

## BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 36 - 2022

## AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTING ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside are authorized to exercise certain powers under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq. to consider certain redevelopment matters in the Borough of Lawnside; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, acting in its redevelopment capacity under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et. seq.* have determined that it is in the interest of the Borough to acquire professional engineering services to assist in the evaluation of development proposals, redevelopment studies, selection of designated redevelopers, negotiation of redevelopment agreements, and related activities; and

WHEREAS, The SmithCo Engineering Group, Inc. currently serves as the Borough Engineer, and has the requisite experience and knowledge to perform consulting engineering services for the Borough as it reviews and evaluates redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the Borough of Lawnside will not bear any expenses for the redevelopment related services of said firm due to the fact that the designated redeveloper will execute an Interim Cost Agreement with the Borough and post a professional services escrow with the Borough to cover the cost of redevelopment related professional services, such as planning, engineering, and legal services, including the services of The SmithCo Engineering Group, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, acting in their capacity under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et. seq.* hereby appoints <u>SMITHCO ENGINEERING GROUP INC.</u> as Redevelopment Consulting Engineer, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside that the Borough Administrator and Solicitor hereby directed to take any and all steps necessary to ensure execution and implementation of this resolution including but not limited to including establishment of redeveloper escrow accounts, review of professional services billing, and the disbursement of properly invoiced fees upon approval of this body.

BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE

Marsharce A. Wright

**Acting Municipal Clerk** 

Mary Ann Wardlow

Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 2, 2022

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK** 

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022 via ZOOM Conference Call Pursuant to Executive Order Number 103 dated March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy declared a Public Health Emergency in New Jersey. On March 20, 2020 P.L. 2020 Chapter 11 amended the Open Public Meetings Act to allow local public bodies to conduct Remote Public Meetings by use of electronic communications technology during a period declared as a Public Health Emergency or a State of Emergency.

Municipal Clerk, Marsharee A. Wright