

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2017

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$21,305.00 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A HOUSING PLAN FOR MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP BURLINGTON COUNTY (CAPEHART SCATCHARD)

WHEREAS, Moorestown Township petitioned the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) for substantive certification of a third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on November 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, COAH proposed revised third round regulations that require municipalities with pending petitions to adopt a revised Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in conformance with the revised third round regulations and petition in accordance with the deadlines prescribed in the proposed procedural rules; and

WHEREAS, COAH's current regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:94-6.12(e), allow 20 percent of monies deposited in a municipal housing trust fund account to be expended on administrative costs, which includes, but is not limited to, consultant fees and salaries for municipal employees necessary to develop or implement a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with COAH's Third Round; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, Township Council adopted Resolution #20-2017, appointing Anthony T. Drollas, Jr., Esquire of the law firm Capehart Scatchard as Township Attorney for 2017; and

WHEREAS, legal services were required relative to the Township's housing program and by the submittal of Invoice Numbers 526743, 531279, 537712, and 541287, Capehart Scatchard has requested reimbursement for professional services completed from April 1, 2017 thru July 31, 2017 in the amount of \$21,305.00; and

WHEREAS, the Low and Moderate Income Housing Oversight Committee Resolution #LM-2017-03 has authorized Thomas J. Merchel, Township Manager, to approve and recommend invoices for payment and refunds from the Housing Trust Fund to Township Council on behalf of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, both Anthony J. Zappasodi Esq., Director of Community Development, and Thomas J. Merchel have recommended the payment of these invoices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown in the County of Burlington, that the expenditure of \$21,305.00 from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Trust Fund is hereby approved and the Township Manager and Director of Finance are hereby authorized and directed to make said payments to Capehart Scatchard in the amount of \$21,305.00.

VOTE:
DELGADO
JORDAN
LOCATELL
NAPOLITANO
PETRIELLO

Certified to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council at its meeting on September 11, 2017.

Patricia L. Hunt, RMC
Township Clerk