upper Deerfield, as more specifically set forth in the Professional Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield advertised a Request for Qualifications for the position of Township Solicitor of the Township of Upper Deerfield; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Tedesco, Esquire of the firm of Tedesco, Gruccio and Reuss, L.L.C. submitted a response to the Request for Qualifications and Rocco Tedesco, Esquire was appointed Upper Deerfield Township Solicitor for the 2017 year; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint his associates Michael Gruccio, Francis Reuss, III and Dante Romanini who are attorneys with the firm of Tedesco, Gruccio & Reuss, L.L.C. of Vineland, New Jersey as Assistant Township Solicitors to assist Solicitor Tedesco when necessary and as directed by him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the allegations of the preamble hereto are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

2. That Michael Gruccio, Esquire, Francis Reuss, III, Esquire, and Dante Romanini Esquire of the firm of Tedesco, Gruccio and Reuss, L.L.C of Vineland, New Jersey, attorneys authorized to practice law by the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey, be appointed assistant Township Solicitors for Upper Deerfield Township for the year 2017, to perform professional services ordinarily provided by an attorney to assist Solicitor Tedesco when necessary and as directed by him or in his absence or due to his unavailability. Service by the foregoing Assistant Solicitors shall be in accordance with the contract entered into between the Township and Solicitor Tedesco and shall receive compensation in accordance with terms of that contract on file in the Clerk's office.

3. That the aforesaid contract is awarded pursuant to 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.

4. The professional fees contained within the aforementioned contract are included within the temporary budget and the continuation of any potential additional fees for the year will be included within the adopted 2017 budget to be certified by the Chief Financial Officer upon adoption of the 2017 budget.

5. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

6. That a copy of the specific items pertaining to the services to be provided by the Assistant Solicitors shall be included in the Notice of Award of the contract to Solicitor Tedesco to be published in the Daily Journal as required by law within ten (10) days of the Resolution authorizing same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield that this professional service agreement is awarded pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of Pay to Play legislation, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.

Moved By: Bruce Peterson

Seconded By: John O'Neill, Sr.

VOTING	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Absent
James P. Crilley	X			
John L. Daddario	X			
John T. O'Neill, Sr.	X			
Bruce T. Peterson	X			
Scott Smith	X			

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 5, 2017

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk