

Town of Nolensville
P.O. Box 547
Nolensville, Tennessee 37135

Resolution 14-24

**A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEEL SCHAFFER TO
PERFORM SURVEY AND PRELIMINARY WORK WITHIN THE HISTORIC
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Nolensville desires to obtain cost on future development within the downtown Historic District; and,

WHEREAS, surveys are required for preliminary engineering services to develop potential infrastructure improvements; and,

WHEREAS, Neel Schaffer is able and qualified to perform these duties; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with Neel Schaffer to provide survey and preliminary engineering services and other duties as outlined in the attached agreement.

Section 2. The area will include, but not limited to locations generally along Nolensville Road bounded to the north by the bridge over Mill Creek; to the south by Nolensville Park/Old Clovercroft Road; the east by Mill Creek and to the west by a tributary of Mill Creek and Sam Donald Road.

Section 3. These services will not exceed \$30,000.

Section 4. The said agreement is attached and is made part of this resolution by this reference.

Resolved this 7th day of August 2014,

Jimmy Alexander, Mayor

Cindy Lancaster, Town Recorder

Date

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1. **Relationship between Engineer and Client.** Engineer shall serve as Client's professional engineering consultant in those phases of the Project to which this Agreement applies. The relationship is that of a buyer and seller of professional services and it is understood that the parties have not entered into any joint venture or partnership with the other, nor is the relationship a fiduciary relationship between Engineer and Client. The Engineer shall not be considered to be the agent of the Client. To the extent that Client is a public entity or a person or entity obligated to repay some or all of an amount borrowed in a municipal securities offering, it is expressly understood and agreed that the Engineer is not acting as a municipal advisor to the Client, as that term applies to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and its supporting regulations, that Engineer's services will not include the provision of advice or recommendations regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities, and that the Client is responsible for retaining an independent registered municipal advisor for such advice or recommendation.

2. **Responsibility of the Engineer.** Engineer will strive to perform services under this Agreement in a manner consistent with that standard of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. No other representation, express or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in this Agreement or in any report, opinion, document, or otherwise.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary which may be contained in this Agreement or any other material incorporated herein by reference, or in any agreement between the Client and any other party concerning the Project, the Engineer shall not have control of and shall not be responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction; or the safety, safety precautions or programs of the Client, the construction contractor, other contractors or subcontractors performing any of the work or providing any of the services on the Project. Nor shall the Engineer be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Client, or for the failure of the Client, any contractor or subcontractor, or any other engineer, architect or consultant not under contract to the Engineer to carry out their respective responsibilities in accordance with the Project documents, this Agreement or any other agreement concerning the Project.

Engineer shall determine the amounts owing to the construction contractor and recommend in writing payments to the contractor in such amounts. By recommending any payment, the Engineer will not thereby be deemed to have represented that exhaustive, continuous or detailed review or examinations have been made to check the quality or quantity of the contractor's work.

3. **Responsibility of the Client.** Client shall provide all criteria and full information as to his requirements for the Project, including budgetary limitations. Client shall arrange for Engineer to enter upon public and private property and obtain all necessary approvals and permits required from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

Client shall give prompt written notice to the Engineer whenever Client observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of Engineer's

services, or any defect or nonconformance in the work of any construction contractor.

The Client shall promptly report to the Engineer any defects or suspected defects in the Engineer's services of which the Client becomes aware, so that the Engineer may take measures to minimize the consequences of such a defect. The Client further agrees to impose a similar notification requirement on all contractors in its Client/Contractor contract and shall require all subcontracts at any level to contain a like requirement. Should legal liability for the defects exist, failure by the Client and the Client's contractors or subcontractors to notify the Engineer shall relieve the Engineer of any liability for costs of remedying the defects about the sum such remedy would have cost had prompt notification been given when such defects were first discovered.

Client shall examine all documents presented by Engineer, obtain advice of an attorney or other consultant as Client deems appropriate for such examinations and provide decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of the Engineer.

4. **Designation of Authorized Representatives.** Each party shall designate one or more persons to act with authority in its behalf with respect to appropriate aspects of the Project. The persons designated shall review and respond promptly to all communications received from the party.

5. **Ownership of Documents.** Drawings, specifications, reports and any other documents prepared by Engineer in connection with any or all of the services furnished hereunder shall be the property of Engineer. Engineer shall have the right to retain copies of all documents and drawings for its files.

6. **Reuse of Documents.** All documents, including drawings and specifications furnished by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement, are intended for use on the Project only. Client agrees they should not be used by Client or others on extensions of the Project or on any other project. Any reuse, without written verification or adaption by Engineer, shall be at Client's sole risk, and Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Engineer from all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting therefrom. Owner further acknowledges that any reports or studies prepared by Engineer are intended solely for the Owner's use and information, and the Owner shall defend and indemnify Engineer from any liabilities arising out of other entities' reliance on such reports or studies.

7. **Opinions of Cost.** Since the Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by the contractor, or over the contractor's methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, the Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual construction costs will not vary from his opinions or estimates of construction costs.

8. **Changes.** Client reserves the right by written change order or amendment to make changes in requirements, amount of work, or engineering time schedule adjustments; and Engineer and Client shall negotiate appropriate adjustments in fee and/or schedule acceptable to both parties to accommodate any changes.

9. **Delays.** If the Engineer's services are delayed by the Client, or for other reasons beyond the Engineer's control, for more

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than one year, the fee provided for in this Agreement shall be adjusted equitably.

10. **Subcontracts.** Engineer may subcontract portions of the services, but each subcontractor must be approved by Client in writing.
11. **Suspension of Services.** Client may, at any time, by written order to Engineer, require Engineer to stop all, or any part, of the services required by this Agreement. Upon receipt of such an order, Engineer shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the services covered by the order. Client, however, shall pay all costs associated with suspension including all costs necessary to maintain continuity and the staff required to resume the services upon expiration of the suspension of work order. Engineer will not be obligated to provide the same personnel employed prior to suspension when the services are resumed in the event the period of any suspension exceeds 30 days. Client will reimburse Engineer for the costs of such suspension and remobilization.
12. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days' written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party. This Agreement may be terminated by Client, under the same terms, whenever Client shall determine that termination is in its best interests. Cost of termination, including salaries, overhead and fee, incurred by Engineer either before or after the termination date shall be reimbursed by Client.
13. **Notices.** Any notice or designation required to be given by either party hereto shall be in writing and, unless receipt of such notice is expressly required by the terms hereof, it shall be deemed to be effectively served when deposited in the mail with sufficient first class postage affixed and addressed to the party to whom such notice is directed at such party's place of business or such other address as either party shall hereinafter furnish to the other party by written notice as herein provided.
14. **Indemnification.** Engineer shall indemnify and hold harmless Client from Client's loss or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees for claims for personal injury (including death) or property damage to the extent caused by the sole negligent act, error or omission of Engineer.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Engineer from Engineer's loss or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, for claims for personal injuries (including death) or property damage to the extent caused by the sole negligent act, error or omission of Client.

In the event of joint or concurrent negligence of Engineer and Client, each shall bear that portion of the loss or expense that its share of the joint or concurrent negligence bears to the total negligence (including that of third parties) which caused the personal injury or property damage.

Client shall not be liable to the Engineer, and the Engineer shall not be liable to the Client, for any special, incidental or consequential damages, including, but not limited to, loss of use and loss of profit, incurred by either party due to the fault of the other, regardless of the nature of this fault, or whether it was committed by the Client or the Engineer or their employees, agents or subcontractors, by reason of services rendered under this Agreement.

Engineer's indemnification obligation as set forth herein is expressly subject to and limited by the limitation of liability provision agreed upon by the Client and Engineer as set forth in Section 21, "Risk Allocation" of this Agreement.

Client waives any rights or claims for damage to persons or property that it or any of its successors in interest or insurers may have against Engineer for any claim or action arising out of Engineer's scope of services related to the Project or this Agreement, but only to the extent that such rights or claims for damages are covered by a policy of liability, casualty, property or other insurance, regardless of who procures such insurance.

15. **Legal Proceedings.** In the event Engineer's employees are at any time required by Client to provide testimony, answer interrogatories or otherwise provide information ("testimony") in preparation for or at a trial, hearing, proceeding on inquiry ("proceeding") arising out of the services that are the subject of this Agreement, where Engineer is not a party to such proceeding, Client will compensate Engineer for its services and reimburse Engineer for all related direct costs incurred in connection with providing such testimony. This provision shall be of no effect if the parties have agreed in a separate agreement or an amendment to this Agreement to terms which specifically supersede this provision, nor shall this provision apply in the event Client engages Engineer to provide expert testimony or litigation support, which services shall be the subject of a separate agreement or an amendment to this Agreement.
16. **Successors and Assigns.** The terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns; provided however, that neither party shall assign this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written approval of the other.
17. **Insurance.** Within the context of prudent business practices, Engineer shall endeavor to maintain workmen's compensation and unemployment compensation of a form and in an amount as required by state law; comprehensive general liability with limits of at least \$500,000/ \$1,000,000; automotive liability with limits of at least \$500,000/ \$500,000; and professional liability insurance with an annual limit of at least \$500,000. Client recognizes that insurance market is erratic and Engineer cannot guarantee to maintain the coverages identified above.
18. **Information Provided by the Client.** The Engineer shall indicate to the Client the information needed for rendering of services hereunder. The Client may elect to provide this information (including services by others) to the Engineer. In this case, the Client recognizes that the Engineer cannot assure the sufficiency of such information. Accordingly, the Engineer shall not be liable for any claims for injury or loss arising from errors, omissions or inaccuracies in documents or other information provided by the Client. In addition, the Client agrees to compensate the Engineer for any time spent or expenses incurred in defending such claim or in making revisions to his work as a direct or indirect result of information provided by the Client which is insufficient.
19. **Subsurface Conditions and Utilities.** Client recognizes that a comprehensive sampling and testing program implemented by trained and experienced personnel of Engineer or Engineer's subconsultants with appropriate equipment may fail to detect certain hidden conditions. Client also recognizes that actual environmental, geological and geotechnical

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conditions that Engineer properly inferred to exist between sampling points may differ significantly from those that actually exist.

Engineer will locate utilities which will affect the project from information provided by the Client and utility companies and from Engineer's surveys. In that these utility locations are based, at least in part, on information from others, Engineer cannot and does not warrant their completeness and accuracy.

20. **Hazardous Materials.** When hazardous materials are known, assumed or suspected to exist at a project site, Engineer is required to take appropriate precautions to protect the health and safety of his personnel, to comply with the applicable laws and regulations and to follow procedures deemed prudent to minimize physical risks to employees and the public. Client hereby warrants that, if he knows or has any reason to assume or suspect that hazardous materials may exist at the project site, he will inform Engineer in writing prior to initiation of services under this Agreement.

Hazardous materials may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. Client agrees that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials constitutes a changed condition mandating a renegotiation of the scope of work or termination of services. Engineer agrees to notify Client as soon as practically possible should unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials be encountered. Client waives any claim against Engineer and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Engineer harmless from any claim or liability for injury or loss arising from Engineer's encountering unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials. Client also agrees to compensate Engineer for any time spent and expenses incurred by Engineer in defense of any such claim.

21. **Risk Allocation.** The Client recognizes that Engineer's fee includes an allowance for funding a variety of risks which affect the Engineer by virtue of his agreeing to perform services on the Client's behalf. One of these risks stems from the Engineer's potential for human error. In order for the Client to obtain the benefits of a fee which includes a lesser allowance for risk funding, the Client agrees to limit the Engineer's liability to the Client and all construction contractors arising from the Engineer's professional acts, errors or omissions, such that the total aggregate liability of the Engineer to all those named shall not exceed \$50,000 or the Engineer's total fee for the services rendered on this project, whichever is greater.

22. **Anticipated Change Orders.** Client recognizes and expects that a certain amount of imprecision and incompleteness is to be expected in construction contract documents; that contractors are expected to furnish and perform work, materials and equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the contract documents or from the prevailing custom or trade usage as being required to produce the intended result whether or not specifically called for; and that a certain amount of change orders are to be expected. As long as Engineer provides services in a manner consistent with that standard of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions, client agrees not to make any claim against Engineer for cost of these change orders unless these costs become a significant part of the construction contract amount. In no case will Client make claim against Engineer for costs incurred if the change order work is a necessary part

of the Project for which Client would have incurred cost if work had been included originally in the contract documents unless Client can demonstrate that such costs were higher through issuance of the change order than they would have been if originally included in the contract documents in which case any claim of Client against Engineer will be limited to the cost increase and not the entire cost of the change order.

23. **Payment.** Engineer shall submit monthly invoices, or invoice submittal will be as noted in the agreement, to the Client. Payment in full shall be due upon receipt of the invoice. Payment of any invoices by the Client shall be taken to mean that the Client is satisfied with the Engineer's services to the date of the payment and is not aware of any deficiencies in those services. If payments are delinquent after 30 days from invoice date, the Client agrees to pay interest on the unpaid balance at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Payment will be credited first to any interest owed then to principal. If the Client fails to make payments, the Engineer, after giving seven (7) days written notice to the Client, may suspend services until the Client has paid in full all amounts due for services, expenses, and other related charges, without recourse to the Client for loss or damage caused by such suspension. The Client further waives any and all claims against the Engineer for any such suspension. Payment for Engineer's services is not contingent on any factor, except the Engineer's ability to provide services in a manner consistent with that standard of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to any discounts, set-offs or back-charges unless agreed to in writing by both parties. If the Client contests an invoice, the Client may withhold only that portion so contested and pay the undisputed portion, after the Client has notified the Engineer in writing within 30 days of receiving the invoice and shall identify the specific cause of the disagreement and the amount in dispute.

If Engineer brings any action at law or in equity to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, or if Engineer must either prosecute or defend any action related to the subject matter of the Agreement, and prevails in such action, then Engineer shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and costs, including expert witness fees, if applicable.

24. **Force Majeure.** Neither Client nor Engineer shall be liable for any fault or delay caused by any contingency beyond their control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, wars, strikes, walkouts, fires, natural calamities, or demands or requirements of governmental agencies.
25. **Compliance with Laws.** To the extent they apply to its employees or its services, the Engineer shall comply with all applicable United States, state, territorial and commonwealth laws, including ordinances of any political subdivisions or agencies of the United States, any state, territory or commonwealth thereof.
26. **Separate Provisions.** If any provisions of this Agreement are held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and binding.
27. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the principal place of business of the Engineer.

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28. **Dispute Resolution.** All disputes, controversies or claims, of whatever kind or character, between the Parties, their agents and/or principals, arising out of or in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement:

1.) Shall be litigated in no other venue other than the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi, or the United States District Court which includes within its geographical Division, Madison County, Mississippi; and

2.) Shall be litigated only before a judge hearing the matter alone, as both finder of fact and law, without a jury.

By entering into this agreement, the parties knowingly, purposefully and intelligently agree to waive their individual rights to have any dispute, controversy or claim amongst and between them, to include the Contractor's individual Shareholders, Directors and Officers, decided, heard or adjudged by a trial by jury.

29. **Amendment.** This Agreement shall not be subject to amendment unless another instrument is executed by duly authorized representatives of each of the parties.

30. **Entire Understanding of Agreement.** This Agreement represents and incorporates the entire understanding of the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that there are no warranties, representations, covenants or understandings of any kind, matter or description whatsoever, made by either party to the other except as expressly set forth herein. Client and Engineer hereby agree that any purchase orders, invoices, confirmations, acknowledgments or other similar documents executed or delivered with respect to the subject matter hereof that conflict with the terms of this Agreement shall be null, void and without effect to the extent they conflict with the terms of this Agreement.

31. **Survival of Provisions.** The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to be binding upon the parties hereto notwithstanding termination of this Agreement for any reason.

32. **Nonwaiver.** No waiver by a party of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been made unless in writing and signed by such party.

33. **Identity of Project Owner.** Within ten (10) days of the entry of this Agreement, Client, if Client is not the Project Owner, shall provide to Engineer the following information relative to the Project Owner: Project Owner's full legal name; Project Owner's physical address; Project Owner's mailing address; and the name, physical address and mailing address of the Client's point of contact with the Owner for the Project.

34. **Conflicting Terms.** In the event that there are multiple agreements with varying or conflicting terms and conditions between Client and Engineer, the Terms and Conditions contained in this Agreement shall supersede and have precedence over any other terms and conditions contained in any other written or oral agreement entered into between Client and Engineer that either actually do or appear to conflict with the Terms and Conditions contained in this Agreement, regardless of when, in relationship to these Terms and Conditions contained in this Agreement, such other written or oral agreement was actually entered into between Client and Engineer.

35. **Course of Dealing.** Client and Engineer agree that these General Terms and Conditions establish a course of dealing between them and shall apply to this and all other services, projects, agreements or dealings between them, unless Client or Engineer gives the other written notice of objection to any term or condition before commencement of performance in connection with any other provision of services or projects involving the two of them.