



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## **RESOLUTION 21-79**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SHREWSBURY RIVER AUTOMATED FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq. authorizes a local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, certain land areas of Monmouth County are vulnerable to flooding from the Shrewsbury River (including the portion locally referred to as the Navesink River); and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monmouth, together with the municipalities of the Borough of Oceanport, City of Long Branch, Borough of Little Silver, Borough of Monmouth Beach, Borough of Sea Bright, Borough of Highlands, Township of Middletown and the Borough of Rumson (the “Participating Municipalities”), are desirous of protecting lives and property in areas vulnerable to flood waters from the Shrewsbury River; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 the County applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Grant funding to install and make operational an automated flood warning system designed to assist emergency management officials and other first responders in protecting life and property in these vulnerable areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the original period of the Uniform Shared Services Agreement, expired on April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Participating Municipalities wish to continue to gather and analyze the data that the gauges provide, and also wish to continue to share the costs of maintaining the gauges; and

**WHEREAS**, the data from the gauges provides valuable information to the National Weather Service, Monmouth County Emergency Management, Urban Coastal Institute at Monmouth University and the participating Municipalities, aiding in the planning and preparing for the protection of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain a viable system, the gauges, computer mainframe and website will require periodic maintenance and may possibly require emergency repairs which in its entirety exceeds the capability of one or more of the Participating Municipalities and/or the County. As such, each have agreed to evenly share the costs totaling \$1,500.00 per year payable by each Participating Municipality to the County of Monmouth as invoiced during the first quarter of each calendar year. Subsequently, the County of Monmouth shall contribute \$1,500.00 annually covering their portion of the yearly maintenance costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, that the Mayor, the Borough Administrator and the Borough's OEM Coordinator be and are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with Monmouth County to implement and operate the Shrewsbury River Automated Flood Warning System Project, the purpose of which will be to provide early flood warnings to the County and Municipalities along the Shrewsbury River.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Agreement shall be effective commencing January 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for ten (10) years through December 31, 2029.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the expenditure of future funds required thereafter for the Borough of Highlands' continued participation in the Agreement, shall be subject to the filing of a certification by the Chief Financial Officer stating that funds are available in subsequent municipal budgets.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized to undertake such acts as are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution, to the following:

1. Clerk of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners.
2. Borough of Highlands, Chief Financial Officer.
3. Borough of Highlands Administrator.

Motion to Approve R-21-79:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
MARTIN		X	X			
MAZZOLA			X			
MELNYK			X			
OLSZEWSKI			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: March 17, 2021




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Michelle Hutchinson Acting Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Highlands