

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-041

A motion was made by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman Roman that the following resolution be adopted:

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC FOR TOWNSHIP
ATTORNEY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a proposal from Aloia Law Firm LLC, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 to represent the Township as the Township Attorney for 2026 at the same rate of compensation as in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i)*) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to Aloia Law Firm LLC is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a monthly retainer of \$6,000 per month worked, or any portion thereof for "General Services" as outlined in the agreement, plus \$125 per hour for any and all legal services outside of the "General Services" performed by the Attorney, \$75 per hour for any paralegal work performed on services other than "General Services", plus the cost of any reimbursable items; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Accounts that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds which shall be certified by the Chief Financial Officer upon presentation of a properly executed Purchase Order and approval of the 2026 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

1. The preamble to this Resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.
2. An agreement with the Aloia Law Firm LLC, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 is hereby authorized to provide legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2025 and terminating on December 31, 2025 not to exceed \$100,000 without further authorization of the Township Council.
3. That the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract for any reason upon thirty (30) days' notice and Aloia Law Firm LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.
4. That this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.
5. That the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026.



**JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

