RESOLUTION 2024-194

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REJECTING THE BID RECEIVED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN 522 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD AND MADISON TRAIN STATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the "Township") adopted Resolution No. 2024-099 on March 26, 2024 authorizing the Township to publicly seek bids for public transportation services between 522 Southern Boulevard and the Madison Train Station (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Township received one bid on September 4, 2024 from Boxcar, Inc, 14 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey, for the Services in the amount of Four Dollars Ninety-Nine Cents (\$4.99) per rider and an annual contribution by the Township in the amount of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$72,500); and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney reviewed the bid received and recommends rejection of the bid in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law (the "LPCL"), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2, for failure to include a consent of surety as required by the bid specifications, which is a mandatory document and failure to provide it is a fatal defect in the bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby rejects the bid received by Boxcar, Inc. on September 4, 2024 as it did not include a consent of surety, which is a mandatory item.
- 3. The Township Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to Boxcar, Inc.
- 4. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent, under the direction of the Township Administrator and in consultation with the Township Attorney, to prepare revised bid specifications in accordance with the LPCL for the Services.
- 5. The Township Committee hereby further authorizes the Municipal Clerk, once the bid specifications have been prepared, to solicit bids pursuant to the LPCL for the Services.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: September 24, 2024

Attest:

onte, Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN

THE COUNTY OF MORBIS

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Stadey Ewald, Mayor