

RESOLUTION 2023-27

A RESOLUTION RETAINING JENNIFER KANGAS BERENDT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AS SOLICITOR, AND REITZ, PAUL & SHORR, AS ADDITIONAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR COURT RELATED MATTERS, FOR THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM, OHIO, AND FIXING THEIR FEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hiram has determined to provide for legal representation of the Village by retaining a Village Solicitor and legal counsel for court related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that the compensation and other terms of the appointment of Jennifer Kangas Berendt as solicitor for the Village and Reitz, Paul & Shorr as legal counsel for court related matters as set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Resolution are fair and reasonable to the Village; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Kangas Berendt and Reitz, Paul & Shorr have agreed to provide the legal services as set forth hereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to engage the services of Jennifer Kangas Berendt as Solicitor and Reitz, Paul & Shorr as legal counsel for court related matters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Hiram, two thirds of the members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1: That Jennifer Kangas Berendt be retained as Solicitor and Reitz, Paul & Shorr as legal counsel for court related matters for the Village of Hiram, Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 upon the terms and conditions set forth in substantial conformity with the attached Exhibit "A", which the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer are hereby authorized to sign.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be effective December 31, 2023.

Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Section 4: The Village Council finds that this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure, effective immediately upon its passage in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Village and for the further reason that the Agreement for Legal Services attached hereto as Exhibit "A" should be executed by the parties now so as to provide for continuous legal representation of the Village.

Passed in Council on First Reading: December 12, 2023

Mayor Lou Bertrand
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ATTEST:

Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung
Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung

Approved as to form:

Thomas Reitz
Village Solicitor Thomas Reitz

I, Susan DeYoung, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution or Ordinance No. 2023-27 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.
12-8-2023 Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram