

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

RESOLUTION No. 2023-067

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 LICENSED TREE EXPERTS - TOWNSHIP FORESTER**

WHEREAS, the Township requires a qualified firm or individual to act as the Township's Forester and provide professional licensed tree expert services; and,

WHEREAS, Township advertised an RFP for the required services and reviewed the proposals received; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were evaluated by the Township Manager and it was determined that Richard S. Wolowicz d/b/a Rich View Consulting with a mailing address of 4 Maude Lane, Hackettstown, New Jersey, and the Shade Tree Department, LLC, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 6089, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 are both qualified to provide the needed services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager opines that the Township would be served in the most efficient and expedient manner by approving both firms to perform the necessary services as the total cost of services received would not be increased by having more than one Forester; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends entering into contracts with both firms to perform the services in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 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 a contract with Richard S. Wolowicz d/b/a Rich View Consulting with a mailing address of 4 Maude Lane, Hackettstown, New Jersey, and the Shade Tree Department, LLC, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 6089, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 in accordance with the attached RFP submissions and 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. The Foresters 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 both Richard S. Wolowicz d/b/a Rich View Consulting with a mailing address of 4 Maude Lane, Hackettstown, New Jersey, and the Shade Tree Department, LLC, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 6089, West Orange, New Jersey 07052.

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 APRIL 3, 2023.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

