

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

## ~ Resolution 2018 – 264 ~

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL FORMERLY KNOWN AS NJPA THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford by Resolution 2014-354 adopted November 12, 2014 did authorize the Township to enter into a cooperative contracting agreement with NJPA National Joint Powers Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, NJPA National Joint Power Alliance will be known as Sourcewell effective June 6, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(a)(3) provides that contracting units “may make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process”; and

**WHEREAS**, a guidance document from the NJ Division of Treasury indicates that “cooperative contracts” allow local and county agencies to purchase products and services without going out to bid” with nationally recognized cooperative purchasing organizations”; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell is a service cooperative established by Minnesota Statutes §123A.21, as a local unit of government pursuant to the Minnesota Const. Article XII, Section 3; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell is explicitly authorized to provide cooperative purchasing services to eligible members following a competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate and award cooperative purchasing contract for goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of power law to member agencies through Minnesota Statutes §471.59; and

**WHEREAS**, Membership in Sourcewell is available for all eligible state and local governments, education, higher education and nonprofit entities across North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford desires to be a Member in a “nationally recognized cooperative purchasing organization” known as Sourcewell; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford desires to effect substantial cooperative efforts to provide for contract and vendor relationship to purchase goods and services as a result of competitive bidding process exercised by a legal qualifying bidding agency on behalf of governmental agencies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Township Council pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(a)(3) hereby authorizes the Acting Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with Sourcewell for goods and services on behalf of the Township of West Milford.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Township of West Milford does hereby stipulate and agree that it desires to be a Member of Sourcewell with contract purchasing benefits in accordance with terms and conditions of the applicable agreement, and that Sourcewell hereby grants said Membership to the Township of West Milford.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage.

Adopted: October 3, 2018

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018  
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk