

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #170-2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A
CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM F. CRAIG, JR. THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mendham (the "Borough") entered into an agreement on or about November 1, 2024, pursuant to Resolution #147-2024, appointing William F. Craig, Jr. as Borough Public Safety Director (the "Agreement") for a term through October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #157-2025 adopted on October 22, 2025, the term of the Agreement was extended to April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the Borough began soliciting proposals in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law for a vendor to administer a Police Chief Promotional Test process and to consult with the Borough to transition the Borough back to a traditional Police Chief model; and

WHEREAS, upon reviewing multiple proposals, the Public Safety Committee recommended that the Borough award a professional services agreement to the Canning Group, which award was authorized on December 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by way of correspondence dated May 4, 2026, after completing the test preparatory work, the Canning Group tendered their resignation, and the test was ultimately administered by the Administration and Borough Attorney on May 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #124-2026 adopted on June 17, 2026, the term of the Agreement was extended to September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 10-2026 adopted on August 12, 2026, the Borough amended the Borough Code to re-establish the position of Chief of Police as the executive head of the Borough's Police Department, and remove the position of Public Safety Director; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2026, the Borough adopted Resolution #150-2026, appointing Patrick McNichol to the position of Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, based on Mr. Craig's specialized knowledge, past work with the Borough as Public Safety Director, and current appointment as OEM Coordinator, the Borough desires to hire Mr. Craig as a consultant to assist the Police Department in completing this transition process and to additionally provide general administrative support as needed, for the period of October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at a rate of \$64.68 per hour, for a total amount not to exceed \$30,900; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the matter and recommended to Council to authorize same; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the recommendation to award this contract, which will complete the process that originated with proposals for promotional test administration, resulted in the appointment of a new Chief of Police, and will now bring the process to a close, and finds the award in compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a contract between the Borough and William F. Craig, Jr., as consultant, is hereby authorized for the period October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at a rate of \$64.68 per hour, and a total amount not to exceed \$30,900, to provide services as set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate this contract.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: October 21, 2026

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Lauren McBride, Borough Clerk

James R. Kelly, Mayor