

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2016 – 165 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BURGIS ASSOCIATES INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AS COURT MASTER REGARDING LITIGATION WITH THE MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES DEFENSE AGREEMENT (MSSDA)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford entered into the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (“MSSDA”) for the purpose as set forth therein, which included retaining a common expert in the Declaratory Judgment action (“Litigation”) In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“Decision”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Court Judge has made appointment to the firm Burgis Associates Inc. as Court Master to oversee this Litigation and mediate any disputes that may arise; and

**WHEREAS**, when necessary the firm of Burgis Associates, Inc. will provide Court Master Services to oversee aspects of this Litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Burgis Associates Inc. fees will be invoiced at an hourly rate of \$250.00 with a not to exceed amount of \$15,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford that authorization is hereby granted to process invoices submitted by the firm of Burgis Associates Inc., 25 Westwood Avenue, Westwood, NJ 07675 for legal services provided as Court Master in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Adopted: May 4, 2016

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016  
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk