## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-**

## 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 \$195 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 2024 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.