

Sparta Township

Professional Services Agreement – Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta (“Township”) requires Bond Counsel services for the 2026 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Township has agreed to retain Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP located at One Gateway Center, Newark, NJ 07102 to provide the necessary Bond Counsel services for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the fees are as noted in the proposal and will remain as stated for the term of this contract; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for the 2026 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the contract with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP is for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000 and therefore the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 (Anti Pay-to-Play Legislation) apply; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP has also submitted to the Township a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate, as required; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the retention of such professional services from various capital accounts; and

WHEREAS, said professional services may be retained without competitive bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township hereby hires, employs and retains Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP having an office at One Gateway Center, Newark, NJ 07102 to provide Bond Counsel services for the 2026 calendar year.
2. Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP shall be compensated for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.
3. The contract with said firm is for professional services and exempt from the bidding requirements under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
4. The award is also subject to compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

5. The Mayor and Township Clerk, together with all appropriate officers, employees, professionals and staff of the Township, are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.
6. It is hereby directed that notice of award of this contract shall be published once in the official designated newspaper of the Township within ten (10) days of the date hereof.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK