

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2023 – 040 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION §15-35.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE AND TO WORK ON OPEN SPACE MATTERS AS DICTATED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need to appoint a Township Engineer or firm 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 section §15-35.1 of the Township Code; and,

WHEREAS, with the creation of a dedicated source of tax revenue (“Open Space Trust Fund”) for the acquisition of open space, the Township has worked hard in attempting to obtain various parcels of land throughout the Township for open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Township Council must perform due diligence prior to expending open space funds on property acquisition and from time to time, such due diligence requires engineering review of certain facets of any given property being considered for open space acquisition; 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, Paul Ferriero of Ferriero Engineering, Inc. will provide Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4* from account 01-201-20-165-450 for Engineer Services and from account 19-295-56-100-700 for Open Space Matters.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for the Open Space Matters said funds to be encumbered from the Township’s Open Space Trust Account.

WHEREAS, Ferriero Engineering, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the 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 Ferriero Engineering, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Ferriero Engineering, Inc. for professional Engineering Services as Township Engineer in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.00.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Ferriero Engineering, Inc. to perform due diligence at the Council’s direction on properties to be considered for open space acquisition in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

3. This contract is awarded as a "Professional Services" pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq.* and the local public contracts law.
4. The duration of the contract shall be for the 2023 calendar year.
5. The total fee authorized for these contracts shall not exceed \$47,000.00 for Engineering Services and \$3,000.00 for Open Space Matters without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
6. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: January 4, 2023

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

William Senande, Township Clerk