

RESOLUTION R:176-2024

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPIRO HARRISON & NELSON AS DEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2024

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe recognizes the need for specialized legal services to support its development initiatives and to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local laws; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Monroe to engage a qualified Development Counsel to provide legal expertise in the areas of land use, planning, zoning, environmental law, and real estate development; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Development Counsel in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, which mandates a fair and open procurement process; and

WHEREAS, in response to the RFP, the Township received proposals from multiple firms, including Spiro Harrison & Nelson, and Julie A. Murray, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, Spiro Harrison & Nelson, located at 200 Monmouth St., Suite 310, Red Bank, NJ 07701, has demonstrated extensive experience and competence in land use planning, zoning, environmental law, and real estate development, in addition to cost effectiveness, qualifying them as the most suitable candidate for the role of Development Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the engagement of Spiro Harrison & Nelson aligns with the best interests of the Township of Monroe to effectively navigate and support its development initiatives while ensuring compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe as follows:

1. **Appointment:** Spiro Harrison & Nelson is hereby appointed as the Development Counsel for the Township of Monroe.
2. **Term:** The term of appointment shall commence effective immediately and shall conclude on December 31, 2024.
3. **Scope of Services:** Spiro Harrison & Nelson shall provide legal expertise and services including, but not limited to:
 - Advising on matters related to land development, planning, and zoning.
 - Assisting in the negotiation and drafting of development agreements and other related legal documents.
 - Representing the Township in matters before planning boards, zoning boards, and other regulatory bodies.
 - Ensuring compliance with all applicable environmental laws.

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4. **Compensation:** The compensation for services rendered by Spiro Harrison & Nelson shall be based on a monthly billing cycle, as detailed in the RFP.
5. **Authority to Execute:** The Township Clerk and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this appointment.
6. **Severability:** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid, such invalidity shall apply only to the affected portion thereof and the remainder of this Resolution shall remain valid and effective.
7. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and a copy shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on May 22, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES. CHELSEA VALCOURT

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on the 22nd day of May 2024 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
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ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Fox				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Pres. Valcourt				
Tally:				