

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-120

**TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES DEFENSE AGREEMENT FOR
JOINT MEETING OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR JOINT DEFENSE AND
REPRESENTATION IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JCP&L PURSUANT
TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY
RELIABILITY PROJECT IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE SERVICE,
CONVENIENCE OR WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC, BPU DOCKET NO. EO16080750**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.), municipalities may form joint meetings to share various services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2, the Township of Aberdeen (“Aberdeen”) and other affected municipalities (“the Municipal Group”) wish to intervene in the Matter of the Petition of JCP&L Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 for a Determination that the Monmouth County Reliability Project is Reasonably Necessary for the Service, Convenience or Welfare of the Public, BPU Docket No. EO16080750 (“the Petition”); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Group wishes to enter into a Shared Services Defense Agreement (“Agreement”) to share resources and split expenses for the cost of special counsel and related experts to challenge JCP&L’s Petition while maintaining confidentiality in communications between government entities, their litigation control groups, counsel and experts; and

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN represents approximately TEN (10%) per cent of the total equalized assess ratable value of the municipalities that make up the Municipal Group; and

WHEREAS, the Township of ABERDEEN authorizes the expenditure of an amount not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) per annum towards the cost and expenses of the Shared Services Defense Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of ABERDEEN in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Shared Services Defense Agreement in a substantially similar form to be approved by the Township Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen hereby authorizes the expenditure of an amount not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) per annum towards the cost and expenses of the Shared Services Defense Agreement authorized herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Agreement shall be transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.