

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 54 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, the Township regularly assesses all real properties within the Township and allocates its budget in a proportionate manner based upon the value of the various line items; and

WHEREAS, by Agreement dated January, 2016, the Township retained Blau and Blau, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey, as special counsel for the purpose of handling commercial tax appeals for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (“Special Counsel”); and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel’s engagement includes specifically the right to file affirmative tax appeals on behalf of the Township which tax appeals are designed to accurately and equitably apportion the real estate tax burden among the existing properties within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel is entitled to a contingent fee if any increase in assessment occurs as a result of the appeal; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel has performed an analysis as to the various properties within the Township that it believes warrant affirmative tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, tax appeals must be filed no later than April 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel is responsible for all fees and expenses in prosecuting any affirmative tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel has consulted with the Tax Assessor and Mark Hendricks, Appraiser for the Township, concerning the efficacy of such affirmative appeals and they concur with Special Counsel’s analysis; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel has consulted with the Township Attorney concerning the potential tax appeals and he concurs with the decision to proceed; and

WHEREAS, nothing contained herein shall mandate or require the prosecution of such appeals, but shall authorize any and all actions necessary and appropriate to prosecute these affirmative appeals;

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that Blau and Blau, as Special Counsel, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to prosecute affirmative tax appeals for the year 2016 concerning the following properties:

<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
14	154	642 Eagle Rock Avenue	640 Eagle Rock LLC
40.3	155	Rooney Circle	CLPF Essex Green
40	155.21	495 Prospect Avenue	CLPF Essex Green
26.2	155	471-475 Prospect Avenue	AMPC Real Estate
40.1	155	8 Rooney Circle	Apple Nine Hospitality
5	112.2	234 Eagle Rock Avenue	Eagle Rock Terrace
27.2	168	563 Northfield Avenue	Falcon Associates
30	155	220-222 Pleasant Valley	HCP Ma4 (Brighton Gardens)
22	84.1	10 Marcella	MCI Tele Corp/Verizon

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30.2	168	595 Northfield Avenue	Northfield Associates
10	170.1	6 Summit Street	Pleasant & Summit
22.1	84.1	12 Marcella	Richland Towers Mang.
1.3	111	416 Eagle Rock	Richland Towers NYC
46	19	86 Northfield Avenue	Serruto Builders
33	153.14	464 Eagle Rock Avenue	Team Capital Bank
1	153.16	265 Prospect Avenue	West Orange, LLC
2	78.2	125 Northfield Avenue	WHS LLC
1.01	173	Mt. Pleasant Avenue	PSE & G
40.4	155	Rooney Circle	CS Hotel WO
26 COO2F	155	375 Mt. Pleasant	RO Realty
26 COO2A	155	375 Mt. Pleasant	375 NJCA
26 COO3A	155	375 Mt. Pleasant	GGFF Mount Pleasant

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that Blau and Blau, as special counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary and appropriate to prosecute these tax appeals;

This resolution shall be available to inspection during normal business hours and in accordance with all applicable statutes.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Victor Cirilo
Council President

Adopted: March 22, 2016

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