

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 21-86

AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH G. RAGNO, ESQ. 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 long term tax exemptions for redevelopment plans; 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, Joseph G. Ragno, Esq. of the firm of Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. will submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-1 commencing January 1, 2021 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 Joseph G. Ragno, Esq. of the firm of Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. to serve as a special counsel to assist the Township and its legal counsel in helping the Township address long term tax exemptions for redevelopment plans.
2. Compensation will be at the hourly rate of \$250.00 per hour that will be paid by the developers escrow accounts.
3. 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.
4. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification shall be placed on file with this Resolution.
5. 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.
6. The availability of funds has been certified by the local finance officer.
7. 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: Scott Smith

Seconded By: Bruce T. Peterson

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 April 15, 2021.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk