

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Blau and Blau has provided professional services to the Township of West Orange in connection with commercial real estate tax appeals since September 2012; and

WHEREAS, Blau & Blau provided responses to the Township's Request for Qualifications pursuant to a fair and open process for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, Blau & Blau has agreed to provide professional services for the balance of the calendar year 2015, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement annexed hereto as **Attachment "A"**; and

WHEREAS, the Law Department recommends retention of Blau & Blau as special counsel to the Township for the purpose of representing the Township in commercial real estate tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), the proposed professional services contract is subject to an exception to the standard bidding procedures set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law;

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an agreement, in the form annexed hereto, to retain Blau & Blau for the provision of commercial real estate tax appeal services on a flat fee basis of \$6,000 per month and the Municipal Clerk shall be and hereby is authorized to attest to the Mayor's signature; and it is further

RESOLVED that notice of this award shall be published and available in the Clerk's office in accordance with applicable law.

**Karen J. Carnevale,
Municipal Clerk**

**Jerry Guarino,
Council President**

Adopted: January 27, 2015

I hereby certify funds are available from: _____
Account No.

JOHN O. GROSS, CFO