



**Stockton Borough Council
Resolution #24- 41
AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE
FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.**

WHEREAS, the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act,” N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 through 40A:65-35 (the “Act”), authorizes local units of this State to enter into contracts with each other for the joint provision within their several jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stockton and Township of Delaware have identified the provision of fire protection and suppression services in both municipalities where working together through shared services under the Act will result in positive outcomes for both municipalities, and the continued safety and welfare of their residents and inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Stockton and Delaware are currently primarily served by separate volunteer fire companies in each of their respective municipalities – the Stockton Fire Company and the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Stockton and Delaware each have a contract with the volunteer fire company in their municipality for purposes performing fire protection and suppression therein, and through the Stockton Borough Fire Department and Delaware Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the two volunteer fire companies seek to consolidate into a single volunteer fire company to serve both Stockton and Delaware, and upon their consolidation, the two local units seek to operate a shared service of fire protection and suppression by the local units and the consolidated volunteer fire company; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the parties seek to memorialize the terms and conditions of the provision of the shared service of fire protection and suppression through the Delaware Township Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they do hereby authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Delaware for the provision of fire protection services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. consistent with the foregoing “Whereas” clauses, for an initial term of five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township, the final terms of which shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor and Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon final execution, a copy of the Shared Services Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shared Services Agreement, resolution, and other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Certification:

I, Laurie A. Courter, Clerk of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton on April 3, 2024.

 Recoverable Signature

X Laurie A. Courter

Laurie A. Courter

Borough Clerk

Signed by: f294cf7e-b128-47e4-b5d9-0d760677edc7

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Borough this

3rd day of April, 2024

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