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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH KING, MOENCH & COLLINS LLP

WHEREAS, the Town of Phillipsburg had a need to acquire professional services for Special Counsel for litigation matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), a contract for such services may be awarded without competitive bidding by reason that such services constitute "professional services" which are services rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, King, Moench & Collins has submitted a proposal for legal representation dated May 1st, 2023 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendation of the Joint Insurance Fund and the Town Attorney that King, Moench & Collins be retained to represent the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Town of Phillipsburg to authorize said work, which work is not subject to public bidding; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available as evidenced by the attached certification of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Phillipsburg, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Acting Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into a Contract with King, Moench & Collins LLP for an amount NOT TO EXCEED the sum of \$30,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice to be published in the manner provided by law setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the Contract and that the resolution and Contract are on file in the Office of the Clerk and are available for public inspection.

CERTIFICATION

I, Matthew C. Hall, Acting Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at their May 16, 2023 meeting.

Matthew C. Hall, Acting Municipal Clerk