

**Pennington Borough Council  
Special Meeting – August 17, 2018**

Mayor Persichilli called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 8:30AM. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Chandler, Gnatt, Griffiths, Marciante and Mills in attendance. Mr. Lawver was absent.

Borough Attorney Walter Bliss was also in attendance.

Mayor Persichilli announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times and was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and on the Borough web-site according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Persichilli asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute.

**Open to the Public – Agenda Items Only**

Mayor Persichilli read the following statement.

The meeting is now open to the public for comments on items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. **Please come forward and state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.**

There were no comments from the public.

**New Business**

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
RESOLUTION 2018 – 8.12**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ASSESSOR  
SERVICES IN 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Pennington seeks to enter into an agreement for the performance of professional consulting services in connection with the inspection and assessment of properties for the purpose of real estate taxation;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Tax Assessor has recommended Robert Gabrish, General Partner of the firm Assessor Services, LLC, 414 Runyon Court, Flemington, New Jersey 08822, who has the knowledge and experience to perform the needed services;

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the proposed agreement is attached to this Resolution, including a Schedule of Fees designated Exhibit B which specifies flat all-inclusive fees varying by type of property or improvement inspected;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose in Account No. 8-01-20-150-000-250;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington as follows:

1. The Mayor, with the attestation of the Clerk, are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough the attached agreement with Robert Garish, General Partner (GP) of the firm Assessor Services, LLC, 414 Runyon Court, Flemington, New Jersey 08822;
2. Compensation under the contract shall not exceed \$2,000.

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Chandler	M				Lawver				Absent
Gnatt	X				Marciante	S			
Griffiths	X				Mills	X			

Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-8.12, second by Council Member Marciante. Mr. Bliss explained that the fee schedule attached is per inspection. Mr. Bliss stated that about 30 inspections are anticipated for a maximum exposure of \$2,000.00. Mr. Bliss stated that most of the inspections, per Marianne Busher, Tax Assessor for the Borough will be within the \$28.00 range such as decks, pools, sheds etc. Mr. Bliss stated that this agreement will permit Mrs. Busher to handle the more significant inspections including American Properties and new additions. Mr. Bliss explained the Mrs. Busher computes the square footage and assessments for Affordable Housing contributions and she will continue to do all of that herself but she is requesting help for these ancillary assessments that are required to be done by the end of September. Mr. Bliss stated that this contract expires December 31, 2018, but as a

practical matter the services are needed through September. Mr. Bliss stated that there is \$3,500.00 in the Tax Assessor budget for consultant services. Mr. Bliss stated that even though this is a small amount it is still a professional service and it is important to insure that adequate insurance is provided. Upon a roll call vote all members present voted in favor of the resolution.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Persichilli asked anyone wishing to speak to come forward and state their name and address for the record and to limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

At 8:34 am, with no further business to come before Borough Council, Mrs. Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Griffiths.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling  
Borough Clerk