

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange (the "Township") has a need, from time to time, for legal counsel on pension-related issues; and

WHEREAS, the pension-related issues for which the Township requires legal counsel may in some instances have an impact upon certain professionals, including those in the Law Department, that would otherwise be available to the Township; and

WHEREAS, to avoid any conflict or appearance thereof, the Township seeks to designate and retain an attorney to provide counsel on pension-related issues who will not be impacted, directly or indirectly, by any decisions regarding the Township's pension system; and

WHEREAS, Edwin R. Matthews, Esq. ("Mr. Matthews"), of Bourne, Noll & Kenyon, P.C., has provided professional services to the Township of West Orange in connection with residential real estate tax appeals since January 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews has agreed to provide the foregoing legal services at a discounted fixed hourly rate of \$150 per hour, the sum of which shall not exceed \$5,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Law Department recommends that Mr. Matthews be retained on the foregoing terms for the provision of the foregoing services;

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, that Edwin R. Matthews, Esq. shall be retained to provide legal counsel to the Township on pension-related issues at the rate of \$150 per hour, the sum of which shall not exceed \$5,000 annually; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published and made available in the Clerk's Office for reasonable inspection in accordance with applicable law.

**Karen J. Carnevale,
Municipal Clerk**

**Jerry Guarino,
Council President**

Adopted: April 14, 2015

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

JOHN O. GROSS, CFO