

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-028**

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath that the following resolution be adopted:

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
AGREEMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township requires a qualified firm and/or attorney to serve as Special Legal Counsel- Affordable Housing Attorney; and,

**WHEREAS**, Township advertised an RFP and reviewed the proposals received; and;

**WHEREAS**, the proposals were evaluated by the Township Manager and Township Attorney and it was determined that DeCOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP having its principal office at 61 South Paramus Road, Suite 250 Paramus, NJ 07652 (hereinafter "Attorney") is qualified to act as Special Legal Counsel- Affordable Housing Attorney; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommends executing the attached contract retaining the Attorney to perform the services in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for calendar year 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Township Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the attached contract with DeCOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP subject to the following:

1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms.
2. Any contract amendments or change orders which may become necessary shall be subject to the Township's ability to appropriate sufficient funds, which appropriation shall be at the sole discretion of the Township Council.
3. The Council hereby authorizes the Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
4. The Township is in receipt of the vendor's Contribution Disclosure and Stockholder Disclosure Certification.
5. Attorney may be paid upon passage and certification of this resolution, and for a period of ninety (90) days thereafter, before the final execution of a contractual agreement. Said payments shall be in accordance with this resolution and the RFP as is fully delineated herein. If a finalized contract is not entered within ninety (90) days following the date of the herein resolution, all work and payments will be put on hold until the contract is finalized. The vendor shall be entitled to payment upon submission of an appropriate invoice for all work authorized and performed during the ninety (90) day period but not for any work performed thereafter until and unless the contract is finalized and fully executed by both parties.
6. The Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement as outlined herein with:

DeCOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP  
61 South Paramus Road, Suite 250  
Paramus, NJ 07652

**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 23, 2023.**

  
JENNIFER KIERNAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

