

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-24

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN
CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES
FALLON & LARSEN, LLP**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional auditing services; and

WHEREAS, such professional auditing services can only be provided by licensed professionals and the firm of Fallon & Larsen, LLP of 1390 Route #36, Suite 102, Hazlet, NJ 07730 is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, this contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$49,900 plus reimbursable expenses for professional auditing services for the Borough of Highlands for the 2014 calendar year audit; and

WHEREAS, Fallon & Larsen, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Fallon & Larsen, LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political party or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Fallon & Larsen, LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, Fallon & Larsen, LLP has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds is hereby provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Highlands contingent upon the adoption of the 2014 budget:

Account # Current Fund – Audit \$31,900
Sewer Fund - Audit \$18,000

Stephen Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:1101 et seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. The firm of Fallon & Larsen, LLP is hereby retained to provide professional auditing services as described above for an amount not to exceed \$49,900.00 plus reimbursable expenses.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. A copy of this Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE: January 1, 2014

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution R-14-24 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on January 1, 2013.

Borough Clerk/Deputy Clerk