

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF FAIR AND OPEN
CONTRACTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wharton has a need for professional auditing services, engineering services, legal services, and planning consultants as fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the professional services may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Azzolini & Benedetti LLC; CHA Consulting Inc.; Dorsey & Semrau, LLC; J Caldwell and Associates; King, Moench, Hirniak, & Mehta, LLC; McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann, LLC; Nisivoccia LLP; and The Chilla Business Counsel, LLC have completed and submitted Business Entity Disclosure Certifications; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned professionals have also submitted Affirmative Action Certificates of Participation and Acknowledgment of NJAC/NJSA Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the certification by the Chief Financial Officer that funds are available is contingent upon the adoption of the 2026 temporary budget and the 2026 municipal budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to continue with the five-year contracts authorized in 2022 through the competitive contracting process with the businesses listed below as described herein;

1. **Azzolini & Benedetti LLC of Florham Park, New Jersey as the Borough Planning Board Attorney, Alan Zakin as the principal attorney.**
2. **CHA Consulting Inc. of Parsippany, New Jersey as the Borough's Water, Sewer, and Planning Board Engineering firm, Christopher Borinski as the principal engineer.**
3. **J Caldwell and Associates of Newton, New Jersey as the Borough's Planner, Jessica Caldwell as the principal Planner.**
4. **King, Moench, Hirniak, & Mehta, LLP of Morris Plains, New Jersey as the Borough's attorney, Roman Hirniak as principal attorney.**

5. **McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann, LLC of Roseland, New Jersey as the Borough's Redevelopment Attorney and Bond Counsel, Matthew Jessup as principal attorney.**
6. **Nisivoccia LLP., of Mt. Arlington, New Jersey as the Borough's Auditing Firm, Raymond Sarinelli as principal representative.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into a one-year contract through the competitive contracting process with the business listed below as described herein;

1. **The Chilla Business Counsel, LLC of Morristown, New Jersey as the Borough's Labor Attorney, Steve Trimboli as principal attorney.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into a one-year contract through the alternate procurement process with the business listed below as described herein;

1. **Dorsey & Semrau, LLC of Boonton, New Jersey as the Borough Special Counsel for property tax appeals and Conflict Counsel, Fred Semrau as principal attorney.**
2. **Plosia Cohen LLC of Morris Plains, New Jersey as the Borough's Conflict Counsel, Donald Dinsmore as principal attorney.**

Adopted: January 8, 2026

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

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Cheryl Muzzillo,
Borough Clerk**