

**Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2**  
**Minutes**  
**DATE April 5, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 19:30 hrs. at the, Silverton Firehouse, 15 Kettle Creek Road Toms River, New Jersey. Chairman Britton made the required public statement. “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the adoption of a schedule of regular meetings and notice thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River; being filed with the Municipal Clerk and being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute.”

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy,  
Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson  
Absent:

Nay: None.

**Bids-** Two bids were received for LOSAP change. Lincoln Financial and VFIS.

**Minutes of the previous meetings:** were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Duff and accepted as written providing that the minutes shall be made available for inspection by any member of the public during the meeting.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy,  
Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

**Bills:** were presented for payment by Mr. Duff and were approved to be paid on a motion offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Willson. Each commissioner abstains to his voucher, if any.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

4x Technology	495.32	NJNG	249.90
911 Safety	1,024.79	Nottingham Insurance	80,039.44
Atlantic IT	2,377.78	Primepoint	72.50
Bank of America	239.08	Servtire	2,447.45
Baywood Marina	2,989.97	Star Ledger	20.64
Richard Braslow	301.00	TR Fire Dist #1	5,460.45
Comcast	267.86	Tru Green	64.58
ERS	1,017.28	Veolia	18,873.55
Firestore	35.00	Atlantic IT	250.00
Home Depot	136.18	ERS	517.00
Nancy Dunham	320.00	Matt Janora	185.30

Total \$117,385.07

**Correspondence:** Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners

**Apparatus:** Mr. Seiders advised 3010 tired repaired, 3051 gauges replaced by Marion, 3033 is out to Rescue 1 for warranty work, 3041 foam parts ordered and 3065 master drain ordered. Mr. Willson advised ongoing work on the truck and 2906 boat lift to be worked on.

**Fire Prevention Liaison:** Mr. Willson advised the burning of the bread at the fire academy was successful.

**Fire Academy:** Mr. Willson advised out of town companies are using the facility.

**Purchasing:** Administrator Carson reported the following:

Unication pagers 90 of them from Wireless as this is a sole source provider of trunked 700/800 Mhz paging  
Def Fluid purchase for Station 29, Strong Arm purchase for 2905, Name tags for VEST FB29, SCION Battery pack for FB29 TIC ,FLIR K55 TIC with a truck Charger for 3065, Supervac Battery Fan with (2) 12 amp Batteries and shoreline for 2905, two cases flares for Station 29.

A motion was made by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Seider to purchase all of the above.

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Nay: None.

A request was made from Chief Janora to send FF Bierbaum to the Emergency Preparedness conference in Atlantic City for \$250. A motion was made by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Duff to send FF Bierbaum as long as certificates are turned into the board.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Willson, Mr. Duff, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Heroy  
Nay: Mr. Britton

**Silverton Report:** Lt Gorman advised that Chief Keating will be away for a few days and AC Sinnott will be acting. 2910 is oos to get brakes and oil change complete.

**Business Administrator's report:** Administrator Carson reported the following:

1. **Radio System-** met with PD to go over final number of radios needed. Motorola is working on the system. Towers are started and the room construction is started. Need to get meeting with Chiefs and Supervisor to start planning
2. **LOSAP-** 2 Bids received for tonight
3. **Interviews-** 1<sup>st</sup> round Director complete. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round will be 4:30 on April 12 with all commissioners
4. **Medical Clinic-**CMC is offering a medical clinic postponed to a later date TBD.
5. **Meridian-** meeting held and putting plan together to update for 2023. Need to discuss with District 1
6. **Eligible Organization-**awaiting approval from state as delay is due to On Scene incident Commander overwhelming applications.

**Unfinished Business:** The township passes a resolution to approve the budget as is for 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Duff to accept the resolution from the town, seconded by Mr. Heroy.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Willson, Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Heroy  
Nay: None.

**New Business:**

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Auditing Services** was introduced by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Seiders appointing Suplee, Clooney, and Company as auditors in the amount of \$19,000 (attached).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Willson, Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Heroy  
Nay: None.

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open contract for Legal Services** was introduced by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Seiders to appoint Richard M. Braslow, Esq. in the amount of \$250 per hour (attached).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Willson, Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Heroy  
Nay: None.

**Closed Session:** A resolution was introduced by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Heroy to go into closed session at 19:45hrs.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr Britton, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Duff, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson  
Nay:

WHEREAS PL-1975 Chapter 231 allows for meetings in closed session on matters of personnel and contractual; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN go into closed session to discuss these matters as permitted by the open public act and that the results of this closed session be available to the general public upon the completion of the acceptance of the minutes at the next regular meeting and at such time as this matter in closed session is resolved.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF TOMS RIVER, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FIXED THE  
AMOUNT OF THE 2023 BUDGET OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.5

MARCH 22, 2023

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2023, the annual election was held for Fire District No. 2, wherein its proposed 2023 budget was submitted to the voters residing in Fire District No. 2 for approval, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-72; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposal submitted to the voters was in the amount of \$4,179,143.43, as attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, the majority of voters of Fire District No. 2 rejected the proposed 2023 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Toms River reviewed the budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.5, and finds and determines that in the interests of public safety, the original budget amount of \$4,179,143.43 should be adopted with no adjustments, with the amount to be raised by taxation established as follows:

Revenue:	From
Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support Budget	\$3,622,703.43

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, with a majority of the full membership of the Township Council concurring, as follows:

1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.5, the Township Council finds and determines that the appropriate budget for Fire District No. 2 for 2023 is \$4,179,143.43, with the final amount to be raised by taxation to support the 2023 budget established at \$3,622,703.43.

2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- Mayor Maurice B. Hill, Jr.
- Township Council
- Township Attorney

Michael Craggio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

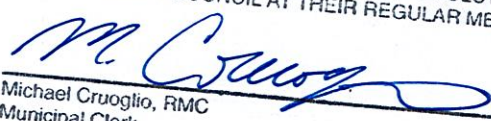
APPROVED AS TO  
LEGAL FORM  
Anthony Merino  
Assistant Township Attorney

- d) Business Administrator
  - e) Certified Financial Officer
  - f) Toms River Township Fire District #2
  - g) Toms River Township Fire Bureau
  - h) Board of Fire Commissioners
  - i) Department of Community Affairs
- Division of Local Government Services  
101 South Broad Street  
PO Box 803  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0803

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<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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I, MICHAEL CRUOGGIO, MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF TOMS RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THIS IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION APPROVED BY  
THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON 3/22/23

  
Michael Cruoglio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non Fair and Open Contract  
For Legal Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has a need to acquire legal services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5: and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is for the year 2023-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Office of Richard M. Braslow has submitted a proposal indicating it will provide legal services pursuant to the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Office of Richard M. Braslow has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the Law Office of Richard M. Braslow has not made any reportable contribution to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Law Office of Richard M. Braslow from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

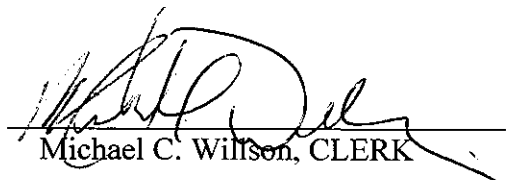
**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has determined that funds are available concerning the projected expenditures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean authorized the Fire District to enter into a contract with the Law Office of Richard M. Braslow as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed with this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Michael C. Willson, Clerk of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Commissioners held on April 5, 2023.

  
Michael C. Willson, CLERK

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract  
For Auditing Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has a need to acquire auditing services and the Board has publicly advertised for proposals as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition may exceed \$19,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has reviewed the proposals received and has determined that it wished to award a contract based upon the proposals received; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is for the year 2023-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Suplee, Clooney and Company has submitted a proposal indicating it will provide auditing services pursuant to the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, Suplee, Clooney and Company has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Suplee, Clooney and Company has not made any reportable contribution to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Suplee, Clooney and Company from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has determined that funds are available concerning the projected expenditures.

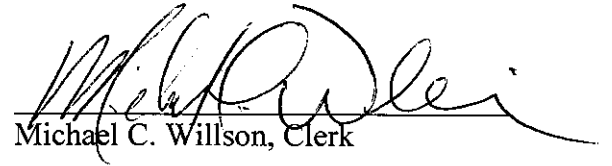
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean authorized the Fire District to enter into a contract with Suplee, Clooney and Company as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of award of the contract authorized hereby shall be published in the Asbury Park Press within 10 days of its passage.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michael C. Willson, Clerk of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Commissioners held on April 5, 2023.



Michael C. Willson, Clerk

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**Resume Regular Session:** A motion was offered by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Seiders to resume regular session at 20:22 hrs.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr Britton, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Duff, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson  
Nay:

The meeting was adjourned at 20:23 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Willson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Willson  
Clerk