

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL CONFLICTS COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 4-32E of the Code of the Township of Middletown there exists a need to appoint individuals or law firms to serve as special counsel to the Township of Middletown to address legal matters in which the Township Attorney or General Special Counsel may have a conflict under the New Jersey Court Rules or other applicable laws or regulations; 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, based on the recommendation of the Township Administrator the law firms of King, Moench & Collins LLP, Dasti & Staiger, LLC and Malamut & Associates, LLC are qualified and have agreed to serve as Special Conflicts Counsel.

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 firms of King, Moench & Collins LLP, Dasti & Staiger, LLC and Malamut & Associates, LLC are hereby awarded professional services contracts for the provision of legal services at the rates set forth in their respective proposals as Special Conflicts Counsel to the Township as needed during 2024 for an estimated amount not to exceed as follows:

- 1) Dasti & Staiger, LLC - \$35,000.00
- 2) Malamut & Associates, LLC - \$25,000.00
- 3) King, Moench & Collins LLP - \$15,000.00

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