

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AIR AND GAS TECHNOLOGIES
FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (FILL STATIONS FOR AIR AND OXYGEN)**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick is grateful to continue to have a Volunteer Fire Department since 1924 made up of three fire houses and dedicated members who give so much of themselves; and

WHEREAS, annually \$198,000.00 is included as part of municipal budget and given to the fire department to offset their operating costs; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately the \$198,000.00, along with current donation levels, and limited grants available, there is not always sufficient funding to cover new capital expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department had come to the Mayor in 2013 seeking the Township's assistance in replacing the outdated air packs; and

WHEREAS, the sentiment of the Mayor and Council was that this was an essential item needed for the safety of our volunteer firemen; and

WHEREAS, the Township agreed to fund the project over two fiscal years and included funding in the FY2014 and FY2015 capital plans; and

WHEREAS, Township Fire Chief Steve Lins solicited a proposal from New Jersey Fire Equipment Company, an authorized distributor under state contact vendor Scott Health and Safety - A80961; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2014 New Jersey Fire Equipment Company provided a cost to outfit the entire fire department at \$897,830.31, minus the trade-in for existing gear of (\$87,425.31) for a net proposal of \$810,405.00.

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2014 the Township Council authorized resolution 255-10.14 for the purchase of air pack firefighter protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, Steve Lins was notified that the new compact units would not be certified with the current fill stations located at each fire company in accordance with Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Respiratory Protection Standard (29CFR1910.134); and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2015 Air and Gas Technologies provided a proposal for three (3) containment fill stations for air and oxygen for a unit cost of \$7,550.00 and a total cost of \$22,650.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 17th day of February, 2015, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize a contract with Air and Gas Technologies, an authorized distributor under state contact 80963 for the purchase (3) containment fill stations for air and oxygen at a net amount of \$22,650.00.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kala Sriranganathan, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$22,650.00 are available under Capital Ordinance 14-10 Account C-04-55-C15-141-701. Purchase Order 15-02493

Kala Sriranganathan
Chief Financial Officer

Robert Lombard
Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved at to legal form