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DATE February 16, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Peri A. Kadanoff, Esq.
Executive Director, Solid Waste Commission

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Steven T. Sledzik, Esq. for the provision of administrative hearing officer services on behalf of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission, for a term commencing March 1, 2021 and continuing through February 29, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$105,000.00.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Steven T. Sledzik, Esq. for Mr. Sledzik to provide administrative hearing officer services on behalf of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission (the "Commission"), for a term commencing March 1, 2021 and continuing through February 29, 2024, in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Mr. Sledzik has led a distinguished legal career since he began practicing law in 1990, following his graduation from the Georgetown University School of Law. Mr. Sledzik is admitted to practice in the states of New York and Connecticut, as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States District Courts for Connecticut and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He has represented clients in complex matters in both State and Federal Courts, including cases involving issues of civil rights, employment discrimination, commercial litigation and contract disputes. He is currently an attorney at the law firm of Jones Morrison, LLP, which has offices in Westchester, New York City and Connecticut.

Mr. Sledzik has served as a hearing officer in a variety of administrative hearings for the County, and currently serves as a hearing officer in administrative hearings conducted by the Commission for matters involving violations of Chapter 826-a. of the Laws of Westchester County (the "Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Licensing Law"). His current agreement will expire on February 28, 2021.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to provide the County with the services of an experienced hearing officer to preside over administrative hearings conducted by the Commission for matters involving violations of Chapter 826-a. of the Laws of Westchester County.

The services provided under Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Commission.

Based upon the foregoing, your favorable action on the annexed Resolution is urged and recommended.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Steven T. Sledzik, Esq. for Mr. Sledzik to provide administrative hearing officer services on behalf of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission (the "Commission"), for a term commencing March 1, 2021 and continuing through February 29, 2024, in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the Agreements. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the Agreements or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Consultant, then the Consultant shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	41	Contractual Services	4380		105,000

Budget Funding Year(s):
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 03/01/2021

End Date: 02/29/2024

Funding Source

(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: \$0

State Aid: \$0

Federal Aid: \$0

Other: Our Dept. generates its own expenses

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/11/2021 - LISA BRIJAJ, SECRETARY