



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## **RESOLUTION 26-003**

### **AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – MUNICIPAL ENGINEER**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A 40A:9-140 requires that in every Municipality, the governing body, shall provide for the appointment of a municipal engineer and fix their compensation in an annual salary or fixed fee basis or at an hourly rate, and based upon actual time and expenses agreed prior to the rendering of services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional engineering services to be provided to the Borough of Highlands for the calendar year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has through the fair and open process, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, solicited proposals from qualified professionals for the appointment and position of Municipal Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has reviewed all proposals received and has determined that the Mayor and Borough Council desires to authorize the execution of a professional services contract between the following listed persons/firms and the Borough for the provisions of said services for the year of 2026; and

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

**WHEREAS**, certification of availability of funds has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer contingent upon the adoption of the 2026 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. Joseph Raftery, PE, CME, of Colliers Engineering & Design is hereby appointed Borough Engineer for the calendar year 2026 and is awarded a professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for professional engineering services for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a contract for Professional Engineering Services in accordance with this Resolution.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in

accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk.
5. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Motion to Approve R 26-003:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES			X			
CHELAK		X	X			
MELNYK			X			
OLSZEWSKI	X		X			
BROULLON			X			

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: January 1, 2026

  
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Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Highlands