

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-2023**  
**AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT**  
**BOROUGH ENGINEER**  
**LEON S. AVAKIAN, INC.**  
**GREGORY S. BLASH**

Councilmember Bieber introduced and offered the following Resolution for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Catalano:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140 there exists a need to appoint a qualified individual/firm as Borough Engineer in the Borough of Sea Bright; and

**WHEREAS**, a request for proposals for Borough Engineer was posted and advertised in the Asbury Park Press to be received on December 9, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, while the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) does not require competitive bidding for such professional services, the Borough nevertheless advertised pursuant to the fair and open process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5); and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) proposals for Borough Engineer were received on December 9, 2022 and evaluated by the Governing Body with due consideration as to qualifications, experience, compensation and other factors and criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal received from Gregory S. Blash, Leon S. Avakian, Inc. of Neptune, New Jersey is being considered for the term of one year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023) at a rate not to exceed \$175.00 per hour; and

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that based on the amount of funds expended in the prior year for these services, it is estimated that the total 2023 appropriation for this contract will be \$65,000.00, said amount subject to unforeseen decreases or increases in engineering matters. Funds will be provided for in the 2023 Temporary Budget and in the Budget for the year 2023, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Engineer #3-01-20-165-000.

  
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**MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a professional service contract with **Gregory S. Blash of Leon S. Avakian, Inc.** to serve as Borough Engineer for one year commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 pursuant to the rates and terms set forth in their proposal, a copy of which is maintained in the Borough Clerk's office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise this award of contract according to law in the local newspaper and is further authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the following:


1. Gregory S. Blash, Leon S. Avakian, Inc.
2. Finance Manager

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| <b>Roll Call:</b> | Bieber, | Booker, | Catalano, | Gorman, | Keeler, | Lamia |
|                   | Yes     | Yes     | Yes       | Abstain | Yes     | Yes   |

January 7, 2023

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Christine Pfeiffer, 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 January 7, 2023.

  
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Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk