RESOLUTION NO. 22-

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 4-32E of the Code of the Township of Middletown there exists a need to appoint an individual or law firm to serve as special counsel to the Township of Middletown to handle labor matters as may be needed; and

WHEREAS, while the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)) does not require competitive bidding for this position it was nevertheless advertised pursuant to the Fair and Open Process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5); and

WHEREAS, subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, the law firm of O'Toole & Scrivo LLC has qualified and agreed to provide legal services in relation to Special Labor Counsel matters at a rate of \$145 per hour, exclusive of fees for witnesses, experts, filing fees, legal research, or other reasonable approved expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the law firm of O'Toole & Scrivo LLC, 14 Village Park Rd, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009 is hereby awarded a professional services contract for the provision of legal services as Special Labor Counsel to the Township as needed during 2022 for an estimated amount not to exceed \$75,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for the provision of such professional services, a copy of which shall be maintained by the Clerk and advertised in the Township's official newspaper pursuant to law.