BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON RESOLUTION 2023-6.9

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington requires the services of a special labor counsel to represent the Borough in a pending employee disciplinary matter;

WHEREAS, on or about May 12, 2023, in anticipation of statutory deadlines for Borough action, on the advice of the Borough Attorney, the Mayor entered into an agreement with the law firm of Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC, of Morristown, New Jersey, through its principal Stephen E. Trimboli, Esquire, to serve as special labor counsel in this matter;

WHEREAS, a condition of this agreement provides that at the first meeting of Borough Council after the signing of the agreement by Borough representatives, Borough Council will have the right to terminate the agreement effective immediately, provided the attorney is compensated in full for all services and expenses incurred to the date notice of the termination is provided;

WHEREAS, the agreement provides that the firm shall perform services at the rate of \$200 per hour for attorneys and \$125 per hour for paralegals, with a projected total cost of \$30,000. which may not be exceeded without prior approval by Borough Council:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, this agreement has been awarded without advertising for bids because it is a contract for professional services;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds are available for this purpose in the Legal Consultants line #3-01-20-155-000-250;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that the agreement retaining special labor counsel as described above is hereby ratified and approved.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on <u>June 5, 2023.</u>

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk