

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-066**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALEX J. GRAZIANO, ESQ. FOR  
SERVICES AS RENT CONTROL BOARD ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, the § 4-63 of the Code of the Township of Verona calls for the appointment of Counsel to the Rent Control Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2019 the Township Council appointed Alex J. Graziano, Esq., 155 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 to serve as Counsel to the Rent Control Board upon recommendation of the Township Attorney; 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 Alex J. Graziano, Esq. 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 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 \$15,000 for outside services without further authorization by the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-222-045, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Alex J. Graziano, Esq., 155 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 is hereby appointed as Rent Control Board Attorney and shall be paid 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 \$15,000 for outside services without further authorization by the Township Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and Alex J. Graziano, Esq., shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-222-045, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

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

**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, Roman, McEvoy

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Ryan

**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 A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 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 (Counsel to the Rent Control Board)  
**DATE:** March 6, 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:** Alex J. Graziano, Esq.  
155 Pompton Avenue  
Verona, New Jersey 07044

**Cost:** 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 \$15,000 for outside services without further authorization by the Township Council.

**Purpose:** Counsel to the Rent Control Board

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