

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2023**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING JOANNE O'CONNOR ESQ. AS SOLICITOR FOR  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER.**

**WHEREAS,** The township of Bass River is in need of the services of a municipal solicitor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-10.5; AND

**WHEREAS, Joanne O'Connor, Esq.** is duly qualified to serve as the solicitor of the Planning/Zoning Board for the Township of Bass River; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the governing body to appoint **Joanne O'Connor** as the municipal solicitor; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract to be awarded under this resolution may exceed \$17,500 in the 2023 budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is one year, and

**WHEREAS,** the maximum amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is set forth in the 2023 municipal budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are funds available for this contract, which certification is annexed hereto: and

**WHEREAS, Joanne O'Connor Esq.** has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that her office has not made any

reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Bass River in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit **Joanne O'Connor ESQ.** from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. authorizes the award of contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and requires that the Resolution and contract be made available for public inspection.

**NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That **Joanne O'Connor Esq.** is hereby appointed as Municipal Solicitor for the Township of Bass River for a term of one year, commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to the agreement with **Joanne O' Connor Esq.**
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with NJSA 40:11-5(1)(a)(i) of Local Public Contracts Law because it is for services to be performed by a person (s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Township of Bass River.
5. This resolution takes effect January 1, 2023.
6. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Township of Bass River Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer and to **Joanne O' Connor ESQ.**

7. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances that constitute the availability of funds for the contract: Legal Services O/E.
8. A certificate demonstrating compliance with NJSA 19:44A-20.8 is attached to the Contract Agreement.
9. A copy of this resolution as well as the contract agreement is on file with the Municipal Clerk.
10. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value will be attached to the contract.

**MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR O&E**

**RECORDING VOTE:**

CAPRIGLIIONE \_\_\_\_\_ Bourguignon \_\_\_\_\_ COPE \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC**, Clerk of the Township of Bass River, do hereby certify that the forgoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Bass River, at a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

