

RESOLUTION NO. 23-18

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD E350 FLEETHAWK AMBULANCE FROM VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS THROUGH THE HGAC COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS Chief Conte of the MEPRI Ambulance Squad has reported to the Public Safety Director that it is necessary to purchase a new Ambulance; and

WHEREAS Chief Conte has researched pricing information for the purchase of a new Ambulance and recommends that the purchase be through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) purchasing cooperative, of which Mount Ephraim is a participating member; and

WHEREAS pursuant to NJSA 52:34-6.2b.(3) and LFN 2012-10, a New Jersey municipality may purchase goods and services without public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law through the use of a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contract that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding or contracting process by another contracting unit within New Jersey or another state; and

WHEREAS the HGAC purchasing cooperative is a cooperative that has been approved by the State of New Jersey and the subject cooperative purchasing contract was awarded by HGAC to VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, LLC, as an authorized vendor for HGAC Contract No. AM10-20; and

WHEREAS also pursuant to NJSA 52:34-6.2b.(3) and LFN 2012-10, prior to making purchases under nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contracts, the municipality must determine that the use of the cooperative purchasing contract shall result in cost savings after all factors, including charges for service, material and delivery have been considered; and

WHEREAS the Public Safety Director and the EMS Chief have determined that the Borough's use of the HGAC cooperative purchasing contract to procure the sought-after ambulance will result in cost savings to the Borough; and

WHEREAS consistent with the HGAC purchasing contract and needs of the Borough, VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, LLC, has submitted a proposal for a new Ford E350 Fleethawk ambulance along with all required and agreed upon options in the amount of \$174,963.00; and

WHEREAS funds have been provided for in the Capital Budget of the Borough of Mount Ephraim as certified by the Finance Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, that a contract is hereby awarded to VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, LLC, for the purchase of a new Ford E350 Fleethawk ambulance along with all required options as listed on the HGAC contract pricing worksheet and pursuant to the proposal from VCI dated January 5, 2023, in the amount of \$174,963.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related thereto.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
January 24, 2023**

Approved: _____
Mayor Michael Tovinsky

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk