

Exhibit “A”

AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES – SPECIAL COUNSEL

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on this ____ day of January, 2016 by and between the **TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located at Town Hall, 66 Main Street, West Orange, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, hereinafter called the “TOWNSHIP”, party of the first part, and **GORDON & GORDON, P.C.**, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey, located at 505 Morris Avenue, Springfield, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as “COUNSEL”, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP has determined that it is in the best interests of the TOWNSHIP to retain the services of COUNSEL to provide consulting services to the TOWNSHIP regarding tax appeal matters involving environmental issues (“Environmental Issues”);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The TOWNSHIP hereby retains the services of COUNSEL to provide consulting services to the TOWNSHIP regarding tax appeal matters involving environmental issues for the period between January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at the hourly rate of \$150.
2. COUNSEL may seek reimbursement for extraordinary expenses such as the cost of deposing adverse witnesses, transcripts or hiring experts. Counsel will not incur any such expenses without the express written approval of the TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY before the extraordinary expense is incurred.
3. COUNSEL’S responsibilities shall include Environmental Issues and related matters.
4. COUNSEL recognizes that any and all approval for engagement of services must come from the Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP, and that no services, work or any efforts

relative to the contract shall be commenced until the Governing Body adopts a duly authorized Resolution accompanied by a Certificate of Funds.

5. COUNSEL recognizes that all services rendered are subject to the approval and direction of the Law Department, and that payment for such services is conditioned upon the issuance of a Purchase Order by the Township encompassing the services for which compensation is sought.

6. COUNSEL is hereby placed on notice that the Billing Guidelines of the TOWNSHIP shall apply to this agreement for professional services. COUNSEL is further noticed that no Department Head, individual member of the Governing Body, or any agent, servant or employee of the TOWNSHIP possesses any lawful authority to: (a) engage the rendition of services or the performance of work; (b) authorize the continuation of services or work beyond the amount specifically approved in the Resolution and Certificate of Funds; or to (c) represent that future funds will be available as compensation for current services. Any such acts shall be deemed ultra vires and beyond the scope of any authority that individual may possess. No bills, statement or vouchers for any amount exceeding that originally approved will be honored or paid by the TOWNSHIP, irrespective of whether such services were actually performed.

7. COUNSEL shall submit detailed invoices to the TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY for services rendered each month no later than fifteen (15) days subsequent to the close of the month. All invoices submitted by COUNSEL shall set forth with specificity the tasks performed, the attorney performing the tasks, and the amount of time spent on each task.

8. During the term of this agreement, COUNSEL shall maintain professional liability malpractice insurance coverage with an insurance company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey with coverage not less than \$1,000,000. COUNSEL shall provide the Township Attorney and Municipal Clerk with proof of a valid certificate of insurance. To the extent that this insurance coverage is scheduled to lapse at any time before the end of

the contract, COUNSEL shall provide proof of renewal or new insurance coverage no later than thirty (30) days before the termination of the current coverage.

9. The provisions of this agreement are subject to the limitations of provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claim Act, N.J.S.A. 59:2-1 et seq., and the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq.

10. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey without regard to principles of conflict of laws. All contract claims under this agreement shall be subject to and governed by the provisions of the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act (N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq.

11. The sole venue for any dispute or controversy between the parties shall be the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Essex County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

ATTEST:

KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C

By: _____
ROBERT D. PARISI, MAYOR

GORDON & GORDON, P.C.

WITNESS:



By: 
MICHAEL GORDON, ESQ.