

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-022**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GIBLIN & GANNAIO, LLC FOR  
SERVICES AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has determined a need for outside Special Counsel to handle certain litigation matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager, concurring with the Township Attorney, has determined that it would be beneficial in to appoint Giblin & Gannaio, LLC, 2 Forest Avenue, Suite 200, Oradell, New Jersey 07649 as Special Legal Counsel to represent the Township in these matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i)*) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract to Giblin & Gannaio, LLC is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a fixed hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour for attorney services plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$35,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds 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 Giblin & Gannaio, LLC, 2 Forest Avenue, Suite 200, Oradell, New Jersey 07649 is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel and shall be paid at the fixed hourly rate of \$125.00 an hour, plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$35,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Mayor and Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and Giblin & Gannaio shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds 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 FUTHER 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 25, 2021.**



**JENNIFER KIERNAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**



**DETERMINATION OF VALUE**

**TO:** Township Council of the Township of Verona  
**FROM:** Matthew Cavallo, Township Manager  
**RE:** Professional Services – Special Legal Counsel  
**DATE:** January 22, 2021

This memorandum is being written to request your approval of a resolution authorizing the award of a contract pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*, for professional services.

**Contractor:** Giblin & Gannaio, LLC  
2 Forest Avenue, Suite 200  
Oradell, New Jersey 07649

**Cost:** \$125.00 an hour, plus the cost of reimbursable expenses  
Not to exceed \$35,000

**Purpose:** Special legal counsel

I certify that the value of the contract exceeds \$17,500.00 and is to be awarded as a Non-Fair and Open Contract, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

  
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MATTHEW CAVALLO,  
Township Manager