

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

RESOLUTION No. 2024-047

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GRAZIANO & CAMPI, P.C. FOR
SERVICES AS RENT CONTROL BOARD ATTORNEY**

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, Chapter 402-12(C) of the Code of the Township of Verona calls for the appointment of Counsel to the Rent Control Board; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is made by a majority vote of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, Alex J. Graziano, Esq. of the firm Graziano & Campi, P.C., 155 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 shall serve as Counsel to the Rent Control Board upon recommendation of the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a retainer of \$6,000 for the calendar year to include general services and a fixed hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour not to exceed \$17,500 for outside services without further authorization by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 04-01-22-200-045 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her 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 2024 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 Graziano & Campi, P.C., 155 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 is hereby authorized to provide to provide special legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2024 not to exceed \$17,500 without further authorization of the Township Council.
3. That the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and Graziano & Campi, P.C. shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.
4. That a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2024.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

