Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

## R-14-19

## RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL BOND COUNSEL SERVICES

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 Archer and Griener, PC is so recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 plus reimbursable expenses for professional bond counsel services for the Borough of Highlands for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. All rates based on the services utilized are provided for in the contract between Archer and Griener, PC 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 the adoption of the 2014 budget.

Legal

Sewer Utility

Various Bond Ordinances

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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 Archer and Griener, PC is hereby retained to provide professional bond counsel services as described above for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 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 Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

## **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Date: January 1, 2014

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 January 1, 2014.

**BOROUGH CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK**