

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 25-33

APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD SOLICITOR - MATTHEW RITTER, ESQ. & THEODORE RITTER, ESQ.

WHEREAS, there exists the need for the “Professional Services” of a TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD 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 Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield is desirous of awarding a contract to Matthew Ritter, Esquire and Theodore Ritter, Esquire appointing them as Township Planning Board Solicitor of the Township of Upper Deerfield pursuant to a Professional Service Contract for the year 2025.

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 Matthew Ritter, Esquire and Theodore Ritter, Esquire of the Ritter Law Firm of Bridgeton, New Jersey, is an attorney authorized to practice law by the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey, be appointed Township Planning Board Solicitor for Upper Deerfield Township for the year 2025 to perform professional services ordinarily provided by an attorney and shall receive compensation in accordance with terms of the 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. Upon adoption of the 2025 temporary budget, a purchase order in the amount of the annual cost of the retainer will be encumbered and serve as a certification of availability of funds. The prorated amount of potential additional 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 2025 budget to be certified by the Chief Financial Officer upon adoption of the 2025 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 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Matthew Ritter, Esquire and Theodore Ritter, Esquire in a form satisfactory to the Township Solicitor of the Township of Upper Deerfield.

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: William Whelan

Seconded By: James P. Crilley

VOTING

James P. Crilley
John L. Daddario
Thomas Speranza
Joseph Spoltore
William Whelan

<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 the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held January 2, 2025.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk