

**RESOLUTION 2020-217**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO EXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR ALL TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham over the past eighteen (18) months has conducted an evaluation of the cost of its voice communications system, as well as the needs of the staff to more efficiently and effectively serve our residents and conduct the business of government in the future; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham solicited proposals for a new voice communication system including: telephones, voicemail, SIP trunks, POTS lines, as well as related technology products such as licenses and cabling when required to replace its current voice communication system which is twelve (12) years old; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's long-term contracts for use of lines and minutes expired during the months of September and October making this the optimum time to evaluate voice communication needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, over the past year, eight (8) companies expressed an interest in providing the Township with proposals for voice communication services; and,

**WHEREAS**, companies were provided with information and invited to visit all Township facilities to verify the Township's data and inspect all locations so that well thought out proposals could be presented for evaluation; and,

**WHEREAS**, two (2) proposals were received and after review one (1) was deemed complete; and,

**WHEREAS**, EXTEL Communications, Inc., presented a proposal dated August 24, 2020 for a new voice communication system that will serve the needs of the Township now and in the future; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the EXTEL Communications, Inc., will save the Township of Chatham \$20,600 per year or \$103,000 over the next five (5) years when compared to its current costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the EXTEL Communications, Inc., proposal will increase the Township's communications ability and provide flexibility for future normal business and emergency needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the EXTEL Communications, Inc., proposal has been made through the State Contract for Telecommunications Equipment and Services Blanket Contract T-1316 and Specific Contract 80801 and 88737 with an expiration date of January 31, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, "Certification of Availability of Funds" is annexed hereto:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee on this day, October 8, 2020 that:

1) A contract for a new Voice Communications System be and is hereby awarded to:

**EXTEL Communications, Inc.  
830 Belmont Avenue  
North Haledon, New Jersey 07508**

On their State Contract price of \$41,224.00

2) The exact title of the appropriation to be charged is: Ordinance 2020-06-F.

3) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: October 8, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN  
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Kelly, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Debra A. King, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Chatham, have ascertained that there are available sufficient, uncommitted appropriations pursuant to Ordinance 2020-06-F to award a contract to Extel Communications in the amount of \$41,224.00.

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Debra A. King  
Chief Financial Officer