

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-28-20

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL PROJECTS SOLICITOR

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the retention of special counsel having an expertise in the complex and litigated subject area of affordable housing for the purpose of providing the Township Committee with legal representation in court as well as advice, reports and services generally related to the obligation of the Township of Franklin to meet its affordable housing share obligations under New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township Committee has determined to award said contract as a fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires the governing body of a contracting unit to publish a notice in a newspaper authorized by law to publish its legal advertisements, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract where such contract is awarded for “professional services”.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that LEAH VASSALLO, be and is hereby appointed as Special Counsel to provide representation, advice, reports and related services regarding affordable housing to the Township Committee for the year 2020 in accordance with the attached Contract.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Township of Franklin are hereby authorized to enter into the attached contract with LEAH VASSALLO for services specified above until December 31, 2020.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract is awarded as a “professional service” under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the specialized training, education, experience and specialized knowledge needed for this position and pursuant to a “fair and open process” as provided in N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Jersey Times of Gloucester County, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal notices of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and further stating that this resolution and the annexed contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Franklin.

ADOPTED at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on January 1, 2020.

ATTEST:
FRANKLIN

TOWNSHIP OF

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK

JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on January 1, 2020.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AND LEAH VASSALLO, ESQUIRE**

THIS AGREEMENT made this 1ST day of January, 2020, by and between the TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, hereinafter referred to as "Township" of the first part; and LEAH VASSALLO, ESQUIRE, hereinafter referred to as "Special Projects Solicitor" of the second part;

WITNESSETH:

1. Special Projects Solicitor shall perform legal services for the Township commencing January 1, 2020, until such time as directed to cease by a majority of Mayor and Township Committee. The duties of Special Projects Solicitor will be those delegated to Special Projects Solicitor in writing by a majority of Mayor and Township Committee. Special Projects Solicitor shall not perform any services until such delegation has taken place in writing from Township Attorney.
2. During the term of this agreement, Special Projects Solicitor shall devote her best efforts to advance the interest of the Township; he shall perform such services required to the best of his ability and in accordance with the Code of the Professional Responsibility of the American Bar Association as amended by the Supreme Court and incorporated in the Rules governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey.
3. Special Projects Solicitor shall be paid for services rendered in accordance with the Schedule of Fees set forth in Addendum "A".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 1st day of January 2020.

LEAH VASSALLO

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

LEAH VASSALLO, ESQUIRE

JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK

ADDENDUM "A"

**FEE SCHEDULE
OF
SPECIAL PROJECTS SOLICITOR**

I. BASIC FEE AGREEMENT:

The Special Projects Solicitor will be compensated at the rate of **\$150.00** per hour for all legal matters, including preparation, consultations, meetings, telephone conferences and correspondence completed by an attorney.

II. EXPENSES:

All costs for court, recording fees, copy costs, fax expenses, postage and other expenses shall be in addition to legal services and shall be itemized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 1st day of January 2020.

LEAH VASSALLO

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

LEAH VASSALLO, ESQUIRE

JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK