

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RE S O L U T I O N #23-423

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT IN A
NON-FAIR AND OPEN MANNER**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services related to the annual audit for the Township; and

WHEREAS, Inverso & Stewart, has provided for a quotation for services without bidding as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Township has procured Inverso & Stewart in a non-fair and open manner in accord with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Inverso & Stewart, has provided for a Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure in accord with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 indicating Inverso & Stewart has not made any reportable contributions in the past 12 months and will be prohibited from making reportable contributions in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the contract is not to exceed \$36,000.00 for services related to the annual audit; and as certified by the chief financial officer as encumbered in the accounts referenced below that funds are available for this purpose are from:

4-01-20-135-028 \$31,800.00

4-05-55-502-028 \$ 950.00

4-07-55-502-028 \$ 2,300.00

4-10-55-502-028 \$ 950.00

; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement with Inverso & Stewart for annual audit services.
2. The contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) as a contract for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice recognized professions that are regulated by law.
3. The Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure will be on file in the Municipal Clerks office and available for public inspection.

Date Adopted: December 4, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 4th day of December 2023, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.


Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR

Municipal Clerk