



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 26-004

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

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

WHEREAS, such professional services can only be provided by licensed professionals; 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 Auditor for the calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the firm of Holman, Frenia, Allison, P.C., satisfies the requirements to be considered for professional auditing services that the Borough may require during the contract year; 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 the availability of funds has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer contingent upon adoption of the 2026 budget.

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

1. That the firm of Holman, Frenia, Allison, P.C. is hereby awarded a contract to provide professional auditing services for an amount not to exceed \$77,000 plus reimbursable expenses, for the twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract for the aforesaid professional services.
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 this Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.

5. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to publish public notice of this award as required by law.

Motion to Approve R 26-004:

	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



Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands