RESOLUTION NO. 16-2024 AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC SALVATORE ALFIERI, ESQ.

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered the following Resolution for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to appoint a qualified individual as Borough Tax Appeal Attorney in the Borough of Sea Bright; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals for Tax Appeal Attorney was posted and advertised in the Asbury Park Press to be received on December 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, while the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) does not require competitive bidding for this position, the Borough nevertheless advertised pursuant to the fair and open process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5); and

WHEREAS, three (3) proposals for Borough Tax Appeal Attorney were received and evaluated by the Governing Body with due consideration as to qualifications, experience, compensation and other factors and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the proposal received from Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC of Matawan, New Jersey is being considered for the term of one year (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) at a rate not to exceed \$175.00 per hour; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that based on the amount of funds expended in the prior year for these services, it is estimated that the total 2024 appropriation for this contract will be \$10,000.00, said amount subject to unforeseen decreases or increases in litigation and other tax appeal matters. Funds will be provided for in the 2024 Temporary Budget and the Budget for the year 2024, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Legal #4-01-20-155-000.

MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a professional service contract with **SALVATORE ALFIERI, ESQ. of the Law Firm of CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC** to serve as Borough Tax Appeal Attorney for one year commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 pursuant to the rate provided in the proposal, a copy of which is maintained in the Borough Clerk's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise this award of contract according to law in the local newspaper and is further authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

- Salvatore Alfieri, Esq. Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC
- 2. Finance Manager

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

January 6, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council meeting held on January 6, 2024.

Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk