

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-74

AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH KINGSTON COVENTRY

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey ("Borough") has advised a police officer who is employed by the Borough of the Borough's intention to discipline the employee; and

WHEREAS, the employee has invoked the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:1-147, which requires an internal hearing before discipline is imposed against a police officer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is statutorily required to appoint a hearing officer to carefully consider all of the evidence and preside over the employee's internal hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has selected retired New Jersey Superior Court Judge Deborah Gramiccioni, of the law firm of Kingston Coventry, LLC, to serve as the hearing officer in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gramiccioni is qualified to serve as a hearing officer based on her experience as a Superior Court Judge and her career in the United States Department of Justice, United States District Attorney's Office and the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General, and has confirmed her willingness to serve as the hearing officer for the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 14th day of March 2024 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Retired Superior Court Judge Deborah Gramiccioni is hereby appointed as hearing officer for the Borough of Red Bank at the hourly rate of \$200 with regard to a disciplinary charges filed against a police officer employee of the Borough;
2. The Borough Council hereby authorizes and directs the Borough Manager and Clerk to execute any and all necessary documents, including the contract for hearing officer services which was prepared by the Kingston Coventry law firm;
3. Award of contract is made to the Hon. Deborah Gramiccioni, J.S.C. (ret.) to serve as hearing officer based on her credentials and experience. The contract award is not made through the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. This contract is not anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00. Should the contract exceed \$17,500.00, then Judge Gramiccioni shall certify to the Borough that neither she nor her law firm have made any contribution that is reportable to the Election Law Enforcement Commission relative to the non-fair and open contract requirement for professional services in the Borough of Red Bank as set out in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or N.J.S.A. 19:44A-16 within one year preceding the award of this contract.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Councilmember Bonatakis			x				
Councilmember Cassidy			x				
Councilmember Facey-Blackwood			x				
Councilmember Forest	x		x				
Councilmember Jannone		x	x				
Councilmember Triggiano			x				
Mayor Portman			x				
ON CONSENT AGENDA	Yes	x		No			

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, In the County of Monmouth at a Meeting held on March 14, 2024.


Laura Reinertsen, Borough Clerk