

Resolution of No Support for Township Attorney Richard Trenk

Whereas, the Township of West Orange has hired Richard Trenk, Kenneth Kayser and the Trenk Isabel Siddiqi and Shahdanian firm (the Trenk Firm) for legal services in the past; and

Whereas, serious concerns have been raised regarding the conduct of Richard Trenk and Kenneth Kayser in relation to the legal work they have performed for the Township; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Township to ensure that legal services are provided in an ethical and professional manner, and that the interests of the Township and its residents are protected; and

Whereas, it has been determined that continuing to engage the services of Richard Trenk, Kenneth Kayser and the Trenk firm may not be in the best interests of the Township;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that:

No payments shall be made to Richard Trenk, Kenneth Kayser or the Trenk firm, or any other firm they are members of or contracted with, for any legal work done for the Township of West Orange.

No legal work shall be assigned to Richard Trenk, Kenneth Kayser, or the Trenk firm, or any other firm they may be members of or contracted with, by anyone in the current Administration that would result in creating a fee.

The Township Council and the Township Administration shall work diligently and collaboratively to identify alternative legal counsel that will provide ethical and professional legal services to the Township of West Orange.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Township Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Richard Trenk, Kenneth Kayser, and the Trenk firm, and to any other firm deemed necessary or appropriate, and to the Township's current legal counsel.

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

Tammy Williams, Council President

Adopted : June 13, 2023