

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOND 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 as bond counsel 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 Gibbons PC, One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102, has qualified and agreed to provide legal counseling as Bond Counsel at transactional rates specified by contract, exclusive of 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 Gibbons PC is hereby awarded a professional services contract for the provision of legal services as Bond Counsel to the Township as needed during 2023 per the rates included in their proposal.

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.