

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-021

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET FIRE
DISTRICT APPOINTING THE FIRM OF GIBBONS, PC, AS
BOND COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township of Hazlet Board of Fire Commissioners (hereinafter “District” or “Board”) to obtain counsel to provide guidance and other legal services in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids, provided the anticipated value of the contract is less than \$17,500 annually; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the contract shall not exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, John D. Draikiwicz, Esq. from the firm of Gibbons PC, has been extensively involved in the practice of municipal finance for many years and is duly qualified to render these specialized legal services to the District as Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to appoint John D. Draikiwicz, Esq. as bond counsel; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is determined not to exceed \$10,000.00, which sum is reasonably estimated based upon such legal services that may be required over the contract term to be awarded under this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, Michelle Barney, has certified that there are funds available for this contract, which certification is annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Hazlet Board of Fire Commissioners, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Board hereby retains John D. Draikiwicz of the firm of Gibbons, PC to serve as Bond Counsel for a twelve-month term commencing on the Resolution date.
2. The Authority shall enter into a professional services agreement for the aforementioned for execution and delivery by the Board and the professional, with compensation to the professional in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
3. The Chairman and QPA of the District is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned professional services agreement, in addition to any supplemental documentation needed to effectuate this resolution, on behalf of the Board.
4. In the event that Gibbons, PC anticipates it will exceed the amount set forth, it shall seek further authorization from the Authority at such time.
5. Notice of the contract award shall be advertised in accordance with applicable law.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption

Certification

I, Michael Storcks Clerk, of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hazlet, County of Monmouth, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a meeting held on October 8, 2025.



Michael C. Storcks, Commissioner, Clerk

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner Wood and it was seconded by Commissioner Schroeck

RECORD OF VOTE

Members	Parleman, L.	Malloy, D	Schroeck, J.C.	Storcks, M	Wood, F
Yes	X	x	X	x	X
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, **Michelle Barney, Qualified Purchasing Agent**, for the Hazlet Township Fire District, do hereby certify that adequate funds are available for this contract with the law firm of Gibbons, PC as T Bond Attorney.

The amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is determined not to exceed \$10,000.00 which sum is based upon a reasonable estimate of the legal bond services required over the contract term. The Hazlet Township Fire District is not obligated to spend this amount during the course of performance of this contract.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michelle Barney", followed by a horizontal line.