



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 21-036

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR CONFLICT COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need from time to time for professional legal services for conflict counsel for the calendar year 2021 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has, through the fair and open process, publicly advertised for a Request for Proposals and Qualifications and said requests for Professional Services for Conflict Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all proposals received and has determined that the Mayor and Borough Council desires to authorize the execution of a professional services contract between the following listed persons/firms and the Borough for the provisions of said services for the calendar year 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Highlands Council as follows:

1. That the firms of McLaughlin Stauffer & Shaklee PC and Pashman Stein Walder Hayden are hereby retained to provide professional services – Conflict Counsel, on an as needed basis, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 plus reimbursable expenses for professional legal services provided to the Borough, at an hourly rate of \$135-165 per hour for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, as set forth in their proposals.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a contract for Conflict Counsel in accordance with this Resolution.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) (i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A copy of this Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
5. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish public notice of this award as required by law.

Motion to Approve R-21-036:

	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin			X			
Mazzola		X	X			
Melnyk			X			
Olszewski			X			
Broullon	X		X			

I, Michelle Hutchinson, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body, at its Council Meeting, held January 1, 2021.

Michelle Hutchinson
Acting Municipal Clerk