

RESOLUTION # 2022-22

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR 2022

Whereas, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pennington Borough District No. 1 have determined a need to retain an attorney for the provision of general legal services to the board; and

Whereas, since January, 2022 the board's has retained the services of an attorney to represent the fire district on an interim basis while it conducted a search for an attorney to fill the role on a permanent basis; and

Whereas, the Board relies on the advice and expertise of its attorney when conducting its affairs and making decisions that affect the fire district; and

Whereas, the Board solicited proposals from candidates for the position and reviewed their knowledge and experience in the field of laws pertaining local government and particularly to the operation of a fire district in New Jersey.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pennington Borough District No. 1 as follows,

- 1) Melanie Szuba Appleby, Esq., of the law firm Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.A., of Toms River, New Jersey, shall be retained as attorney for the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pennington Borough Fire District #1 for a term beginning June 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, at a fee not to exceed the limitations of the 2022 fire district budget.
- 2) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5(l)(a) of Local Public Contracts Law and a copy of the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the fire district offices.
- 3) If required, the contract shall be accompanied by the submission of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.26.
- 4) Chairman Blackwell and Commissioner Fraser are authorized to negotiate and execute this contract for legal services on behalf of the board, notice of which shall be published in the Times of Trenton, the legal newspaper of the fire district.

Roll Call Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairperson Blackwell	X			
Commissioner DiFalco	X			
Commissioner Fraser	X			
Commissioner Hofacker	X			
Commissioner Ingram	X			

Date: May 17, 2022

Certified as a true copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting held on May 17, 2022.

_____ s/ R. DiFalco, Secretary