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September 23, 2020

Mary Beth Murphy Village Manager Village of Hastings-on-Hudson 7 Maple Avenue Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

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When we provide you with our opinion regarding a matter, it will be based on our best professional judgment. However, that judgment is limited by the facts provided by you and known to us at that time, as well as the law as it then exists. It is expressly acknowledged by you that any such opinions shall not be considered by you as representations, promises or guarantees of results which might be obtainable, nor shall you consider any such opinions to be warranties or representations of a particular outcome or resolution of your matter.

3. Client Responsibilities. In order to ensure our ability to provide services to you, you agree to keep us informed of any relevant information or developments relating to your matter and to provide Bond with all pertinent information regarding the subject of our representation, or as otherwise reasonably requested by us. You also agree to cooperate fully, truthfully and timely with us, including making you, your employees or others available to us when necessary. You will keep us advised of how to contact you.

If, during the course of our representation of you, you affiliate with, acquire, are acquired by, or merge with another entity, you agree to provide us with sufficient notice to permit us to determine if that action gives rise to a conflict of interest with any of our other clients and, if so, agree that Bond may take any action that it believes is appropriate or necessary under the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct.

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settled by confidential arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Arbitration Rules, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The place of arbitration shall be in the city and state of the Bond office where the legal work was substantially performed. This agreement to confidential arbitration shall constitute an irrevocable waiver of each party's right to a trial by jury, but the arbitrators shall have the power to grant any remedy for money damages or equitable relief that would be available to such party in a dispute before a court of law in the jurisdiction where the arbitration is being held. The Statute of Limitations for any such disputes or claims shall be two years from when the dispute or claim first arose. You acknowledge that, before agreeing to these terms, you have had a full and fair opportunity to consult with independent counsel concerning these specific provisions.

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- 7. **In-Firm Privilege**. Our firm has a General Counsel who provides legal advice to our lawyers and staff. If any of Bond's lawyers representing you communicate with Bond's General Counsel (or his or her designee, including outside counsel) regarding our firm's rights and obligations with respect to its representation of you, you agree that those are privileged and confidential communications of Bond and protected by the attorney-client privilege. You will not be billed for those communications.
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September 22, 2020

Mary Beth Murphy Village Manager Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Village Hall, 7 Maple Avenue Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

RE: Village of Hastings-on-Hudson – Tax Certiorari Special Counsel

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Please accept this letter as my proposal to continue to serve as Special Counsel to the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson for its tax certiorari proceedings for 2020-21 and 2021-22.

I propose to continue to represent the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as Special Counsel for its tax certiorari proceedings at the rate of \$135.00 per hour. In addition, the Village would be billed for any direct expenses, such as appraisal and Court fees, overnight delivery charges and large copying projects that cannot be performed in-office. Wherever possible, the invoices for such expenses will be forwarded directly to the Village for direct payment. The Village will not be billed for non-itemized expenses, such as phone calls, local mileage, and minor copying.

I hope that the terms of my proposal meet with your approval. If so, please acknowledge your acceptance by signing this letter in the space indicated below and returning it to me.

I look forward to continuing to represent the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson in its tax certiorari proceedings. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly you	rs,
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fra V.	Lang
Ira S. Levy	

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:

Dated:

between Insuregy Agency, Inc. and Village of Hastings on Hudson

I. PARTIES

The PARTIES to this AGREEMENT are Village of Hastings on Hudson (CLIENT) and Insuregy Agency, Inc. (BROKER).

II. SCOPE OF SERVICE

BROKER shall, as respects the categories of risk and insurance identified in Addendum A attached hereto and at CLIENT's request, perform the following SERVICES:

- A. Develop underwriting information, structure offerings to insurers and secure, when reasonably available, an insurance program as desired by CLIENT with financially acceptable insurance companies providing the balance of coverage scope, cost and services selected by the CLIENT.
- B. Review marketing plan with CLIENT prior to approaching insurers on any program and if marketed, present all quotes to CLIENT.
- C. Review insurance policies, binders, certificates and other documents related to the CLIENT's insurance program.

III. COMPENSATION

BROKER will receive commission directly from the accepted insurance carriers and disclose to CLIENT.

IV. TERM

The term of this agreement shall be effective from October 6, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Village of Hastings On Hudson and Insuregy Agency, Inc. have caused this contract to be executed, all as of the day and year first above written.

Village of Hastings on Hudson		
Ву:	Title:	Date:
Insuregy Agency, Inc., INC.		

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ADDENDUM A		
BROKER agrees to provide SEF	RVICES to the following policies	of CLIENT:
1. Liability		
2. Property		
3. Workers' Compensation		
4. Crime		
5. Cyber Liability		
6. Automobile		
7. Group Dental		
It is understood and agreed the programs.	nat CLIENT may obtain additiona	l services from BROKER for addition