

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

R-11-161

**RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL BOND COUNSEL SERVICES
GIBBONS P.C.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional bond counsel services in connection with the authorization and issuance of bonds or notes; and

WHEREAS, such professional legal services can only be provided by licensed professionals and the firm of Gibbons P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102 – 5310 is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, this contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 plus reimbursable expenses for professional bond counsel services for the Borough of Highlands for the period July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. All rates based on the services utilized are provided for in the contract between Gibbons P.C. and the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds is hereby provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Highlands

Contingent upon adoption of the SFY 2012 Municipal budget:

Legal

Sewer Utility

Various Bond Ordinances

Stephen Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. The firm of Gibbons P.C. is hereby retained to provide professional bond counsel services as described above for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 plus reimbursable expenses.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the contract.
3. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Seconded by Mr. Francy and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Date: July 20, 2011

CAROLYN CUMMINS, BOROUGH CLERK

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands at a meeting held July 20, 2011.

BOROUGH CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK