

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-013**

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

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC  
FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has a need for legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating on December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received a proposal from Aloia Law Firm LLC, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 to represent the Township as the Township Attorney for 2022 at the same rate of compensation as in 2021; 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 Aloia Law Firm LLC is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by Aloia Law Firm LLC are annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit B; and

**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 Budget Account No. 02-20-155-027, certain Utility Accounts, Capital Ordinance, Certain Escrow/Trust Accounts or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds which shall be certified by the Chief Financial Officer upon presentation of a properly executed Purchase Order and approval of the 2022 Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:


1. The preamble to this Resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.
2. An agreement with the Aloia Law Firm LLC, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 is hereby authorized to provide legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating on December 31, 2022 not to exceed \$100,000 without further authorization of the Township Council.
3. That the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract for any reason upon thirty (30) days' notice and Aloia Law Firm LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.
4. That this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.
5. That a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.
6. That the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**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 3, 2022.**

  
JENNIFER KIERNAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK



**EXHIBIT A**  
**DETERMINATION OF VALUE**

**TO:** Township Council of the Township of Verona  
**FROM:** Matthew Cavallo, Township Manager  
**DATE:** December 30, 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:** Aloia Law Firm LLC  
2 Broad Street, Suite 407  
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

**Cost:** Not to Exceed \$100,000.00

**Purpose:** Professional legal services

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