

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON**  
**Sussex County, New Jersey**

**#01-26**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN  
CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Hardyston Township has a need to acquire professional services to be provided under non-fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, Hardyston Township has determined that the anticipated value of each contract will exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of each contract is one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the following individuals and/or business entities has submitted a proposal indicating a willingness to provide professional services as described below and for the price stated; and

**WHEREAS**, each individual/business entity named herein has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that no reportable contributions have been made to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Hardyston in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the individual/business entity from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Hardyston has certified that funds are available for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston as follows:

1. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage Dorsey & Semrau as municipal attorney for the year 2026 at a rate ranging from \$85.00 to \$168.00 per hour not to exceed \$100,000.00;
2. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage Methfessel & Werbel as labor counsel for the year 2026 at a rate ranging from \$55.00 to \$150.00 per hour not to exceed \$15,000.00;
3. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC as municipal engineer for the year 2026 at a rate ranging from \$68.00 to \$178.00 per hour not to exceed \$200,000.00;
4. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage Timothy J. Profeta, Esq. as municipal prosecutor for the year 2026 at the rate of \$19,200.00 not to exceed \$25,000.00;

5. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage Wielkotz & Company, LLC as municipal auditor for the year 2026 at a rate ranging from \$75.00 to \$200.00 per hour not to exceed \$50,000.00;
6. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage the Law Office of Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, LLP as municipal bond counsel for the year 2026 at a rate not to exceed \$50,000.00;
7. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Continuing Disclosure Agent and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor for the year 2026 at a rate not to exceed \$2,500.00.
8. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage John C. Grey, Jr., Esq. as public defender for the year 2026 at the rate of \$200.00 per case not to exceed \$20,000.00;
9. The Township of Hardyston is authorized to engage A.J. Gallagher, as municipal risk management consultant for the year 2026 at the rate specified in the 2026 Fund Year Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Management Consultant's Agreement;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these appointments are awarded without competitive bidding as "professional services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered by members of recognized professions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value for each of the individual/business entities named herein shall be placed on file with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the New Jersey Herald by the Township Clerk as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage. This Resolution and each referenced contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Hardyston Township Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hardyston Township Council on January 5, 2026.

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Corinne Hockman, CMFO  
Municipal Treasurer