

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-137
AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
WARREN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC DEFENDER TO SCOTT MITZNER, ESQ.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren (“Township”) has a need for a Public Defender for the calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, permits the award of professional services without public advertisement as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7 or competitive bidding, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it is in the best interests of the Township to enter into a Contract for Professional Services (“Contract”) with Scott Mitzner, Esq. of the law firm of Mitzner & Mitzner, P.A. to provide legal services as the Public Defender for the Township of Warren in accordance with the terms of that Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a Professional Service Contract with Scott Mitzner, Esq. of the law firm of Mitzner & Mitzner, P.A. to provide legal services as Public Defender on behalf of the Township for the calendar year 2023.

2. The amount of this contract shall not exceed \$23,065.00 unless approved by the Township Committee. A Certificate showing the availability of funds for the contract authorized hereby has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is made a part hereof, indicating that the appropriation for the within expenditure is charged to Account No. 3-01-43-495-6099 and 3-03-286-56-2408.

3. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, which permits such work to be performed without advertising for bids.

4. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with the Township Clerk.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in the official newspapers as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		CROSON	X			
		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO				X
		DINARDO	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on MAY 18, 2023.

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Karen DeNave, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Warren, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase. Monies are available in Account No. 3-01-43-495-6099 and 3-03-286-56-2408.

Dated: May 19, 2023

Karen DeNave
Chief Financial Officer