



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

LAND USE BOARD RESOLUTION 2024-04

APPOINTING A LAND USE BOARD ATTORNEY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands Land Use Board has a need for professional legal services to be provided for the calendar year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.S. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has, through the fair and open process, publicly advertised for a Request for Proposals and Qualifications, and said requests for Professional Services –Land Use Board Attorney were received in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, and

WHEREAS, such Professional Legal Services can only be provided by a licensed professional; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board wishes to appoint Ronald Cucchiaro, Esq. of the firm of Weiner Law Group, LLP; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 et. Seq., requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, certification of the availability of funds is hereby made contingent upon the adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget as follows:

Account # 4-01-21-180-000-242

For Legal Services for the Period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Patrick DeBlasio, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Board of the Borough of Highlands that:

1. Ronald Cucchiaro, Esq. of the Law Office of Weiner Law Group, LLP is hereby appointed as Land Use Board Attorneys for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and said appointment is made as a fair and open contract.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Chairman and Board Secretary are hereby authorized to sign a contract for Professional Legal Services in accordance with this Resolution.
4. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Board Secretary and the Borough Clerk.
5. The Board Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Member, Class, and Name	Intro	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Class I: Mayor						
Mayor Carolyn Broullon (2025)						
Class II: Official of Borough						
Chief Rob Burton (2024)						
Class III: Council Member (2024)						
Councilmember Jo-Anne Olszewski						
Class IV: Members						
Robert Knox (2026)						
Bruce Kutosh (2024)						
Laurie LaRussa (2027)						
Frank Montecalvo (2024)						
Annemarie Tierney (2026)						
Mark Zill (2025)						
Alt (in order):						
1 Helen Chang (2025)						
2 Dean Cramer (2024)						
3 Kevin Cody (2025)						
4 Stacy Vickery (2024)						

I, Nancy Tran, certify that this is a true and correct record of the actions of the Borough of Highlands Land Use Board on January 11, 2024.

Nancy Tran
Land Use Board Secretary