

EXHIBIT A



August 26, 2024

Richard D. Trenk, Director
Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian
290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Suite 2370
Livingston, NJ 07039

Re: Colonial Woods Drive
Drainage System Assessment
Township of West Orange
GPI File No. 2400022.00

Dear Mr. Trenk:

On April 3, 2024, this office provided a proposal for professional services relating to the above matter. This proposal was approved by the Township of West Orange and Purchase Order No. 183841 was issued in the amount of \$11,500.00. This work generally included the review of the as-built survey provided by the developer against the documents approved by the Township as part of the major subdivision approval. A site visit was also included.

Following the review and preparation of our report, the developer submitted a second as-built survey that contained significant deviations from the as-built on file with the Township which was used for our report. Lacking confidence in the developer's survey, GPI was asked to expand our scope to include sending the GPI survey crew to the site to verify key items in the as-built survey. In an email of May 28, 2024, this office quoted a price of \$5,500.00 for the additional survey task. Due to the need to have the survey in advance of a June 5, 2024 meeting with the developer, the work did not wait for a formal acceptance and GPI acted on your verbal direction to proceed. This raised the overall project fee for GPI to \$17,000.00.

Prior to today's conference call, and as a sum of our three invoices to date, the current amount expended is \$18,918.39. Moving forward, we recommend an increase of the project budget to \$26,500.00. This amount would include preparation for and participation in today's conference call. It also contemplates continued effort including the following:

- A. Review and respond, in "bullet point" format, to the developer's submission of August 23, 2024.
- B. Internal coordination meeting in preparation for meeting with developer/mediator.
- C. Meeting with developer/mediator.
- D. Miscellaneous communications.

Understanding the Township's desire to not continue to edit the budget as new challenges come forward in this process, some extra budget is included in the new budget. This office will advise if/when the fees reach \$24,000.00 to aid in gauging the effort.

Thank you for aiding to resolve the outstanding invoices and to coordinate the budget adjustment. Based on your request during today's conference call, we will proceed with the bullet point response to the developer's submission of last week.

Richard D. Trenk,
Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian

August 25, 2024
Colonial Woods Drive

Should there be any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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