Minutes

Mayor and Municipal Council Special Meeting
of Township of Belleville at Council Chambers - Town Hall,
152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey, Tuesday, January 14, 2026
at 12:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Melham at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present: Council Member Vincent Cozzarelli, Naomy DePeña, Thomas Graziano, Diane S. Guardabasco, Frank Velez III and Mayor Michael A. Melham

Phone: Tracy J. Muldrow (late arrival)

Absent: None

Also Present: Steven J. Martino, Township Attorney, Township Attorney, Brian Banda, Township Manager, Gerard Corbo, Deputy Chief of Police, Frank DiMaria, CFO, William Villiano, Purchasing Agent, Alberto Cabrera, Municipal Clerk, David J. Arce, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance: By Mayor Michael Melham

Sunshine Law:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) known as the Sunshine Law, notice of this meeting was published in the Friday, January 9, 2026, edition of the *Star Ledger*. The Sunshine Law was complied with by adopting and forwarding to press, posting, and filling with the Municipal Clerk the annual resolution showing the date, time, and place of each meeting.
A copy of the annual meeting notice has been posted on the Township website and Town Hall Bulletin Board.

Work Session/Council Discussions:

Mayor Melham:

- Summer Camp Expenses and Staffing
    - Do we make money, do we lose money

Lenny:

- Our payroll is about $220,000
- We employ roughly 85 people consisting mostly of high school students
- We spent a total of $44,000 and brought in $81,000

Mayor Melham:

- What year is this

Lenny:

  - 2025

Brian Banda

  - Rent Control Ordinance update present by William Villano

William Villano

  - The increase has been by one percent from four percent to five
  - It's not much but it's consistent
  - The fine for not filing the application is a total of $750
  - First notice is $100
  - Second notice for not filing is $300
  - Third fine is $350
  - We received 247 out of 267 applications
  - A rent-controlled unit is considered a three-family home and above unless owner occupies it, then it is exempted but limited to four family homes
  - Home owns must now disclose if the apartment is rent-controlled or not

Brian Banda

- Administrative code updates and salary ordinance
  - We want to update the administrative code in three areas
  - First is a personal director who operates out of the manager's office
  - The second area is purchasing
  - The final update is the code department
  - The salary portion reflects a stipend of $25,000 in contrast to the nearly $200,000 yearly salary the previous code department director was receiving
- Parking permits
  - There have been a lot of parking permit requests from residents at Silver Lake
  - These new developments have made parking garages built in
  - Managementg charges residents a fee for parking and the residents rather park in the street
  - I would like to take action to limit or prohibit street parking for residents of the building
  - Neighboring towns such as Garfield do not offer street parking permits for newly constructed buildings
- Five-year tax abatement program changes

- The current program allows for newly constructed buildings of three units or higher
- The recommendation to change the ordinance is to allow new construction for single family condos and two-family developments

Councilmember Cozzarelli

- Public mural review by historic preservation committee
  - I received a request for another mural on private property but it's on public view
  - Perhaps if we had some mural review committee, maybe through the historic preservation committee
  - Or we can create a subcommittee
- Loading zone in front of Little Zion Church
  - Little Zion will like a loading zone for their food distribution programs
  - It's one spot in front of the church, once or twice a week

Report of the Manager

- Fairway Park – No updates. The phase 1 upgrades are 99% complete. The fencing is done. We are just waiting on the topcoat of the basketball court, which will get done once the weather breaks in Q1 2026.
- Friendly House Floor – (tom). No updates. We are waiting for the humidity to increase to get the wood acclimated enough to complete installation. Purchased a humidifier and waiting to see if it helps.
- Food truck park – (tom). No updates. Still waiting for PSEG to bring service to the site before work can continue. The water department is ready to run the water service.

- Santander Parking Lot – We closed on the purchase on 12/29 ($805k) and hopefully can repair, stripe, set up park mobile to open the new public parking lot in Q1 2026.
  - Police Building Renovation – No updates. The contractor is now working to fix leaking pipes (can tell from council room ceiling) and awaiting framing inspections. Once complete, reconstruction will begin.
  - Fire Training Tower – (tom). No updates. The engineer has started site/ footing and foundations work. The remaining permits are being reviewed by the Construction department. The prefab structure is not expected to be received until April.
  - Washington Ave – No updates. This state project is halted due to PSEG poles that are in the way of the State's proposed improvements. There is no date set for when PSEG will move those poles.
  - 191 Belmont (Townhall Annex) – (tom) No updates. We are still working with the Engineer to get quotes for the proposed work.

- Township Lower Lot (Belleville Ave) – No updates.
- Edmunds update – Our team will be meeting with Edmunds in February to review the code department conversion and plan an estimated date of implementation.
- DPW water monitoring system – We are proud to announce, at the direction of Bobby Welter, DPW and the township engineer, our new Water monitoring system, which is one of bellevilles first steps into smart city technology. These little red caps on our fire hydrants will monitor our water systems to help in early detection of leaks and water inefficiencies allowing repairs to be made before they become big water main breaks. This all means more efficient and reliable water service for our residents. Thank you to Bobby, Tom Herits and the team.
- Budget Committee: Will be working with each department on their budget and report back to the budget committee – Rec and Fire are scheduled for this week. We will focus on where we can tighten our belts to help offset unsustainably rising health insurance costs.
- We will be reporting back to our budget committee throughout the process. Health insurance has increased each year as a percentage of our total budget from 19% in 2022 to 24% in 2025 and a potential 27% in 2026 based on projections given to us by our provider. This type of growth puts strain on the rest of our operations, noting our largest departments made large spending cuts in 2025 to help offset as well.
- Grant Committee: (jacky) – Is pleased to announce that the Township received the NJ DOT Transportation alternative grant in the amount of $1,500,000 (max award) to help fund our greylock parkway pedestrian safety and beautification plan. This includes bump outs, raised crosswalks and beautification upgrades to the center island. We expect to be authorized to start this project within the next two years (hopefully sooner rather than later). Thank you to the grant team for all the hard work it took to get this one – which included the controversial bike lane study on division.
- Senior Advisory Board: The Board received a letter from a resident with requests of our council. The senior that wrote this letter is burdened, like many other seniors in town on fixed incomes, with rising costs. They ask the council to please look into affordable housing for seniors. They also asked to increase mobile services and veterans services. I will share this letter with you and if you would like to explore some new ideas in these area, we can.
- Business Committee: No updates. Need to activate, which will help with grants that benefit our local businesses.
- Redevelopment Committee: Three projects are beginning plan review – 506 Washington Ave, 260 Washington Ave (both of which are in the demolition phase) and 11 franklin (rear mixed use).

- Policy updates (Transparency):
    - Personnel reviews and organization charts are completed. This is the first time the township completed these items (outside of police and fire), creating a record and baseline of staffing to help set goals for the township and for the individual personnel growth of our employees. This is part of building a better work force and environment in order to maintain a strong level of services for the public going forward. Thank you to Michele, our personnel director for organizing and seeing this effort through to completion. Thank you to our Directors who put the time and effort into filling out each review with care.
- Comments/ Noteworthy ordinances/ resolutions to be voted on:
    - Bus Shelter Advertisements contract – Bobby Welter (thank you bobby) who was able to chase down the company and the contract. It was renewed in 2020 for a 10 year term. The company pays the township 25% of their revenue from the ads on a semi annual basis (which we found that payments are being made to us as agreed). I think the Council should also know that the Township is permitted to use up to 10% of the ad space for public service or event messages.
    - 2025 Recap. We got a lot done from xx to xx (make a list) and we were able to do it all with the help of this Mayor and Council. I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me and our staff and we will continue to work hard for you and the residents of Belleville in 2026. Happy holidays and happy new year.

Report of the Mayor:

- None to report

Approval of Minutes:

- None to report

Communications:

- None to report

Ordinance:

Ordinance #01-26
Ordinance for Introduction:

An Ordinance to amend the revised general ordinance of the Township of Belleville, Chapter9-8, designated Loading Zone

Motion to introduce by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember Velez
Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham
Abstain: None, Absent: None

Public Comments:

Motion to open public comments by Councilmember Velez, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

Mario Drozdz, 95 Bell Street

- I thought this was supposed to be a work session and you're voting on resolutions like that is a regular meeting

Mayor Melham

- I don't ever think this was going to be called a work session, it was my impression we were going to have Wednesday meetings if we needed to have a meeting, instead of calling a special meeting. If we didn't need to use it we would not hold it

Motion to close public comments by Councilmember Guardabasco, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

Resolutions:
Consent Agenda
Motion to approve consent agenda by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE

ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

"RESOLUTION ASSIGNING PRIORITIES FOR SUBMISSIONS OF THE FY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION"

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer reviewed eligible projects with the Township Manager, and the Township of Belleville held public hearings for the FY2026 CDBG applications to review the proposed projects, i.e., Renovations to the Senior Center Kitchen and Replacing of watermains and lead services at various eligible locations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer desires to continue these projects with a FY2065 CDBG Application, and held public hearings on December 11, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Belleville that the following priority is hereby assigned for submission of the FY 2026 CDBG Application:

1. Renovations to the Senior Center Kitchen
2. Replacing of watermains and lead services at various eligible locations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Township of Belleville authorizes the Township Manager and the Township Engineer to submit the FY 2026 CDBG Application for the above listed project by the December 29, 2025 deadline.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND REFUNDING ON A DWELLING HOUSE OF AN APPROVED DISABLED VETERAN"

WHEREAS, Billy Ramirez has applied to the Tax Assessor for approval for a Tax Exemption on his Dwelling Home located at 100 Chestnut Street, Belleville, NJ 07109 aka Block 3802 Lot 28 on January 5th, 2026.

WHEREAS, upon receipt of said application the Tax Assessor has reviewed said application and has determined that Billy Ramirez application for exemption was complete in submission and has met all the requirements set forth in NJSA 54:4-30 et seq.; L.1948, c259 as amended and therefore is fully qualified and has approved Billy Ramirez for exemption from Real Estate Tax on his dwelling subject to approval from governing body effective January 5th, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that Billy Ramirez request be approved for Tax Exemption on his dwelling located at 100 Chestnut Street, Belleville, NJ 07109 aka Block 3802 Lot 28 effective January 5th, 2026, and hereby authorize the Tax Collector to refund the portion of Billy Ramirez taxes paid for Block 3802 Lot 28 from the period beginning January 5th, 2026, and cancel the 2026 taxes due thereafter.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Sister Cities

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, between the Township of Belleville, New Jersey and the City of Licey, Santiago, Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville recognizes the profound cultural, historical, and humanitarian ties that connect our community with the Dominican Republic, particularly the City of Licey in the Province of Santiago; and

WHEREAS, Belleville proudly honors the heritage of its first Latina elected as Councilwoman and Deputy Mayor, Naomy De Peña, whose family roots originate in Santiago, further strengthening the bridge of unity between our communities; and

WHEREAS, the humanitarian work carried out through local Belleville organizations, including Zentai Martial Arts & Leadership Academy and the Heart of Zentai initiative, has extended meaningful support, leadership training, and resources to children and families in Licey, demonstrating the shared values of service, compassion, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, these ties of heritage, service, and community uplift have fostered a spirit of mutual respect and friendship between Belleville and Licey, creating a natural foundation for ongoing collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville recognizes Mayor Domingo Almonte of the beautiful City of Licey, Santiago, for his dedication to public service and his commitment to strengthening relationships that enrich both of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Belleville, New Jersey, hereby declares and acknowledges the City of Licey, Santiago, Dominican Republic, and the Township of Belleville, New Jersey, as Sister Cities, united by shared values, cultural heritage, and a common mission to uplift and empower future generations.

PROCLAIMED on this 16th day of December 2025

Naomy De Peña, Deputy Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL SIGNS SUPPLIED BY THE BELLEVILLE CHAPTER OF UNICO AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP"

WHEREAS, the Belleville chapter of UNICO, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the community, has offered to supply signs to promote their activities and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these signs aim to foster community engagement and pride within the Township of Belleville; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville supports community organizations and their efforts to enhance public awareness and participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex, New Jersey that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to install signs supplied by the Belleville chapter of UNICO at the following designated locations within the Township:

Franklin Avenue on the border of Belleville/Nutley line

Washington Avenue on the border of Belleville/Nutley line

Union Avenue on the border of Belleville/Nutley line

Joralemon and Hoover Avenue on the border of Belleville/Bloomfield line; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UNICO shall be responsible for future maintenance and upkeep of the signs once installed.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

"RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR AUDITING SERVICES"

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *auditing* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a New Jersey Registered Municipal Accountant to perform the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, LLP
550 BROAD STREET

NEWARK, NJ 07102

has submitted a qualification statement for professional *auditing* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, LLP and are satisfied that SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, LLP has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, LLP and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for auditing services is hereby made to:

   SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, LLP
   550 BROAD STREET
   NEWARK, NJ 07102

2. The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, LLP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts

Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-135-D06-200
6-05-55-505-000-200

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

"RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES"

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *bond counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a bond counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

ROGUT MCCARTHY LLC
37 ALDEN STREET
CRANFORD, NJ 07016

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Bond Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of ROGUT MCCARTHY LLC and are satisfied that ROGUT MCCARTHY LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify ROGUT MCCARTHY LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached

hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

3. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *bond counsel* services is hereby made to:

   ROGUT MCCARTHY LLC
   37 ALDEN STREET
   CRANFORD, NJ 07016

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with ROGUT MCCARTHY LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *bond counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a bond counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

MS&B
75 LIVINGSTON AVENUE
ROSELAND, NJ 07068

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Bond Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have

reviewed the qualification statement of MS&B and are satisfied that MS&B has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify MS&B and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

4. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *bond counsel* services is hereby made to:

   MS&B
   75 LIVINGSTON AVENUE
   ROSELAND, NJ 07068

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with MS&B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

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FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

"RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR COMPUTER SERVICES"

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *computer* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *computer* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

JCT SOLUTIONS
545 KEARNY AVE
KEARNY, NJ 07032

has submitted a qualification statement for *computer* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of JCT SOLUTIONS and are satisfied that JCT SOLUTIONS has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify JCT SOLUTIONS and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of

Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

5. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *computer* services is hereby made to:

JCT SOLUTIONS
545 KEARNY AVE
KEARNY, NJ 07032

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with JCT SOLUTIONS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-135-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *engineering* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of an *engineering* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

FASTECH
235 MOORE STREET
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

has submitted a qualification statement for *engineering* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of FASTECH and are satisfied that FASTECH has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify FASTECH and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *engineering* services is hereby made to:

   FASTECH
   235 MOORE STREET
   HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with FASTECH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers:	6-01-20-165-000-200
	C-04-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
	C-06-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
	T-XX-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *engineering* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of an *engineering* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

BRIGHT VIEW ENGINEERING
70 SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE, SUITE 109
LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

has submitted a qualification statement for *engineering* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of BRIGHT VIEW ENGINEERING and are satisfied that BRIGHT VIEW ENGINEERING has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify BRIGHT VIEW ENGINEERING and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *engineering* services is hereby made to:

   BRIGHT VIEW ENGINEERING
   70 SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE, SUITE 109
   LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with BRIGHT VIEW ENGINEERING.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200
C-04-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
C-06-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
T-XX-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 011-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *engineering* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of an *engineering* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS
ONE HARMON PLAZA – SUITE 210
SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

has submitted a qualification statement for *engineering* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS and are satisfied that REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *engineering* services is hereby made to:

   REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS
   ONE HARMON PLAZA – SUITE 210
   SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200
C-04-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
C-06-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
T-XX-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *engineering* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of an *engineering* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

CME ASSOCIATES
3141 BORDENTOWN AVENUE
PARLIN, NJ 08859

has submitted a qualification statement for *engineering* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of CME ASSOCIATES and are satisfied that CME ASSOCIATES has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify CME ASSOCIATES and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution

authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *surveying* services is hereby made to:

   CME ASSOCIATES
   3141 BORDENTOWN AVENUE
   PARLIN, NJ 08859

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with CME ASSOCIATES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

***

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200
C-04-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
C-06-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
T-XX-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *engineering* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of an *engineering* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN
2000 MIDLANTIC DRIVE – SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 80054

has submitted a qualification statement for *engineering* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN and are satisfied that COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *surveying* services is hereby made to:

   COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN
   2000 MIDLANTIC DRIVE – SUITE 100
   MT LAUREL, NJ 80054

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

***

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200
C-04-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
C-06-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
T-XX-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *engineering* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of an *engineering* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly

opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

NEGLIA ENGINEERING
34 PARK AVENUE
LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

has submitted a qualification statement for *engineering* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of NEGLIA ENGINEERING and are satisfied that NEGLIA ENGINEERING has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify NEGLIA ENGINEERING and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for engineering services is hereby made to:

   NEGLIA ENGINEERING
   34 PARK AVENUE
   LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with NEGLIA ENGINEERING.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a

"Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200
C-04-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
C-06-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX
T-XX-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *financial advisory* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a financial advisory service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
2 HUDSON PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
HOBOKEN, NJ 07030

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Financial Advisor to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of NW FINANCIAL GROUP LLC and are satisfied that NW FINANCIAL GROUP LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify NW FINANCIAL GROUP LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution

authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *financial advisory* services is hereby made to:

   NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
   2 HUDSON PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
   HOBOKEN, NJ 07030

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with NW FINANCIAL GROUP LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-130-D01-202

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *financial advisory* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a financial advisory service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

PHOENIX ADVISORS
2000 WATERVIEW DRIVE, SUITE 101
HAMILTON, NJ 08691

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Financial Advisor to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of PHOENIX ADVISORS and are satisfied that PHOENIX ADVISORS has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify PHOENIX ADVISORS and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes

to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *financial advisory* services is hereby made to:

   PHOENIX ADVISORS
   2000 WATERVIEW DRIVE, SUITE 101
   HAMILTON, NJ 08691

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with PHOENIX ADVISORS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-130-D01-202

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 017-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *financial advisory* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a financial advisory service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP
6000 MIDATLANTIC DRIVE, SUITE 410 NORTH
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Financial Advisor to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP and are satisfied that ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *financial advisory* services is hereby made to:

   ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP
   6000 MIDATLANTIC DRIVE, SUITE 410 NORTH
   MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-130-D01-202

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 018-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *general counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a general counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

PEARCE LAW
COURT PLAZA NORTH, 25 MAIN STREET
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as General Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of PEARCE LAW and are satisfied that PEARCE LAW has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify PEARCE LAW and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *general counsel* services is hereby made to:

PEARCE LAW
COURT PLAZA NORTH, 25 MAIN STREET
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with PEARCE LAW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 019-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *general counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a general counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

DIPISA & LAGO, LLC
149 BOULEVARD
HASBROUCK HIGHTS, NJ 07604

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as General Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of DIPISA & LAGO, LLC and are satisfied that DIPISA & LAGO, LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify DIPISA & LAGO, LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *general counsel* services is hereby made to:

   DIPISA & LAGO, LLC
   149 BOULEVARD
   HASBROUCK HIGHTS, NJ 07604

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with DIPISA & LAGO, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *general counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a general counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC
2 BROAD STREET, SUITE 510
BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as General Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC and are satisfied that ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *general counsel* services is hereby made to:

   ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC
   2 BROAD STREET, SUITE 510
   BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 021-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *grant consulting* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *grant consulting* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council;

and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

THE AUBREY GROUP
648 WESTFIELD AVENUE, 301
ELIZABETH, NJ 07208

has submitted a qualification statement for *grant consulting* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of THE AUBREY GROUP and are satisfied that THE AUBREY GROUP has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify THE AUBREY GROUP and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *grant consulting* services is hereby made to:

   THE AUBREY GROUP
   648 WESTFIELD AVENUE, 301
   ELIZABETH, NJ 07208

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with THE AUBREY GROUP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a

"Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2025 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 5-01-20-130-D01-203

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *grant consulting* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *grant consulting* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service"

means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES
60 COLUMBIA ROAD
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

has submitted a qualification statement for *grant consulting* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES and are satisfied that MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *grant consulting* services is hereby made to:

   MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES
   60 COLUMBIA ROAD
   MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

2. The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-130-D01-203

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 023-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *health administrator* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *health administrator* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

ALAMO
55 FLANAGAN WAY
SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

has submitted a qualification statement for *health administrator* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of ALAMO and are satisfied that ALAMO has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify ALAMO and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *health administrator* services is hereby made to:

   ALAMO
   55 FLANAGAN WAY
   SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with ALAMO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-23-210-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 024-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *health administrator* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *health administrator* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

IMAC
540 MILL ST.
BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109

has submitted a qualification statement for *health administrator* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of IMAC and are satisfied that IMAC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify IMAC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *health administrator* services is hereby made to:

   IMAC
   540 MILL ST.
   BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with IMAC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-23-210-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 025-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR INSURANCE BROKER

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *insurance broker* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *insurance broker* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

ALAMO
55 FLANAGAN WAY
SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

has submitted a qualification statement for *insurance broker* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of ALAMO and are satisfied that ALAMO has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify ALAMO and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *insurance broker* services is hereby made to:

   ALAMO
   55 FLANAGAN WAY
   SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with ALAMO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

***

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-23-210-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 026-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR INSURANCE BROKER

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *insurance broker* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *insurance broker* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose

practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

IMAC
540 MILL ST.
BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109

has submitted a qualification statement for *insurance broker* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of IMAC and are satisfied that IMAC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify IMAC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *insurance broker* services is hereby made to:

   IMAC
   540 MILL ST.
   BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with IMAC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

***

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-23-210-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 027-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *labor counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a labor counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

PEARCE LAW
COURT PLAZA NORTH, 25 MAIN STREET
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Labor Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of PEARCE LAW and are satisfied that PEARCE LAW has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify PEARCE LAW and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and

conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *labor counsel* services is hereby made to:

   PEARCE LAW
   COURT PLAZA NORTH, 25 MAIN STREET
   HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with PEARCE LAW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 028-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *labor counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a labor counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

DIPISA & LAGO, LLC
249 BOULEVARD
HASBROUCK HIGHTS, NJ 07604

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Labor Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of DIPISA & LAGO, LLC and are satisfied that DIPISA & LAGO, LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify DIPISA & LAGO, LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *labor counsel* services is hereby made to:

   DIPISA & LAGO, LLC
   249 BOULEVARD
   HASBROUCK HIGHTS, NJ 07604

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with DIPISA & LAGO, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 029-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *labor counsel* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a labor counsel service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC
34 MOUNTAIN BLVD. BUILDING A
WARREN, NJ 07059

has submitted a qualification statement to serve as Labor Counsel to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC and are satisfied that ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for professional *labor counsel* services is hereby made to:

ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC
34 MOUNTAIN BLVD. BUILDING A
WARREN, NJ 07059

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *public information consulting* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *public information consulting* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS
312 NORTH AVENUE EAST – SUITE 5
CRANFORD, NJ 07016

has submitted a qualification statement for *public information consulting* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS and are satisfied that JAFFEE COMMUNICATIONS has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *public information consulting* services is hereby made to:

   JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS
   312 NORTH AVENUE EAST – SUITE 5
   CRANFORD, NJ 07016

2. The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-110-A01-201

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None.

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 031-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR PLANNING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *planning* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *planning* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

CME ASSOCIATES
3141 BORDENTOWN AVENUE
PARLIN, NJ 08859

has submitted a qualification statement for *planning* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of CME ASSOCIATES and are satisfied CME ASSOCIATES has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify CME ASSOCIATES and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *planning* services is hereby made to:

   CME ASSOCIATES
   3141 BORDENTOWN AVENUE
   PARLIN, NJ 08859

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with CME ASSOCIATES

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

***

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR PLANNING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *planning* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *planning* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

HGA (HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES)
236 BROAD STREET
REDBANK, NJ 07701

has submitted a qualification statement for *planning* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of HGA (HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES) and are satisfied HGA (HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES) has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify HGA (HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES) and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *planning* services is hereby made to:

   HGA (HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES)
   236 BROAD STREET
   REDBANK, NJ 07701

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with HGA (HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None.

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 033-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR PLANNING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *planning* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *planning* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

NEGLIA ENGINEERING
34 PARK AVENUE
LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

has submitted a qualification statement for *planning* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of NEGLIA ENGINEERING and are satisfied NEGLIA ENGINEERING has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify NEGLIA ENGINEERING and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *planning* services is hereby made to:

   NEGLIA ENGINEERING

34 PARK AVENUE
LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with NEGLIA ENGINEERING

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR PLANNING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *planning* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *planning* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC.
149 WESTERVELT PL.
LODI, NJ 07644

has submitted a qualification statement for *planning* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC. and are satisfied PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC. has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC. and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *planning* services is hereby made to:

   PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC.
   149 WESTERVELT PL.
   LODI, NJ 07644

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR PLANNING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *planning* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *planning* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

DOUGHERTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT LLC
54 MAIN STREET
CHATHAM, NJ 07928

has submitted a qualification statement for *planning* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of DOUGHERTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT LLC and are satisfied that DOUGHERTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify DOUGHERTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *planning* services is hereby made to:

   DOUGHERTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT LLC
   54 MAIN STREET
   CHATHAM, NJ 07928

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with DOUGHERTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None.

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *commercial real estate appraisal* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *commercial real estate appraisal* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC
7 HULTON AVENUE
WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052

has submitted a qualification statement for *commercial real estate appraisal* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC and are satisfied that HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *commercial real estate appraisal* services is hereby made to:

   HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC
   7 HULTON AVENUE
   WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of

funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 037-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *residential real estate appraisal* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *residential real estate appraisal* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC
7 HULTON AVENUE
WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052

has submitted a qualification statement for *residential real estate appraisal* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC and are satisfied that HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *residential real estate appraisal* services is hereby made to:

   HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC
   7 HULTON AVENUE
   WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052

2. The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a

"Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 038-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *redevelopment consulting* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *redevelopment consulting* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

DEAN J. DONATELLI, LLC
96 GLEN ALPIN RD.
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

has submitted a qualification statement for *redevelopment consulting* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of DEAN J. DONATELLI, LLC and are satisfied that DEAN J. DONATELLI, LLC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify DEAN J. DONATELLI, LLC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *redevelopment consulting* services is hereby made to:

DEAN J. DONATELLI, LLC
96 GLEN ALPIN RD.
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

2. The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with DEAN J. DONATELLI, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *redevelopment consulting* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *redevelopment consulting* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

NW FINANCIAL SERVICES
522 BROAD ST.
BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

has submitted a qualification statement for *redevelopment consulting* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of NW FINANCIAL SERVICES and are satisfied that NW FINANCIAL SERVICES has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify NW FINANCIAL SERVICES and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution

authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *redevelopment consulting* services is hereby made to:

   NW FINANCIAL SERVICES
   522 BROAD ST.
   BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with NW FINANCIAL SERVICES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-130-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 040-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR RISK MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *risk management* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *risk management* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

ALAMO
55 FLANAGAN WAY
SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

has submitted a qualification statement for *risk management* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of ALAMO and are satisfied that ALAMO has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify ALAMO and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *risk management* services is hereby made to:

   ALAMO
   55 FLANAGAN WAY
   SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with ALAMO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None.

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 041-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR RISK MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *risk management* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *risk management* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

IMAC
540 MILL ST.
BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109

has submitted a qualification statement for *risk management* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of IMAC and are satisfied that IMAC has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify IMAC and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *risk management* services is hereby made to:

   IMAC
   540 MILL ST.
   BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with IMAC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-XX-XXX-XXX-XXX

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 042-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR SURVEYING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *surveying* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *surveying* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

CME ASSOCIATES
3141 BORDENTOWN AVENUE
PARLIN, NJ 08859

has submitted a qualification statement for *surveying* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of CME ASSOCIATES and are satisfied that CME ASSOCIATES has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify CME ASSOCIATES and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *surveying* services is hereby made to:

   CME ASSOCIATES
   3141 BORDENTOWN AVENUE
   PARLIN, NJ 08859

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with CME ASSOCIATES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 043-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR SURVEYING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *surveying* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *surveying* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council;

and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC.
149 WESTERVELT PLACE
LODI, NJ 07644

has submitted a qualification statement for *surveying* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC. and are satisfied that PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC. has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC. and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *surveying* services is hereby made to:

   PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC.
   149 WESTERVELT PLACE
   LODI, NJ 07644

   The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with PAPAROZZI ASSOCIATES INC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a

"Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 044-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR SURVEYING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional *surveying* services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville wishes to contract the services of a *surveying* service firm; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides for the award of professional services, without engaging in the bidding process, to a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 declares that a "professional service" means services performed by 1) a person authorized by law to practice a recognize profession, 2) whose

practice is regulated by law, 3) and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit "Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought qualified professionals to provide the services through the use of a "fair and open process," as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Qualifications; publicly solicited RFQs through the utilization of the Township's official web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the RFQ,

NEGLIA ENGINEERING
34 PARK AVENUE
LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

has submitted a qualification statement for *surveying* services to the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk have reviewed the qualification statement of NEGLIA ENGINEERING and are satisfied that NEGLIA ENGINEERING has the qualifications necessary to satisfy the scope of services outlined in the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, has determined that the value of the services will exceed $17,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is one year or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deems it in the best interest of the Township to qualify NEGLIA ENGINEERING and, award a Contract to provide the services delineated in the RFQ and wishes to provide its approval to the award of contract; and,

WHEREAS, such award of contract shall be made as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of such contract; and,

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. has been provided by Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services," without competitive bids and the contract itself, must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. An award of a Professional Service Contract for *surveying* services is hereby made to:

   NEGLIA ENGINEERING
   34 PARK AVENUE
   LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

The Township Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of said Professional Service Contract with NEGLIA ENGINEERING.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the _____, the official newspaper for the Township of Belleville.

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CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3

I, Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Belleville hereby certify the availability of funds for this purpose from the following source:

2026 Municipal Budget Account Numbers: 6-01-20-165-000-200

FRANK DI MARIA

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 045-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the Township of Belleville is required to designate by resolution the official depositories for municipal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to authorize depositories for the deposit of municipal funds for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the following are eligible public depositories as defined in N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. and is compliant with all applicable state banking and municipal finance regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that:

Spencer Savings Bank – 611 River Drive, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
Amboy Bank – 3590 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Connect One Bank - 301 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632
Valley Bank – 237 Washington Avenue, Belleville NJ 07109
M&T Bank – 216 Passaic Avenue, Belleville NJ 07109
Santander Bank – 463 Washington Avenue, Belleville NJ 07109
Provident Bank – 208-218 Washington Avenue, Belleville NJ 07109
Chase Bank - 181 Franklin St, Belleville, NJ 07109

1. Are hereby authorized and designated as official depositories of municipal funds for the Township of Belleville.
2. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to open, maintain, and manage one or more accounts with those depositories for the deposit and disbursement of Township funds.
3. The Chief Financial Officer, Township Manager, and Tax Collector are authorized to execute any agreements, forms, or other documentation required to effectuate the establishment of said accounts.
4. The Chief Financial Officer, Township Manager, and Tax Collector are authorized signatures (2 required) on all accounts.
5. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to each Bank and filed with the Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 046-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY BILLS AND

CONDUCT FINANCIAL MATTERS AS DEEMED NECESSARY BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville holds two pre-scheduled meetings each calendar month; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Chief Financial Officer to pay certain bills and conduct financial matters as deemed necessary and ensure statutory and regulatory compliance between meetings; and

WHEREAS, payment of such bills and conducting of financial matters are to be ratified by the Mayor and Council at the next available meeting,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to pay bills and conduct financial matters between meetings of the Mayor and Council; actions to be ratified at the next available Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 047-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

WHEREAS, consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., the Township of Belleville desires to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of its affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26 et seq.

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville has amended its Code to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer its affordable housing program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Belleville in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that Frank Di Maria, Chief Financial Officer is hereby appointed as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program, pursuant to and in accordance with the Code of the Township of Belleville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Municipal Housing Liaison is authorized to undertake such

activities necessary to perform his duties as Municipal Housing Liaison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution shall be published as and if required by law.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 048-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution, and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council, of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex to establish such a fund for the POLICE CHIEF in the amount of $500.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Mark Minichini, who is bonded for the amount of $10,000; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, of the Township of Belleville hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 049-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution, and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council, of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex to establish such a fund for the TAX COLLECTOR in the amount of $500.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Mary Cabanillas, who is bonded for the amount of $1,000,000; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, of the Township of Belleville hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 050-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3

WHEREAS, the Affirmative Action Regulations of the Affirmative Action Office of the State of New Jersey addresses Public Agencies Awarding Contracts under P. L. 197 5, Chapter 127, (N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.1 et seq,) and further provide for entering into contracts, construction contracts, procedures; and with contract procurement, language service and reporting; and

WHEREAS, regulations further provide for the annual designation of an officer or employee of the public agency to serve as a Public Agency Compliance Officer ("PACO") who will be responsible for coordinating the reporting procedure from contractors procedures and to generally regarding the supervise the Affirmative Regulations (N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3) and Compliance Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville that WILLIAM G. VILLANO, is hereby appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer to serve for the year 2026 for the Township of Belleville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Division of Purchase & Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit, EEO Monitoring Program, PO Box 236, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 051-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Eagle Scout Troop 3252

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, George Mekhail has demonstrated dedication, discipline, and perseverance as a member of the Boy Scouts of America since September 2022, actively participating in Scouting while attending Saint Mary and Saint Mercurius Coptic Church in Belleville and residing in Paramus, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, George Mekhail is a freshman at Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, New Jersey, where he has distinguished himself through involvement in academic and extracurricular activities including the Debate Club, Armory Club, Theatre Club, and Media Club, while also participating in athletic pursuits such as soccer, basketball, and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, George Mekhail has consistently demonstrated a commitment to personal growth and community engagement, using his free time productively through outdoor activities and service-oriented involvement, reflecting the values of responsibility, teamwork, and leadership fostered through Scouting; and

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, George Mekhail completed a meaningful service project involving landscaping work at his church, contributing his time and effort to improve the grounds while also volunteering to assist the homeless and support his church community with various needs; and

WHEREAS, George Mekhail's Scouting experience has instilled in him a strong moral foundation and a commitment to service, guiding his future aspirations to pursue a career as an architectural engineer and continue contributing positively to his community through leadership, service, and integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville do hereby honor and congratulate Eagle Scout George Mekhail for his exemplary service to the community

and his achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and extend their best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors

PROCLAIMED on this 14th day of January 2026

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Michael A. Melham, Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 052-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Eagle Scout Troop 3252

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, Jina Aziz has been a committed member of the Boy Scouts of America since 2017 and has demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and leadership throughout her scouting journey, while currently pursuing her education as a college sophomore and residing outside the Township of Belleville; and

WHEREAS, Jina Aziz has actively engaged in a wide range of extracurricular and leadership activities, including church service, participation on a student advisory board, involvement in national societies of leadership and success, and serving as a volunteer crisis counselor, reflecting strong character and compassion for others; and

WHEREAS, Jina Aziz has shown a deep commitment to community service through volunteer efforts such as charity work, preparing sandwiches for those in need, making blankets for animal shelters, participating in walks, and volunteering at church summer camps, all while fostering fellowship and supporting those around her; and

WHEREAS, Jina Aziz demonstrated initiative, responsibility, and service through her Eagle Scout project, which involved creating blankets for an animal shelter, providing comfort and care while leaving a meaningful and lasting contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, Jina Aziz has exemplified the highest ideals of the Boy Scouts of America by successfully earning the rank of Eagle Scout and by continuing to pursue academic and professional goals in psychology, with aspirations to earn a PhD in neuropsychology and to serve children, adolescents, and adults through research and clinical practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville do hereby honor and congratulate Eagle Scout Jina Aziz for her exemplary service to the community and her achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and extend their best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors

PROCLAIMED on this 14th day of January 2026

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Michael A. Melham, Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 053-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Eagle Scout Troop 3252

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, Maria Beniamien demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and commitment through her six years of involvement in the Scouting program and is currently a junior in high school, balancing academic responsibilities with service and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, Maria Beniamien has actively participated in athletics and personal development activities, including playing volleyball and badminton, which have helped foster teamwork, discipline, and a strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Maria Beniamien has shown a meaningful commitment to service by participating in church-related activities such as summer camps and volunteering in various school-based activities as part of her continued efforts to advance through the Scouting ranks; and

WHEREAS, Maria Beniamien has demonstrated a strong sense of purpose and ambition by setting personal goals for the future, including aspiring to pursue a career in medicine, reflecting her desire to help others and make a positive impact in her community; and

WHEREAS, Maria Beniamien has exemplified the highest ideals of the Boy Scouts of America through her dedication, service, leadership, and perseverance in successfully completing the requirements to attain the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, an honor achieved by only a small percentage of scouts nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville do hereby honor and congratulate Eagle Scout Maria Beniamien for her exemplary service to the community and her achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and extend their best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors

PROCLAIMED on this 14th day of January 2026

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Michael A. Melham, Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 054-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Eagle Scout Troop 3252

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, Maria Habib has demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and leadership throughout her Scouting journey, having been actively involved since approximately the sixth grade and earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor attainable in the Scouts BSA program; and

WHEREAS, through years of service projects, volunteerism, and leadership experiences, Maria Habib has developed a strong sense of responsibility, integrity, and commitment to serving others, consistently stepping forward to lead, collaborate, and contribute positively to her community; and

WHEREAS, Maria Habib has devoted her time and talents to numerous acts of service, including assisting individuals in need, serving at summer camps, teaching Sunday school, visiting senior homes, and

supporting her church's hymns program, demonstrating compassion and a sincere dedication to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, for her Eagle Scout service project, Maria Habib undertook the restoration of a classroom within her church, transforming a worn and aging space into a welcoming and calming environment through thoughtful design and artistic effort, reflecting both her creativity and her deep personal connection to the community she served; and

WHEREAS, Maria Habib's Scouting experience has instilled in her the values of leadership, humility, service, and purpose, guiding her future aspirations to pursue a career in physical therapy and continue supporting others through dedication, empathy, and a lifelong commitment to positive impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville do hereby honor and congratulate Eagle Scout Maria Habib for her exemplary service to the community and her achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and extend their best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors

PROCLAIMED on this 14th day of January 2026

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Michael A. Melham, Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 055-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Eagle Scout Troop 3252

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, Mark Hanna has been a dedicated member of the Boy Scouts of America for five years and is currently a tenth-grade student, demonstrating commitment, perseverance, and personal growth through his continued involvement in scouting and academic pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Mark Hanna has distinguished himself through participation in extracurricular activities, including playing soccer for both his church team and school team, serving as a Sports Live member, and participating as a mock trial member, reflecting teamwork, discipline, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mark Hanna has shown enthusiasm for athletics and personal development through his interests in playing and watching soccer, while maintaining a positive balance between academics, service, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Mark Hanna has devoted significant time to community service, including packing sandwiches for homeless shelters, cleaning church grounds, transporting wood chips at camp, visiting homeless shelters and senior homes, serving during Palm Sunday and church Bible days, and volunteering as a summer camp counselor at his church; and

WHEREAS, Mark Hanna has exemplified the highest ideals of the Boy Scouts of America by demonstrating responsibility, service, and leadership through his volunteer efforts and by completing the requirements necessary to attain the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, an achievement earned by only a small percentage of scouts nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville do hereby honor and congratulate Eagle Scout Mark Hanna for his exemplary service to the community and his achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and extend their best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors

PROCLAIMED on this 14th day of January 2026

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Michael A. Melham, Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 056-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Eagle Scout Troop 3252

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America and is achieved by only a small percentage of Scouts who demonstrate exceptional leadership, character, perseverance, and a lifelong commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bassily has proudly dedicated five years to the Boy Scouts, consistently exemplifying the principles of the Scout Oath and Law through responsibility, integrity, and service to others, while also excelling as an 11th-grade student committed to academic and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Michael has distinguished himself as a leader and scholar through his involvement in numerous academic and extracurricular activities, including serving as President of the Navigate Neurotech Club, a regional officer in CS Unite, and a participant in Science Olympiad and the Physics Team, as well as playing soccer for both his church team and the Bergen Tech Knights; and

WHEREAS, Michael has demonstrated a strong dedication to community service through meaningful volunteer efforts, including packing sandwiches for homeless shelters, cleaning church grounds, transporting materials at camp, visiting homeless shelters, participating in a Christmas shoebox drive, tutoring 5th–6th grade students through YMath, coordinating Palm Sunday services for two years, and serving in church Bible days and summer camps; and

WHEREAS, Michael's character, faith, leadership, and aspirations, including his interest in pursuing a future career in Chemical Engineering or Biomedical Engineering reflect the core values of Eagle Scouting and serve as an inspiration to his peers and the broader community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville do hereby honor and congratulate Eagle Scout Michael Bassily for his exemplary service to the community and his achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and extend their best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors

PROCLAIMED on this 14th day of January 2026

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Michael A. Melham, Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 057-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

PROCLAMATION

Eagle Scout Troop 3252

RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BELLEVILLE, N.J.

WHEREAS, Samuel Habib is a dedicated and motivated tenth-grade student who has demonstrated a strong commitment to learning, leadership, and community service through his academic pursuits, extracurricular involvement, and personal character; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Habib has been an active member of the Boy Scouts of America since the sixth grade, where scouting has played a significant role in his development by fostering responsibility, teamwork, discipline, leadership, and a commitment to service to others; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Habib has distinguished himself through involvement in athletics and school organizations, including participation in the NJ Stallions Soccer Club, the finance club, and the pre-healthcare club, allowing him to develop valuable skills in communication, collaboration, and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Habib has demonstrated a deep commitment to faith and community service through his active involvement in the Coptic Orthodox Church, volunteering his time to assist with church programs, community outreach, senior visits, homeless shelters, festivals, and summer camps, while continuing to grow spiritually and personally; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Habib exemplified exceptional leadership and service by successfully completing his Eagle Scout service project, which involved designing and constructing an organizer for wooden crosses at his church altar, improving safety during communion services and leaving a lasting positive impact on his church community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Belleville do hereby honor and congratulate Eagle Scout Samuel Habib for his exemplary service to the community and his achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and extend their best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors

PROCLAIMED on this 14th day of January 2026

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Michael A. Melham, Mayor

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 058-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

"APPOINTING TOM HERITS AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026"

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville has been instructed to appoint representatives of the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Program, with one appointment to be made by the Township Manager and an alternate to be made by the Mayor and Municipal Council and the Township Manager; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Belleville, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Tom Herits, Township Engineer, is hereby appointed as the Municipal Council's official Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) representative, with the Township Manager designated as the alternate representative, for calendar year 2026.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
County of Essex, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 059-2026 **DATE OF ADOPTION: January 14, 2026**

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO ENDORSE THE DEP TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION AND THE SIMPLIFIED WATERMAIN EXTENSION PERMIT APPLICATION (SWEPA) FOR THE 605-609 WASHINGTON AVENUE/174 GREYLOCK PARKWAY PROJECT (BELLEVILLE OPERATING URBAN RENEWAL LLC) (PROJECT) CONSISTING OF RENTAL APARTMENTS, RETAIL AND OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 605-609 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BLOCK 8302 LOTS 9 AND 10

Whereas, DAL Design Group PC, Engineer for the developer, has submitted documents for the TWA and SWEPA to connect to the Township's sanitary sewer collection and water distribution systems to serve the Project; and,

Whereas, the Project consists of rental apartments, retail and office space; and,

Whereas, the DEP forms require the signature of the Township's authorized representative of the sanitary sewer collection and water distribution systems; and,

Whereas, the Township is the owner of the sanitary sewer collection and water distribution systems.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Belleville Township hereby designates the Township Engineer as the Authorized Representative to endorse all applicable DEP forms associated with the TWA and SWEPA for the Project.

Motion by Councilmember Cozzarelli, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

New Business:

Mayor Melham

- I received an e-mail from the library, and they wanted to know when they're getting their appropriations and if it's annual or quarterly

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session by Councilmember Velez, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Township of Belleville has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Belleville will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;

Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.

Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party.

Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual in writing requests a public meeting;

Any deliberations of the public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty.

The Executive Session shall be to discuss litigation, negotiations and/or personnel, including but not limited to the following:

Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual in writing requests a public meeting;

Any deliberations of the public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty.

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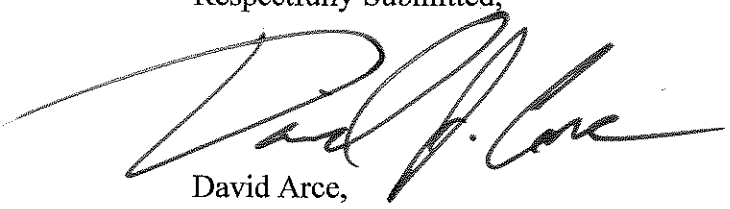
- Personnel Matters
    - CLERK ASKED TO STEP OUT DURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to exit executive session by Councilmember Guardabasco, seconded by Councilmember Velez, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Velez, seconded by Councilmember DePena, Ayes: Cozzarelli, DePena, Graziano, Guardabasco, Muldrow, Velez and Mayor Melham Abstain: None, Absent: None

Respectfully Submitted,



David Arce,
Deputy Municipal Clerk

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00pm.