

**RESOLUTION 2023-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING BRIAN E. RUMPF, ESQ., OF THE  
FIRM OF BRIAN E. RUMPF, P.C. AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE  
STAFFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Court for the Township of Stafford must designate a public defender to handle municipal court matters; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids, the Township issued a request for proposals for professional service contracts in accordance with the competitive negotiation procedure as delineated with Chapter 23, Article 4, of the Township Code of the Township of Stafford entitled “Competitive negotiations for professional services contract”; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A:20.2 et seq. has been satisfied; and

**WHEREAS**, all proposals were to be submitted to the Office of the Township Purchasing Agent by October 27, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have reviewed the proposals submitted and recommend the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C. is duly qualified to serve as public defenders; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Township Council to appoint the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C. as public defender for the Township of Stafford; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is set forth in the 2023 municipal budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are funds available for this contract which certification is annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection; and

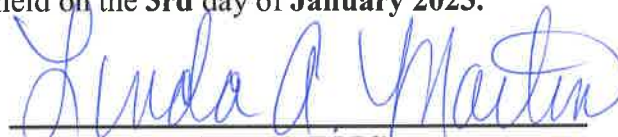
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council wish to authorize the execution of a contract with the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C., as well as approve the designation of said individual as the public defender.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Township of Stafford, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Township Council do hereby appoint and affirm the designation of the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C. as public defender, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 to be paid monthly in an amount not to exceed \$2000.00.
2. That the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C. shall be compensated as public defender on a case-by-case basis from funds dedicated for the public defender.
3. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C.
4. That this contract is being awarded as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for a service to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
5. That a notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Township of Stafford.
6. That a certified copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the contract between the parties, shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer, the Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C. and the Municipal Court Administrator, Carol Jenkins.

**CERTIFICATION**

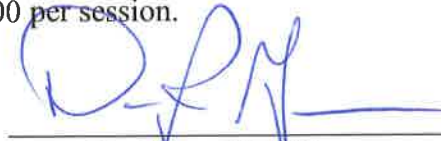
I, **LINDA A. MARTIN, MUNICIPAL CLERK** of Stafford Township do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Stafford Township Council at a meeting held on the **3rd** day of **January 2023**.



**LINDA A. MARTIN, RMC**  
**Stafford Township Municipal Clerk**

**CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I, **DOUGLAS R. GANNON**, Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Stafford, do hereby certify that no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods and/or services are ordered and/or rendered. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order and/or receiving the services, the certification of available funds shall be issued and attached to the file copy of the purchase order or other such document in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 or \$2000.00 per session.



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**DOUGLAS R. GANNON**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Township of Stafford**  
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