

MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN
A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-91 of 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COHEN LAW GROUP TO ASSIST IN A FRANCHISE FEE AUDIT AND CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMCAST OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (the "Municipality") is a Home Rule Municipality; and

WHEREAS under the Home Rule Charter, including § 41.7-713, and under §4-35 of the Administrative Code the Municipality is authorized to enter into contracts for all lawful purposes from time to time; and

WHEREAS, professional or unique services and supplies is exempt from competitive bidding requirements under the Home Rule Charter, § 41.7-713.B.5, and the Administrative Code, § 4-35.A(5);

WHEREAS, The Cohen Law Group specializes in representing municipalities in cable, wireless, and broadband matters. Collectively, Cohen attorneys have worked on cable franchise issues on behalf of municipalities for over 60 years. CLG has represented over 500 local governments in six states in negotiations with cable companies; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Administration has communicated with and reviewed the professional services offered by Cohen Law Group and its potential use for facilitating more effective communication with residents, and, therefore, recommends Council authorize approval of a License Agreement for the Standard Plan as attached hereto as Exhibit "A;"

WHEREAS, under §4-35 the Director of Finance has certified to the Municipal Administrator that sufficient unencumbered funds are available for the purchase of the services as authorized by the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Solicitor has reviewed all relevant purchase and contract documents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Norristown hereby approves the purchase as being in the best interests of the Municipality and authorizes the Municipality to enter into the **License/ Services Agreement** with **Cohen Law Group** as attached hereto as Exhibits A; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Administrator and the Director of Finance, or their designees, are authorized to take all necessary actions to complete the purchase including execution of the Agreement and any related documents.

RESOLVED this 21st day of December, 2021.

**Municipality of Norristown
Municipal Council**

By: _____

Derrick Perry
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Council President

Attest _____

Crandall O. Jones
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Municipal Administrator
Municipal Secretary

