

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-016

A motion was made by Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath that the following resolution be adopted:

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a proposal from Aloia Law Firm LLC, Attorneys at Law, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 to represent the Township as the Township Attorney for 2021 at the same rate of compensation as in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that the Aloia Law Firm LLC be awarded a contract to provide the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to the Aloia Law Firm LLC is being made pursuant to a fair and open solicitation.

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a monthly retainer of \$6,000 per month worked, or any portion thereof for "General Services" as outlined in the agreement, plus \$125 per hour for any and all legal services outside of the "General Services" performed by the Attorney, \$75 per hour for any paralegal work performed on services other than "General Services", plus the cost of any reimbursable items; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 01-20-155-027, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2021 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Aloia Law Firm LLC, Attorneys at Law, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 is hereby awarded a contract to provide to provide legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost for said professional services shall be set at a monthly retainer of \$6,000 per month worked, or any portion thereof for "General Services" as outlined in the agreement, plus \$125 per hour for any and all legal services outside of the "General Services" performed by the Attorney, \$75 per hour for any paralegal work performed on services other than "General Services", plus the cost of any reimbursable items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open solicitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 01-20-155-027, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2021 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2021.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

