

**RESOLUTION #2017-16; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PETRONI & ASSOCIATES LLC AS THE OFFICIAL AUDITOR FOR THE DEPTFORD BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, there has been presented to and discussed at this meeting a need for the aforementioned services by the Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, the Deptford Township Board of Fire Commissioners has a need to acquire audit services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 it is certified that there are funds budgeted and available for said appointment;

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq*, including but not limited to sections 11-2 and 11-5, requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be advertised;

**WHEREAS**, the contract is awarded without competitive bidding for the following independent reasons: (1) the contract is for a “Professional Service” in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq*, and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized to practice a recognized profession; and/or (2) the contract is for an “Extraordinary unspecifiable service” in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq*, and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services which are specialized and qualitative in nature requiring expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners have determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500;

**WHEREAS**, Petroni & Associates has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the auditing services for the price submitted in their proposal and attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Petroni & Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Petroni & Associates has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the contractor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes the Board’s designees to enter into a contract with Petroni & Associates as described herein and for the period through March 1, 2017; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners will duly publish this resolution in the South Jersey Times, the official newspaper of the Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70, *et seq*, the Deptford Township Board of Fire Commissioners hereby are authorized, empowered, and directed to execute any and all documents, on behalf of this Board, to that end.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners on March 1, 2017.