RESOLUTION NO. 186-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES IN THE SHREWSBURY RIVER AUTOMATED FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Councilmember Keeler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

WHEREAS, certain land areas of Monmouth County are vulnerable to flooding from the Shrewsbury River, including the portion locally referred to as the Navesink River; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth together with the municipalities of the Borough of Oceanport, City of Long Branch, Borough of Little Silver, Borough of Monmouth Beach, Borough of Sea Bright, Borough of Highlands, Township of Middletown and the Borough of Rumson ("Municipalities"), are desirous of protecting lives and property in areas vulnerable to flood waters from the Shrewsbury River; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the County applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Grant funding to install and make operational an automated flood warning system designed to assist emergency management officials and other first responders in protecting life and property in these vulnerable areas; and

WHEREAS, upon being awarded the Grant, the County and the participating Municipalities, pursuant to the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, namely (C. 40A:65-1, et seq.), agreed to share in the costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the system; and

WHEREAS, the original period of the Uniform Shared Services Agreement expired on April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright, the County and the other participating Municipalities wish to continue to gather and analyze the data that the gauges provide, and also wish to continue to share the costs of maintaining the gauges; and

WHEREAS, the data from the gauges provides valuable information to the National Weather Service, Monmouth County Emergency Management, Urban Coastal Institute at Monmouth University and the participating Municipalities, aiding in the planning and preparing for the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain a viable system the gauges, computer mainframe and website will require periodic maintenance and may require emergency repairs, the participating Municipalities have agreed to evenly share the maintenance costs and pay the County of Monmouth \$1,500.00 per year; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Sea Bright do hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 are available in 0-01-25-252-246 for the purpose stated herein. This agreement is subject to the continued appropriation of necessary funds in the local municipal budget beyond the current budget year.

MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Shared Services Agreeement between the County of Monmouth and the Borough of Sea Bright for continued participation I the Shrewsbury River Automated Floor Warning Sys Project at a cost of \$1,500.00 per year for a ten (10) year term is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement for the Shresbury River Automated Flood Warning System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement shall be effective commencing nunc pro tunc January 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for ten (10) years through December 31, 2029.

Roll Call:

Birdsall, Yes Catalano, I

Yes

Keeler, Leckstein, Yes Yes

Rooney, Yes Schwartz Absent

November 17, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council Meeting held on November 17, 2020.

Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk