## **RESOLUTION 2024-247**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SHARING TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the "Township") determined that its residents and members of the public would benefit from a fiber optic loop system in and around the Township as part of its infrastructure and Municipal facilities (the "Public Safety Information Sharing Technology Community Project" or the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township received \$809,000 from a Community Oriented Policing Services grant and needs to hire an outside contractor to design and construct such system, which is anticipated to exceed the bid threshold requiring the Township to conduct public bidding for the Project in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township adopted Resolution No. 2023-199 on October 24, 2023 authorizing the Township to advertise for bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township received one (1) bid from Millennium Communications Group, Inc. on December 19, 2023 which exceeded John Ruschke's, PE (the "Township Engineer"), of Mott MacDonald, estimates for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommended the rejection of the bid received on December 19, 2023 as it exceeded the Project estimate and on January 23, 2024, the Mayor and Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2024-52, rejecting the bids received on December 19, 2023 and authorizing the Township to re-bid for the Project; and

WHEREAS, in response to the rebid, on March 14, 2024, the Township received two (2) bids, from Kane Communications in the total bid amount of \$1,556,405.00, and Millennium Communications Group, Inc. in the total bid amount of \$1,327,707.41; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommended the rejection of the bids received on March 14, 2024 and on April 23, 2024, the Mayor and Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2024-112, rejecting the bids received on March 14, 2024 and authorizing the Township to re-bid for the Project; and

WHEREAS, in response to the rebid, on September 26, 2024, the Township received three (3) bids, from Millennium Communications Group, Inc. ("Millennium") in the total bid amount of \$795,872.19; Adesta LLC in the total bid amount of \$874,366.85; and Kane Communications in the total bid amount of \$1,403,330; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommended awarding the contract for the Project to Millennium as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the total amount of \$795,872.19 (the "Contract Amount"), which is consistent with the engineering cost estimates for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2024, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2024-207 awarding the contract for the Project to Millenium in the amount of Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$795,872.19) (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-207 authorized the Mayor, Township Administrator,

Township Clerk and all other necessary Township personnel, to enter into a contract with

Millennium for the Project, and to in all other ways carry out and effectuate the purposes thereof;

and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the Contract, the Township desires to authorize a License Agreement with Verizon New Jersey Inc. ("Verizon") which sets forth the terms and conditions authorizing the Township to place and maintain aerial and underground cables, equipment and facilities on Poles, and in the Conduits or Rights of Way of Verizon in the form as set forth in the attached Exhibit A with all fees and costs incurred by the Township thereunder being paid through the Contract with Millennium (the "License Agreement"); and

**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 Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the License Agreement, in substantially the form as attached as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a>, together with such additions, deletions and modifications as deemed necessary by the Mayor upon consultation with the Township Administrator and Township Attorney. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the Mayor on the License Agreement and to deliver same to Verizon.
- 3. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action and execute and deliver any and all documents, certificates, agreements

or instruments necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and the License Agreement.

4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Adopted: December 23, 2024

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By:

Stacey Ewald, Mayor