



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

**Resolution 20-006**

**A Resolution Authorizing Award of a Fair and Open Contract for  
Professional Legal Services for Tax Appeal & Tax Litigation**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional legal services to be provided to the Borough of Highlands for the calendar year 2020 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 Tax Appeal and Tax Litigation Legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals were received up until 10:45 AM on November 26, 2019, and later evaluated by the Governing Body, for the individual who was most advantageous, with due consideration to the qualifications, experience, compensation and other factors and criteria; 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 contracts between the following listed persons/firms and the Borough for the provisions of said services for the year of 2020; and

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

1. That Blake Laurence of the law firm of, Davison, Eastman, Muñoz, & Paone, PA is hereby retained to provide professional services – Tax Appeal & Tax Litigation for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 plus reimbursable expenses for professional legal services provided to the Borough, at an hourly rate of \$150 per hour for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
2. That the services to be rendered shall be in compliance with the Laws of New Jersey.
3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a contract for Professional Legal Services Contract in accordance with this Resolution.
4. 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(l)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
5. A copy of this Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.

6. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish a public notice of this award as required by law.

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN		X	X			
VALKOS			X			
BROULLON	X		X			

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: 01/01/2020

  
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 Matthew Conlon, RMC, Municipal Clerk

