

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 21-111

TOWNSHIP AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, Bergen County has the need for auditing services which are to be rendered to the Township by a Registered Municipal Accountant of New Jersey selected by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined to appoint Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP as the Township Auditor in accordance with the terms of the Township's Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the contract for such services is not being awarded under what is termed the fair and open contract provisions as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, such professional auditing services will be in excess of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP has submitted a proposal with respect to the rates for said services to be rendered to the Township for the year 2021 which is the anticipated term of this contract; and

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Washington in the previous one year, or made any contribution not in accordance with the terms of the applicable Township ordinance, and has agreed that the terms of appointment will prohibit Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract or making any contribution not in conformity with the terms of the applicable Township ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for such services shall be determined in the Township's annual budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP as the Township Auditor and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP as the Township Auditor as described herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the position set forth herein was not filled through the "fair and open process" as defined under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, it has been attested that Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP, and any subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of said company has neither made a contribution that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the appointment that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect the eligibility to perform under the appointment, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, or make any contribution which is not in conformity with Township ordinance, when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person servicing in an elective public office of said municipality when the contract is awarded;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification be placed on file with this resolution, and that a notice of the award of said contract shall be published in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON



Susan Witkowski,
Township Clerk



BY Stacey Feeney
Council President

DATED: January 4, 2021

MOTION	SECOND	COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cascio	Cascio	Cascio		X		
Cumming ^x	Cumming	Cumming	X			
DeSena	DeSena	DeSena		X		
Feeney	Feeney	Feeney	X			
Morgan	Morgan ^x	Morgan	X			