

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #2020-04

Title: APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2020 AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING

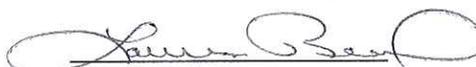
WHEREAS, the Township of Lower has a need to acquire a Tax Appeal Attorney and is satisfied with services rendered by the current vendor and desires to authorize this appointment using a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* to enter into contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding, when the need arises, so long as the award of such contract is made public by a Resolution of the Governing Body and satisfies the requirements of the New Jersey Pay-to-Play law; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Karavan, Esq. has provided a proposal to serve as Tax Appeal Attorney for the Township of Lower at a rate of \$125.00 per hour not to exceed \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to approve the proposal and the CFO has determined sufficient funds will be available in the current budget as follows:

Appropriation #: 01-210-155-289 – Tax Appeals

CFO Signature:

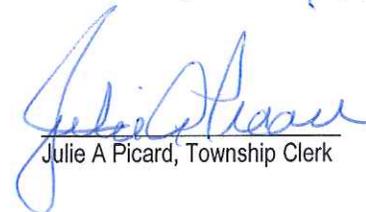
  
Lauren Read, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that a contract without public bidding be awarded to Marcus Karavan of Blaney Karavan as Counsel for Lower Township Tax Appeals at a fee of \$125.00 per hour with a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of Award of Professional Contract for the above award shall be published in the Township's Official paper.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY			X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			

I, Julie A. Picard, Township Clerk of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Council at a meeting held on January 6, 2020.

  
Julie A Picard, Township Clerk

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November 25, 2019

Julie A. Picard, Borough Clerk  
Township of Lower  
2600 Bayshore Road  
Villas, NJ 08251

**RE: Special Tax Counsel**

Dear Ms. Picard:

I would like to request that the above reference firm be reappointed to the position of Special Tax Counsel.

Enclosed please find an original copy of the law firm of Blaney & Karavan, P.C.'s Agreement & Contract to Provide Professional Legal Services for the Township of Lower.

Should you have any questions with regard to our response, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address and telephone number listed below.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
**Blaney & Karavan, P.C.**

  
Marcus H. Karavan, Esquire

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Enclosure

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**AGREEMENT & CONTRACT TO SERVE AS SPECIAL  
TAX COUNSEL TO THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR  
TAX RELATED AND LAND USE MATTERS**

The within Agreement by and between MARCUS H. KARAVAN, ESQUIRE, of Blaney & Karavan, P.C. and the TOWNSHIP OF LOWER is as follows:

1. The Township of Lower hereby appoints Marcus H. Karavan, Esquire, of Blaney & Karavan, P.C. to serve as TAX APPEAL COUNSEL, for the Township of Lower.
2. Marcus H. Karavan, Esquire, of Blaney & Karavan, P.C. shall provide the Township of Lower with copies of monthly billings with fees calculate at hourly rates as set forth below:

Professional legal services relative to defending matters before the Tax Board, defending matters before the Tax Court and/or related tax work including, but not limited to:

Office conferences, court appearances, research, litigation, etc.

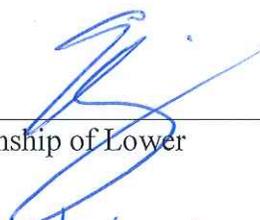
\$125.00 per hour  
Not to exceed \$10,000.00

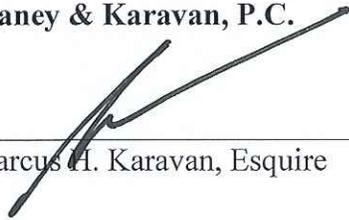
Additional charges to include postage; courier services; costs of deposition transcripts; cost of any and all court transcripts; cost of filing fees, if applicable.

3. The Township shall be responsible for expert fees, Court costs and filing fees.

This agreement shall be effective, January 1, 2020 and shall terminate December 31, 2020.

In Witness whereof, we sealed the day and year above first written agreement.

  
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Township of Lower

**Blaney & Karavan, P.C.**  
  
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Marcus H. Karavan, Esquire

Dated: 1/06/2020