

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE
SPECIALISTS THROUGH USE OF THE H-GAC NATIONAL COOPERATIVE
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2**

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2019 a devastating crash on 1-280 seriously injured two West Orange Firefighters and caused the complete loss of a West Orange ambulance and the fire engine; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these vehicles has put a strain on the West Orange Fire department in fulfilling its mission to deliver emergency medical services and fire protection to the community; and

WHEREAS, a settlement was reached with the GSMJIF and Travelers Insurance for a reimbursement amount insufficient to fund the purchase of a new ambulance; and

WHEREAS, monies have been appropriated in the capital budget for this ambulance replacement; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes contracting units to purchase goods or to contract for services through the use of a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit with the State of New Jersey or within any other state, when available; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas operating under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, by Resolution No.178-14 dated September 23, 2014, authorized membership with said H-GAC, a recognized National Cooperative, thus becoming a member; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent published on October 8, 2020 a Notice of Intent, pursuant to the Local Finance Notice 2012-10 to utilize the H-GAC Cooperative Contract No. AM10-20 to purchase One (1) Type 1, Ford F550, Model 603 Ambulance and provided a comment period to allow vendors a mechanism to provide alternate proposals; and

WHEREAS, there were no responses from other vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Fire Department did due diligence comparing multiple companies on the H-GAC Cooperative contract AM10-20 for an ambulance and recommends the VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists Company, located 43 Jefferson Avenue, Berlin, New Jersey 08009, as the best company to meet the Fire Departments needs and budget (see Exhibit "A").

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the West Orange Township Council the following:

1. The Township shall receive from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists all supplemental documentation which complies with the laws of the State of New Jersey for entities awarded a contract by a public entity.
2. The Township Purchasing Agent be authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Township and a purchase order issued.
3. The Township's Chief Financial Officer certifies sufficient funds are available for said procurement in the amount of \$232,873.00

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

Michelle Casalino
Council President

Adopted: November 24, 2020

I hereby certify funds available from the following accounts:

Capital Account No. 03-2610-20-0600-110	\$100,000.00
Capital Account No. 03-2610-20-0600-160	\$ 50,000.00
General Funds No. 01-1169	\$ 82,873.00

John O. Gross, Chief Financial Officer