

Explanation: Authorizing Payment From the Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Amount of \$1,500.00 For Joint Vicinage 13 Defense Costs In The Matter of The Mt. Laurel Declaratory Judgment Actions Filed in Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties, State of New Jersey Pursuant to In Re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) Superior Court of Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties (the “Litigation”)

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #2016-051**

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster wishes to enter into a local shared services agreement with various municipalities in Vicinage 13 to share joint defense costs and attorney’s fees in the Litigation presently before the Honorable Thomas C. Miller, P.J.Cv.; and

WHEREAS, Judge Miller has entered an Amended Omnibus Order Case Management and Consolidated Hearing on Determination of Fair Share Obligation dated February 17, 2016 (the “Omnibus Order”), of which Bedminster Township is party thereto pursuant to Docket No. SOM-L-914-15; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. will act as lead attorney regarding the filing of certain motions and the conducting of discovery pursuant to the Omnibus Order and certain Vicinage 13 municipalities, including the Township, desire to create a joint defense fund held by Katrina Campbell, Esq. in the attorney trust account of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, P.C. to reimburse Mr. Surenian and other attorneys assisting his efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Vicinage 13 Group further authorizes Ms. Campbell to disburse such funds from escrow to reimburse Mr. Surenian and other attorneys assisting his efforts in accordance with a local shared services agreement to be enacted and agreed to amongst the Vicinage 13 Group members; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified funds are available in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster, Somerset County, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized to enter into a local shared services agreement to be reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney and payment to the attorney trust account of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen is authorized relating thereto in an amount of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster that a copy of this resolution be placed on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

ATTEST:

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE:

By: _____
Judith Sullivan, RMC
Township Clerk

By: _____
Steven E. Parker, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith Sullivan, Township Clerk of Bedminster, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2016.

Judith Sullivan, Township Clerk

Introduced	Seconded	Township Committee	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Steven E. Parker, Mayor				
		Bernie Pane				
		Lawrence F. Jacobs				
		Staci Santucci				
		Kenneth Olsen				