



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution 20-138

A Resolution Increasing the Contract Amount for Special Counsel with regard to Litigation

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 19-218, the Borough retained Richard Gantner, Esq., of the law firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC. to serve as Special Counsel with regard to a litigation matter pending in the Monmouth County Superior Court, Docket No. MON-L-1838-19; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 19-218, the aforesaid Special Counsel was awarded a non-fair and open contract to provide such professional legal services for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per year at an hourly rate of \$150 per hour; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 20-062, the aforesaid contract for Special Counsel was amended to allow for an increase for an amount not to exceed \$12,500; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 20-088, the aforesaid contract for Special Counsel was amended to allow for an increase for an amount not to exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 20-113, the aforesaid contract for Special Counsel was amended to allow for an increase for an amount not to exceed \$18,000; and

WHEREAS, due to the current status of the matter, the Borough Administrator recommends an additional increase in the contract in an amount not to exceed a cumulative total of \$22,500.00; and

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds is hereby provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Highlands;

Account: 0-01-20-155-000-251

Amount: Not to exceed a cumulative
total of \$22,500

Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that the Contract awarded to Richard Gantner, Esq. of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC. to provide professional legal services with regard to the litigation matter pending in the Monmouth County Superior Court, Docket No. MON-L-1838-19 be and is hereby increased to an amount not to exceed a cumulative total of \$22,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

| | INTRODUCED | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| 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: June 3, 2020

Matthew Conlon, RMC, Municipal Clerk

