

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

RESOLUTION No. 2020-027

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2020 and terminating on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a proposal from Aloia Law Firm LLC, Attorneys at Law, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 to represent the Township as the Township Attorney for 2020 at the same rate of compensation as in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that the Aloia Law Firm LLC be awarded a contract to provide the aforementioned services; 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 the Aloia Law Firm 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 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 Account No. 01-20-155-027, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2020 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Aloia Law Firm LLC, Attorneys at Law, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 is hereby awarded a contract to provide to provide legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2020 and terminating on December 31, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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.

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 this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 01-20-155-027, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2020 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 6, 2020.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK



DETERMINATION OF VALUE

TO: Township Council of the Township of Verona
FROM: Matthew Cavallo, Township Manager
RE: Professional Services – Legal Services (Township Attorney)
DATE: January 3, 2020

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
Attorneys at Law
2 Broad Street, Suite 407
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Cost: \$6,000 retainage (\$72,000 annually);
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

Purpose: Legal services as Municipal Attorney

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*.



MATTHEW CAVALLO,
Township Manager