

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2023 – 039 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR & OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LABOR COUNSEL TO MARK J. SEMERARO, ESQ. OF THE FIRM DECOTIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need to appoint Labor Counsel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that Mr. Semeraro's services encompass all responsibilities associated with an appointment as Labor Counsel to represent the Township with regard to all labor matters in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Mark J. Semeraro, Esq. has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Kaufman, Semeraro, Leibman from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds said funds to be encumbered from account # 01-201-20-155-502 for services rendered as the Township Labor Counsel and for services rendered in conjunction with the above referenced legal matters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of West Milford hereby awards and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute an agreement with Mark J. Semeraro, Esq. of the firm DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP with offices located at 61 South Paramus Road, Suite 250, Paramus, NJ 07652 to serve as Special Labor Counsel and to work with the Township Administrator on labor matters on behalf of the Township at a rate of \$165 per hour and in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
2. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$60,000.00 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
3. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Township's official newspaper as required by law.

Adopted: January 4, 2023

Adopted this 4th day of January, 2023
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk