

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
FRANKLIN FOR THE YEAR 2024, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS
LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, ET SEQ.)

R-11-2024

WHEREAS, there exists a need for SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR FORECLOSURE MATTERS AND BANKRUPTCY in the Township of Franklin for the purposes of providing the Township Committee of said Township with legal counsel and advise in certain specialized matters; 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, the CFO has certified the availability of funds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 which shall be charged against budget line items #4-01-20-155-211 entitled Legal Special Litigation.

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, as follows:

1. That KEITH BONCHI, ESQ., and the Law Firm of GMS LAW, are hereby retained as SPECIAL COUNSEL for the Township of Franklin, to provide counsel, advice and legal services to the officials of said Township for the year 2024.
2. The appropriate officers of the Township of Franklin are hereby authorized to enter into the contract with KEITH BONCHI, ESQ., and the Law Firm of GMS LAW for the legal services above specified, for a term of one year as attached hereto for the year 2024.
3. The 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.
4. A notice of the award of this contract shall forthwith be printed once in The Sentinel, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal advertisements 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: January 1, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
T. Doyle						
M. Fiorella						
J. Keen						
M. Marsh						
J. Bruno						

Attest: Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

John Bruno, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on January 1, 2024.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AND KEITH BONCHI, ESQUIRE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin, hereinafter referred to as "Township", requires the services of a special counsel for Bankruptcy and certain *in rem* foreclosure matters, for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, KEITH BONCHI, ESQ.UIRE, and the Law Firm of GMS LAW, LLP of 660 New Road, 1st Floor Northfield NJ 08225 hereinafter referred to as "Special Counsel" is a licensed attorney in the State of New Jersey has agreed to accept the appointment of the Township for the performance of the duties of special counsel for Bankruptcy and certain *in rem* foreclosure matters subject to the following terms and conditions:

WITNESSETH:

1. The Special Counsel shall be appointed to represent the Township for a term of one (1) year, commencing January 1, 2024, and shall perform all duties required of a special bankruptcy foreclosure representative of the Township.
2. During the term of this Agreement, the Special Counsel shall devote his best efforts to advance the interest of the Township; he shall perform his duties to the best of his ability and in accordance with the Code of Professional Ethics by the New Jersey Supreme Court.
3. Payment for services rendered by the Special Counsel shall be on the basis of statements rendered from time to time for services performed and advice rendered in the amount of \$200.00 per hour and \$750 per tax sale certificate.
4. The Special Counsel shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for toll, telephone calls, photo static copying expenses, travel expenses, docket retrieval costs and court costs, all of which may be billed to the Township on appropriate vouchers and reimbursed upon approval to the Special Counsel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 1st day of January, 2024.

GMS LAW, LLP

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

KEITH BONCHI, ESQUIRE

BY: _____
JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK