

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, SOMERSET
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF RAYMOND ALBERT
RAYA, ESQ. TO REPRESENT DOUGLAS WALP FOR TWO PENDING SOUTH
BOUND BROOK MUNICIPAL COURT MATTERS**

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WHEREAS, Douglas Walp was named as a defendant in two criminal complaints signed by Deborah Nelson on or about February 21, 2013, Summons #'s S2013000104 and S2013000105; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, upon advice of its legal counsel, and pursuant to its defense and indemnification policy codified via Resolution 11-19 and Resolution 13-08, as amended, believe it is necessary and proper to assign counsel to defend Mr. Walp with regards to the aforementioned criminal complaints; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Albert Raya, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating he would represent the above referenced defendant on behalf of the Fire District as special counsel at a flat rate of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 of Somerset County, New Jersey, are desirous of hiring Raymond Albert Raya, Esq. as special counsel to represent the above referenced individual.

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 hiring of Raymond Albert Raya, Esq. as special counsel to represent the interests of Douglas Walp solely in regards to the two aforementioned criminal complaints now pending before the South Bound Brook Municipal Court at a flat rate of \$2,500.00; 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. Raya's services for the above referenced matter shall not exceed \$2,500.00 without additional written consent by Resolution of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

ABSENT

TIM SZYMORSKI - COMM. ABSENT

James Wickham - YES
James Wickham, Commissioner
Donald Bell
DONALD BELL abstain

Jason Goldberg - YES
Jason Goldberg - Commissioner
Todd Brown - YES
TODD BROWN - CHAIR