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RESOLUTION 22-121

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO THE LAW FIRM OF APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY, P.C. TO PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES AND CONDUCT A PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton (hereinafter also “the Town”) has a need to engage the legal services of counsel to conduct an independent personnel investigation as to allegations made by a Town of Boonton Police Department employee; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Thibault, Esq. of the law firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. has the qualifications and experience necessary to conduct such investigation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, when the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by the contracting unit without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the contract shall not exceed \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose from account #1-01-20-155-263; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Thibault, Esq. shall complete and submit both a Political Contribution Disclosure Form and a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Boonton with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Arthur R. Thibault, Esq. or his firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. has submitted its proposal terms attached herein at “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for professional services without competitive bid and the contract itself must be made available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Town of Boonton agrees to pay Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C., located at 25 Independence Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Warren NJ 07059, at their hourly rates as set forth within their proposal as attached at Exhibit A.

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Big Heart*

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contracts law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3.
3. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Treasurer, Town of Boonton and to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C., for their information and guidance.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Cynthia A. Oravits, Clerk of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, hereby certifies this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton on April 18, 2022.

Cynthia A. Oravits, Town Clerk