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**March 27, 2017 Vernon Township Council Meeting Resolutions**

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**RESOLUTION #17-82**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH RICOH BUSINESS SOLUTIONS  
IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a high volume copier in the Municipal Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township would like to utilize the services of RICOH Business Solutions who is the vendor on the New Jersey State Contract for the copier service; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract will be from April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021 and total cost, based upon usage, will not exceed \$5,000.00 annually.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose subject to the adoption of the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Municipal Budgets.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, the Mayor and/ or Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with RICOH Business Solutions, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 annually subject to the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 budgets.

**RESOLUTION #17-83**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS TO BE DISPLAYED  
ON JULY 1, 2017 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.21:3-1et seq. Explosive and Fireworks, provides that a Municipal Governing Body must authorize the display of fireworks within its boundaries as a pre-condition to such display in accordance with the New Jersey Fire Prevention Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Tall Timbers Property Owners Association has submitted an application to Vernon Township to conduct a fireworks display on July 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed fireworks display will take place at 100 Tall Timbers Road, in the Beach area and

**WHEREAS**, Tall Timbers Property Owners Association has engaged in a contract with Garden State Fireworks, Millington, NJ, to perform the public fireworks and special effects display and has provided the required certificate of liability insurance to the Township.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, hereby authorizes the fireworks display, performed by Garden State Fireworks Inc. on July 1, 2017, at Tall Timbers Beach area, located at 100 Tall Timbers Road, Vernon, NJ upon satisfaction of all statutory and departmental requirements.

#### **RESOLUTION #17-84**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP SPECIAL ATTORNEY (IN REM FORECLOSURE)**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for Special Legal Services for in Rem Foreclosures for the year 2017 for the Township of Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 specifically exempts professional services from provisions of public bidding as provided in the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, said specified professional services are to be rendered or performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, and whose practice is regulated by law within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the performance of said professional services requires knowledge of an advanced field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized training and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon is desirous to appoint Keith A. Bonchi, Esq. of the law offices of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi and Gill for In Rem Foreclosures proceedings originating in 2017 and is desirous to continue services approved and appointed by Resolution #16-28 to Robert McBriar, Esq. of the law offices of Schenk, Price, Smith & King, LLP for the In Rem Foreclosure proceedings that are currently in progress, specifically referenced in Resolutions #14-141, #14-146, #15-113, #15-114, #15-115, #15-136 and #15-137, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract is available for these purposes subject to the adoption of the 2017 Municipal Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., as amended, requires that this Resolution be publicly advertised.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon that Vernon Township hereby authorizes and approves the award of contract of a Professional Service Contract to Keith A. Bonchi, Esq. from the law offices of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi and Gill, for In Rem Foreclosures proceedings originating in 2017, pursuant to a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. to provide Legal Services in accordance with the attached Contract for Professional Services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Council wishes to extend the contract under Resolution #16-28 with Robert McBriar, Esq. of the law offices of Schenk, Price, Smith & King, LLP for the In Rem Foreclosure proceedings that are currently in progress, specifically referenced in Resolutions #14-141, #14-146, #15-113, #15-114, #15-115, #15-136 and #15-137, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the award of contract shall be contingent upon the completion and receipt of the following:

1. A fully-executed professional services contract detailing the scope of services, established fees for said professional services, mandatory Equal Opportunity Language and Affirmative Action Certificate; and
2. Receipt of all statutorily mandated “pay to play” political contribution forms pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.;
3. New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; and
4. Upon the aforementioned professional being a member in good standing in his respective profession.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, seal and deliver the attached Contracts for Professional Services on behalf of and in the name of the Township of Vernon and that the Township Clerk shall publish the award of contract as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution.

### **RESOLUTION #17-85**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION 17-01 and 17-73 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON REGARDING PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 17-01 was duly adopted by the Township Council on January 1, 2017 which appointed the Township Attorney, Joshua Zielinski, Esq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the name of law firm in which Joshua Zielinski, Esq. is a partner has changed; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2017, the Council amended resolution 17-01 via resolution 17-73 but it requires further amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to amend the resolution to reflect the new firm name.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Resolution 17-01 and 17-73 are hereby amended to identify the

name of law firm in which Joshua Zielinski, Esq. is a partner at as O'Toole Scrivo Fernandez, Weiner & Van Lieu as opposed to O'Toole, Fernandez, Weiner & Van Lieu.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other aspects and provisions of Resolution 17-01 shall remain unchanged.

**RESOLUTION #17-86**

**AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OF VERNON TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH  
TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE FOR USE OF TOWER LOCATED AT LAKE PANORAMA**

**WHEREAS**, the Wantage Township Fire Department has expressed a desire to upgrade its radio equipment to high band; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no appropriate location in Wantage Township for the location of high band radio equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon has a tower located at Lake Panorama, which has space for the high band equipment contemplated by the Wantage Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon presently allows the Wantage First Aid Squad to place its antennae and repeater on the Lake Panorama tower at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon currently provides dispatch services to the Wantage First Aid Squad and to the Wantage Township Fire Department pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon is desirous to enter into an agreement with the Wantage Township Fire Department that will allow it to place a high band antennae and repeater on the tower located at Lake Panorama at no cost to the Wantage Township Fire Department, however, the Wantage Township Fire Department will be responsible for the costs of installing and maintaining the equipment placed on the tower; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with the Township of Wantage that allows the Wantage Township Fire Department to place a high band antennae and repeater on the tower located at Lake Panorama at no cost to the Wantage Township Fire Department, which equipment will be installed and maintained at the sole expense of the Wantage Township Fire Department:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the agreement with the Wantage Township Fire Department will also include a provision whereby the Vernon Township Police Department shall provide dispatch services to the Wantage Township Fire Department, at no cost, however, in the event the Wantage Township Fire Department no longer uses the Vernon Township Police Department for dispatch services, the Township of Vernon will require Wantage Township to enter into lease agreement with the Township of Vernon for the continued use of the Lake Panorama Tower.

**RESOLUTION #17-87**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON  
REGARDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY  
AUTHORITY FOR THE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, previously, the Township of Vernon entered into a Interlocal Agreement whereby the Vernon Township Department of Public Works would provide manpower and services to the Vernon Township Municipal Utility Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Agreement was approved by Resolution 15-62; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has reviewed this arrangement and had concluded that the cost of providing these services is a burden to the Township of Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council on September 26, 2016 via Resolution 16-210 approved the cancelation of this Interlocal Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon Township Municipal Authority has failed to secure an alternative vendor to provide the services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommends the Interlocal Services Agreement be continued so that the Township may protect its assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon Township Municipal Authority should be actively soliciting bids for the alternate services.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the Mayor is authorized to continue the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Vernon Township MUA for the services of the Department of Public Works through July 1, 2017.

**RESOLUTION #17-88**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAILING OF 2016  
CORRECTED TAX BILLS AND RELATED GRACE PERIOD**

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Township converted the tax module from Vital Communications to Edmunds and Associates on March 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Township Audit, it was discovered in March of 2017, that appeal adjustments were converted as balance adjustments instead of billing adjustments and certain property owner's taxes were under billed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2016 thereby doubling their appeal credit; and

**WHEREAS**, the amounts of unbilled taxes are still due and owing from the tax payers; and

**WHEREAS**, corrected bills will go out on April 1, 2017 to be due on May 1, 2017 with a grace period until May 10, 2017.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they hereby authorize and direct the Township Collector of Taxes to cause to be mailed out corrected 2016 tax bills for the affected properties as a result of the error that occurred with the conversion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Collector of Taxes extend the grace period for the corrected 2016 tax bills until May 10, 2017; after that date, interest will revert back to the original due dates of August 1, 2016 and November 1, 2016 and will be charged at the rate of 8% on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% on any remaining balance above the \$1,500.00.