

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE January 2, 2024

NUMBER 17-2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND EXPENSES RENDERED BY THE ANTOINE LAW FIRMS, LLC IN THE MATTER PROPERTY PILOT LLC d/b/a GOVPILOT V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL" DOCKET NO. ESX-L-2153-23 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,130.00

WHEREAS, The Antoine Law Firm, LLC has provided legal representation to the City of Orange Township in numerous legal matters involving tax appeal; and

WHEREAS, the legal services rendered were authorized, reasonable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City's Law Department, shortly after retaining the Antoine Law Firm, LLC, changed course and decided to keep the Matter in-house; and

WHEREAS, prior to the City taking back the Matter, The Antoine Law Firm, LLC rendered legal services on the Matter; and

WHEREAS, the invoices submitted by The Antoine Law Firm, LLC have been reviewed and found acceptable and in order; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Orange Township has prepared the necessary Certificate of Availability of Funds, a copy of which is attached hereto certifying that funds will be available for this purpose in Account No. 3-01-20-155-000-519.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP does hereby authorize and approve payment to the Antoine Law Firms, LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$2,130.00 for legal services rendered.

Adopted: **January 2, 2024**

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

 A. MIZRAHI

CITY OF ORANGE
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS
2023 ADOPTED BUDGET

I, Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Orange, do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that there are sufficient funds to Contract with:

Vendor Name: The Antoine Law Firm, LLC.
Address: 52 Underwood Street
Apartment 1L

City: Newark
State: New Jersey
Zip Code: 07106

Purpose: Legal Services in the matter of GovPilot vs. The City of Orange
Docket No. ESX-L-2153-23

Vendor ID: THEAN005

Fund: Current Fund
Account Name: LAW - Professional Services
Account Numbers(s): 3-01-20-155-000-519

PO Number: 23-02145

Amount: \$ 2,130.00

Division Head

Date

Nile Clements

12/28/2023

Chief Financial Officer

Date



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The Antoine Law Firm, LLC

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wilsona@antoinelawfirm.com

Invoice Period : July-August 2023

Date : 8/20/2023

Client No : City of Orange Township (030521001)

Matter No. Property Pilot, LLC d/b/a GovPilot (009)

City of Orange Township

Attn: Gracia Robert Montilus, Esq. **Summer Associate Intern(2L):** Einzen R. Lespinasse (ERL)
29 North Day Street
Orange, NJ 07050-9998
T. 732-956-6110; F. 973-674-2021
GMontilus@orangenj.gov

Attorneys: Wilson D. Antoine (WDA)

Billing Rate per hour: \$150.00

Billing Type: Hourly

Billing Key: .1 = 6 mins

Bill Summary

Total Due from Current Invoice Period		Current Retainer Account Balance	
\$2,130.00		\$0.00	
Total Attorneys' Fees Incurred for Current Invoice Period	Total Disbursements for Current Invoice Period	Total Billable Hours from Current Invoice	Total Credits towards Prior Invoice Period
\$2,130.00	\$0.00	14.2	\$0.00
Total Attorneys' Fees Billed Since Engagement	Total Disbursements Billed Since Engagement	Total Billable Hours Since Engagement	Total Credits Paid Since Engagement
\$2,130.00	\$0.00	14.2	\$0.00

Attorneys' Fees for WDA

Description	Time	Cost	Date
Conferring with opposing counsel concerning vacatur of default.	0.2	\$30.00	7/17/2023
Conferring with opposing counsel concerning vacatur of default.	0.1	\$15.00	7/17/2023
Conferring with client concerning status updates and insurance developments.	0.1	\$15.00	7/18/2023
Drafting consent order vacating default.	0.3	\$45.00	7/18/2023
Requesting vacatur of default from Court.	0.1	\$15.00	7/18/2023
Conferring with opposing counsel concerning consent order.	0.1	\$15.00	8/8/2023

Subtotal of WDA Fees: \$135.00

Subtotal of WDA Hours: 0.9



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Attorneys' Fees for ERL

Description	Time	Cost	Date
Analyzing complaint.	2.1	\$315.00	7/25/2023
Drafting Answer.	1.5	\$225.00	7/26/2023
Drafting affirmative defenses	1.5	\$225.00	7/26/2023
Commencing draft of document demands.	1.6	\$240.00	7/31/2023
Drafting document demands.	1	\$150.00	7/31/2023
Supplementing affirmative defenses.	1.3	\$195.00	8/1/2023
Revising document demands	1.3	\$195.00	8/1/2023
Drafting relevant certifications for Answer.	0.5	\$75.00	8/1/2023
Finalizing answer and affirmative defenses.	1.3	\$195.00	8/2/2023
Finalizing document demands.	1.2	\$180.00	8/2/2023

Subtotal of ERL Fees: \$1,995.00

Subtotal of ERL Hours: 13.3

Subtotal of all Counsel Fees: \$2,130.00

Subtotal of all Hours: 14.2

Disbursements

Vendor	Description	Cost	Date
N/A	N/A	\$0.00	N/A

Subtotal of Disbursements: \$0.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CURRENT EXPENSES: \$2,130.00

Prior Month's Expenses

Nature of Expense	Months in arrears	Cost	Date Invoiced
N/A	0	\$0.00	N/A

Subtotal of Past Expenses: \$0.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAST AND CURRENT EXPENSES: \$2,130.00



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Credits

Name of Payment and Application of Payment	Payor	Payment	Date
N/A	N/A	\$0.00	N/A

TOTAL CREDITS: \$0.00

AMOUNT OUTSTANDING FROM ALL INVOICES: \$2,130.00

Retainer Account Balance

Payee/Nature of Fee	Balance	Debits/Credit	Date
N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A

Retainer Account Balance: \$0.00

Make all checks payable to The Antoine Law Firm, LLC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!