

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZE FORECLOSURE ON OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange holds a Tax Sale Certificate number 2020 for property within the municipality known as Block 162, Lot 2, and the Tax Collector certifies the following pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.35, and

WHEREAS, the attached tax foreclosure list is a list of Tax Sale Certificates held by the Township of West Orange and the land affected by said Certificates, together with the amounts due, to the date hereof, on said Tax Sale Certificates and for subsequent municipal liens with interest, penalties and costs; including the amounts required to redeem, as they appear in the records of the Tax Collector, and the ownership of said lands as they appear on the last tax duplicate of the Township of West Orange, and

WHEREAS, Michael Pellegrino of Pellegrino & Feldstein, LLC concentrates his practice in the area of tax liens and In Rem foreclosures and has been consulted with regard to the issues underlying these matters, and

WHEREAS, Law Department recommends an award of this contract to Pellegrino & Feldstein, LLC as a "non-open and non-fair process" due to the time sensitive nature and expertise involved herein; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this retention up to \$5,000 at the rate of \$150 per hour; and

WHEREAS, more than six (6) months have expired from the date of the tax sales out which any such Certificate arose and all or any portion of the general land taxes levied and assessed against the land for the twenty-one (21) months next preceding the commencement of the action, other than those subject to payment by installments authorized by a Resolution adopted pursuant to RS 54:5-65;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Township of West Orange that this Governing Body hereby determines that the Township of West Orange foreclose by short title In Rem, as provided in the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act (1948), N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 et seq., on the Tax Sale Certificate held by the municipality, as listed on the tax foreclosure list attached hereto;

NOW IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to forward to the Town's appointed attorney, Michael G. Pellegrino, Esq. of Pellegrino & Feldstein, LLC, the tax foreclosure list to begin said process at the hourly rate of \$150 up to a "cap" of \$5,000.

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Sal M. Anderton, Council President

Adopted: April 12, 2011