

RESOLUTION 11-22

Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

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Authorizing The Appointment of Francesco Taddeo, Esq. To Serve As Special Conflict Counsel For the GRC Complaint Number 2011-77

WHEREAS, former Records Custodian and former Counsel to the Board of Commissioners for the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1, Somerset County, Melissa Kosensky and William Cooper, III, Esq. were named as defendants in a GRC Complaint brought by John Paff, which is known as GRC Complaint number 2011-77; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, upon advice of its legal counsel, believe it is prudent and proper to assign special conflict counsel to defend Ms. Kosensky and Mr. Cooper in their capacity as Records Custodian for the District for the above referenced Government Records Council Complaint; and


WHEREAS, Francesco Taddeo, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating he would represent the above referenced defendants on behalf of the Fire District as special conflict counsel at a rate of \$150.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 of Somerset County, New Jersey, are desirous of hiring Francesco Taddeo, Esq. as special conflict counsel to represent the above referenced defendants in the GRC Complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Franklin Township Fire District No. 1, Somerset County, New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the appointment of Francesco Taddeo, Esq. as special conflict counsel to represent the interests of Melissa Kosensky and William G. Cooper, III, Esq. in the GRC Complaint number 2011-77; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment and award of contract is authorized without competitive bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law as this service considered a “professional service” pursuant to the law; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total amount the Board shall expend for Mr. Taddeo’s services for the above referenced matter shall not exceed ~~\$5,000.00~~ without additional written consent by Resolution of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.


Bernard L. Pongratz


Yes


No


Abstain


Tim Szymborski


Yes


No


Abstain


Donald Bell


Yes



No


Abstain


James Wickman


Yes



No


Abstain


Jason Goldberg


Yes


No


Abstain

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS AT ITS PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2011.


Tim Szymborski, Clerk