

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION #2024-011

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS BETWEEN HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP AND BERKHEIHMER ASSOCIATES, THE DULY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF LOCAL TAXES FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND THE NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE DISTRICT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Local Tax Enabling Act ("LTEA"), authorizes certain political subdivisions, including Hilltown Township, Bucks County, to provide for the creation of such bureaus or the appointment and compensation of such officers, clerks, collectors, and other assistants and employees as may be deemed necessary for the assessment and collection of taxes imposed under the authority of that Act; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County and the North Penn School District has entered into contractual agreement with Berkheimer of Bangor, Pennsylvania, whereby and whereunder Montgomery County/North Penn School District appointed Berkheimer to collect certain local taxes; and

WHEREAS, the LTEA specifically mandates that any information gained by the appointed tax officer, his agents or by any other official or agent of the taxing district, as a result of any declarations, returns, investigations, hearing or verification required or authorized by the taxing municipality's Ordinance or Resolution, be kept confidential, except for official purposes; and

WHEREAS, any person who divulges any information which is confidential under the provisions of any Ordinance or Resolution, upon convictions may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment, upon conviction, and dismissal from office or discharge from employment; and

WHEREAS, Berkheimer requires passage of a Resolution by the governing body of Hilltown Township, Bucks County specifying that said confidential information is needed for official purposes and absolving Berkheimer from any liability in connection with the release of said confidential information;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, Bucks County, hereby appoints the Hilltown Township Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as its authorized representatives to make requires upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for Montgomery County and North Penn School District, as desired and deemed necessary by Hilltown Township, to be used for official purposes only; and
- 2. Berkheimer is hereby directed to provide and/or transmit any and all tax information and records, or any portion thereof, relating to the collection of taxes for Montgomery County and the North Penn School District as it relates to certain Line Lexington properties, to the Hilltown Township Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as the authorized contact representative for it.
- 3. Hilltown Township, Bucks County hereby saves harmless, indemnifies and/or absolves Berkheimer from and against any and all liability in connection with the release of said confidential information.

RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED at a meeting held on the 25th day of March, 2024.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Caleb Torrice, Chairman

e-Chairman

James C. Groff,

Joseph A Metzinger, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Lorraine Leslie Twp. Manager