

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-72

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR REAL PROPERTY DATA COLLECTION AND VERIFICATION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2013, Monmouth County was chosen to participate in the New Jersey “Assessment Demonstration Program” that was intended to provide a more cost effective and accurate process for property assessments, including the annual adjustment of assessments to reflect changes in the market; and

WHEREAS, the “Assessment Demonstration Program” requires municipalities to perform exterior and interior inspections of all properties over a five-year inspection cycle in an effort to increase the accuracy of annual assessments; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the requirements of the “Assessment Demonstration Program,” municipalities are required to retain an independent contractor to perform the inspections annually over the five-year period; and

WHEREAS, data amassed from inspections of all properties is intended to be used by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Aberdeen to accurately ascertain the market value of those properties; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Township of Aberdeen advertised for the receipt of Request for Bids for real property data collection and verification services; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, a notice was issued by the Township of Aberdeen delaying the receipt of bids from March 20, 2020 until April 21, 2020 due to the unforeseen circumstances associated with the Covid-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, more recent developments with the Covid-19 virus have made it evident that the receipt of bids and award of a contract by the Township of Aberdeen for real property data collection and verification services is not sensible and practical under current circumstances or does not preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Aberdeen; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen believes it is in its best interests and the best interests of its citizens to withdraw the Request for Bids in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and the reservation of right set forth in Section 11-10 of the Request for Bids; and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of the Request for Bids for real property data collection and verification services is necessary for health, safety and welfare of its citizens and the continued efficient operation of the Township of Aberdeen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 16th day of April 2020, that the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen does hereby authorize and ratify the withdrawal of the Request for Bids for real property data collection and verification services until further action by the Township Council after the impact of the Covid-19 virus becomes clearer and it is safe for the project to move forward.