

**CITY COUNCIL****The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE January 16, 2024NUMBER 32-2024

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC, TO REPRESENT ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF VITIELLO, CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER DUNN, SERGEANT STEFANELLI AND POLICE DIRECTOR TODD WARREN IN THE MATTER, "KERI PAYNE, V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL" DOCKET NO. ESX-L-6850-22 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 373-2023, adopted on September 19, 2023, Ruderman & Roth, LLC, was and remains a law firm authorized to represent the City of Orange Police Department, Chief Vitiello, Captain Christopher Dunn, Sergeant Stefanelli and Police Director Todd Warren; and

**WHEREAS**, the City awarded the contract to Ruderman & Roth, LLC under the "fair and open process" of the Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.4 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A 40A:11-15 limits the term of professional services contract to twelve (12) months; and

**WHEREAS**, the lawsuit is still ongoing and it is necessary for the City to renew its professional service contract with Ruderman & Roth, LLC for an additional twelve (12) months period; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruderman & Roth, LLC agreed to provide these services at an hourly rate of \$150.00, including expenses; and


**WHEREAS**, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City's insurance carrier, PEJIF.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, authorizes extending the contract with Ruderman & Roth, LLC, 150 Morris Avenue, Ste. 303, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, until December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**Adopted: January 16, 2024**

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**Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk**

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**Tency A. Eason, Council President**



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**AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT  
EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

**THIS EXTENSION AGREEMENT** is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by and between the City of Orange Township, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal office at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 (hereinafter referred to as "City") and Ruderman & Roth, LLC, 150 Morris Avenue, Ste. 303, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 (hereinafter referred to as "Counsel");

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the undersigned contracting parties to amend the previously executed Agreement as follows:

This Agreement shall be binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of each party hereto. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of this Agreement and Ruderman & Roth, LLC, shall continue to serve in all matters assigned to him/her as to this issue prior to the end of the term to their completion.

All other terms and conditions that are not hereby amended are to remain in full force and effect.

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.,  
Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk**

**RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

**Approved as to form and sufficiency**

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**Gracia Robert Montilus  
City Attorney**

**CITY COUNCIL****The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE September 19, 2023NUMBER 373-2023

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC, TO REPRESENT ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF VITIELLO, CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER DUNN, POLICE DIRECTOR TODD WARREN AND SGT. RENE WILSON IN THE MATTER, "KERI PAYNE, V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL" DOCKET NO. ESX-L-6850-23 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the City of Orange Township to retain legal representation on behalf of Orange Police Department, Captain Vitiello, Captain Christopher Dunn, Sergeant Stefanelli and Police Director Todd Warren in connection with litigation, "Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al."; and,

**WHEREAS**, 450-2022, adopted on November 14, 2022, authorized Ruderman & Roth, LLC, to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. authorizes the award of a contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids, and that said contract itself must be available for public inspection as set forth herein.; and

**WHEREAS**, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City's insurance carrier, PEJIF.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, with Ruderman & Roth, LLC, 150 Morris Avenue, Ste. 303, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services in the field of law required are specialized, and require expertise in employment law generally.
3. That the Agreement herein and this resolution is contingent upon certification of funds and appropriate funding to render payment for the services provided herein.

Adopted: September 19, 2023

  
Joyce Labler, Municipal Clerk

  
Nancy A. Wilson, Council President

  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 373-2023**

**ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – September 19, 2023**

**MOTION TO ADOPT: Wooten**

**SECOND: Ross**

**YEAS: Coisy, Hilbert, Montagne, III, Ross, Wooten & Council President Eason**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

**ABSENCES: Summers-Johnson**