

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

RESOLUTION #21-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSULTANT & APPOINTMENT OF THE VOZZA AGENCY FOR SAME

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston is a member of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (the 'Fund'); and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Fund require the Fund Program Manager (the 'Program Manager') to perform certain risk management consulting services for Fund members; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that a member municipality may have a relationship with a licensed broker/consultant, a member municipality may appoint another firm to perform the portion of the professional producer and consulting services (the 'Services') normally provided by the Program Manager to the member municipality, as detailed in the 'Producers Agreement' attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Vozza Agency, Inc. has provided these Services for the Township for a number of years and possesses significant knowledge and institutional memory of the Township's employee benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Services renders comparative bidding impractical.

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

1. The Township of Hardyston hereby appoints the Vozza Agency, Inc. as Its Producer of record for the term of January 1st 2026 through December 31st 2026, in connection with its membership in the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Producers Agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I).
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person licensed under law to practice a recognized profession.

4. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$7,500 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
5. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Township's official newspaper as required by law.
6. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Township Treasurer and to the Vozza Agency, Inc., at 77 Market Street, Suite 1, P.O. Box 100, Park Ridge, New Jersey, 07656, for their information and guidance.
7. Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), this Resolution and the contract hereby authorized shall be available for public inspection.

Adopted this 28th day of January, 2026 and
certified as a true copy of an original.

Jane Bakalarczyk, Township Clerk