

# TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470



## AGENDA MEMO

Agenda Item #4

**TO:** Town Council of Loxahatchee Groves

**FROM:** Elizabeth Lenihan, Town Attorney

**VIA:** Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

**DATE:** July 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2022-40 Agreement for Legal Services

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### Background:

On February 7, 2022, the Town was served the Summons and Complaint in the matter John Pata, et. al v. Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Case No. 502021CA011838XXXMB. The Town's insurance took up the defense and assigned the firm of Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A. ("Firm") to represent the Town's interest in the lawsuit. Since that time, the Plaintiffs have amended the Complaint such that the Town's insurance no longer covers the claim against the Town. Legal services are still needed to defend the Town in this lawsuit. As the Firm has been representing the Town in this lawsuit since February, it has the most knowledge of the facts of the case and is in the best position to represent the Town throughout the lawsuit.

### Recommendations:

Move that the Town Council adopt **Resolution No. 2022-40**, authorizing the entry by the Town into an agreement with Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A. for legal services regarding the defense of the case of John Pata, et. al v. Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Case No. 502021CA011838XXXMB.