



Resolution of the Township of Freehold

Monmouth County, New Jersey

No: R-24-8

Date of Adoption: January 5, 2024

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACTS**

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WHEREAS, the Township of Freehold has a need to acquire the services of various professionals and consultants to advise the Township Committee and Administration, and perform such professional services as may be required, pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.5 et seq., thereby assuring that the parties awarded the Contracts will continue to be restricted in its political contributions under the State Pay to Play Law; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has certified that the cost of each of these Contracts may or will exceed \$17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is awarding these contracts under a "fair and open process" that has included public solicitation of qualifications; and,

WHEREAS, publicly advertised requests for qualifications were posted on the Township's website and on November 9, 2023, proposals were publicly opened for Professional Services - 2024; and,

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer shall certify the availability of funds on an as-needed basis, should the Township require the services provided by these professionals; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that the following proposals shall best serve the needs of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2024 Contracts are herein authorized. It is understood that the contract amounts indicated are maximum amounts. There is no obligation of the Township to expend this amount. Total fees paid out will be dependent upon assignments and projects which present themselves and are assigned during the upcoming year. No amounts are expended without submission and review of detailed, itemized vouchers for all time expended. Concerning escrow amounts, the Contract authorized hereby provides for the appointed professional to charge what are known as "escrow" accounts, i.e. funds deposited with the Township, by those (generally developers) who agree to or are required to pay for the professional's time and expense for certain tasks. These funds do not come from taxpayers. The below "escrow" related amounts are based on recent years "escrow" billings.

1. Davison, Eastman, Munoz, Paone, P.A. - Township Attorney and Labor Counsel
General - \$300,000.00; Escrow - \$25,000.00; Trust - \$30,000.00
2. Acacia Financial Group, Inc. - Financial Advisor
General - \$10,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$20,000.00
3. Suplee, Clooney & Company - Auditor
General - \$45,000.00
4. Antonides and Sibilia, CPA's - Fee Accountant
General - \$20,000.00
5. Brown & Brown Metro, LLC -
Insurance Broker - Property & Casualty
General - \$100,000.00
Insurance Broker - Health and Prescription
General - \$180,000.00
6. Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC - Planning Board Attorney
General - 18,000.00; Escrow - \$25,000.00; Trust - \$27,500.00
7. Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC - Special Counsel - Affordable Housing
General - \$130,000.00; Trust - \$25,000.00
8. Gibbons, PC - Bond Counsel
Bond Ordinances - \$85,000.00
9. DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. - Real Estate and
Tax Appeal Legal Counsel
General - \$215,000.00; Escrow - \$15,000.00

10. McLaughlin, Stauffer & Shaklee – Special Counsel – General
General - \$5,000.00
11. F. Clifford Gibbons, Attorney at Law, LLC - Special Counsel - Bankruptcy
General - \$5,000.00
12. CGP&H, LLC - Affordable Housing Administrator
General - \$65,000.00; Trust - \$5,000.00
13. Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC - Planner to Township Committee and
Planning Board
General - \$30,000.00; Escrow - \$62,500.00; Bond Ordinances - \$5,000.00
14. T&M Associates - Engineer to Township Committee and Planning Board; Shade
Tree Consultant; and Environmental Engineer
Escrow - \$350,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$60,000.00
15. Thomas Planning Associates - Planner to Township Committee and Planning Board
General \$15,000.00; Escrow - \$5,500.00; Trust - \$15,000.00
16. Mott MacDonald, LLC - Engineer to Township Committee and Planning Board;
General Engineer to Utilities Department; Water and Sewer Engineer to Utilities
Department; and Environmental Engineer
General - \$50,000.00; Escrow - \$50,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$50,000.00
17. H2M Associates, Inc. - Water and Sewer Engineer to
Utilities Department
General - \$50,000.00; Escrow - \$100,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$100,000.00
18. CME Associates – Planner to Township Committee; General Engineer to Utilities
Department; Water and Sewer Engineer to Utilities Department; Shade Tree
Consultant; Traffic Engineer; Environmental Asset Management Planner; and
Environmental Engineer
General - \$100,000.00; Escrow - \$175,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$175,000.00
19. French and Parello Associates – Engineer to Township Committee and Planning
Board; General Engineer to Utilities Department; Water and Sewer Engineer to
Utilities Department; Environmental Engineer and Traffic Engineer
General - \$100,000.00; Escrow - \$125,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$125,000.00
20. Maraziti Falcon, LLP - Special Counsel – Eminent Domain and Redevelopment
General - \$25,000.00; Escrow - \$10,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$10,000.00
21. Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC – Special Counsel - Eminent Domain and
Redevelopment
General - \$25,000.00; Escrow - \$10,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$10,000.00

22. Allied Control Services, Inc. - Utilities Instrumentation Programming
General - \$20,000.00
23. Shropshire Associates, LLC - Traffic Engineer
General - \$2,000.00; Escrow - \$50,000.00
24. Netta Architects, LLC - Architectural Services
General - \$5,000.00; Escrow - \$15,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$17,500.00
25. Settembrino Architects - Architectural Services
General - \$5,000.00; Escrow - \$15,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$17,500.00
26. Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. - Architectural Services
General - \$5,000.00; Escrow - \$15,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$17,500.00
27. Gagliano & Company - Appraisal Services
General - \$30,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$15,000.00
28. Sockler Realty Services Group - Appraisal Services
General - \$30,000.00; Bond Ordinances - \$15,000.00
29. Skyline Environmental, Inc. - Safety, Health, PEOSHA, OSHA & Labor-Related Services
General - \$27,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the aforementioned appointments shall be for the year ending December 31, 2024. These appointments have been made without competitive bidding as "professional services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be performed are to be performed by recognized professionals licensed and/or regulated by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these proposals and agreements shall be on file in the Township Clerk's Office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of these appointments shall be published as required by law within ten days of the passage of this Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the within Resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Administrator, the Township Chief Financial Officer and to all Contractors.

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VOTE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE							
	I	S		Y	N	NV	AB
Mr. Cook	X			X			
Mrs. Fasano				X			
Mr. Preston				X			
Mr. Walker		X		X			
Mayor Ammiano				X			
I-Introduced By S-Seconded By X- Indicates Vote NV- Not Voting AB- Absent							