

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 December, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2017 (“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, 2017; 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, on February 7, 2017, the Township Council adopted Resolution No. 51-17 which authorized certain appeals. This Resolution includes two (2) additional properties. Resolution No. 51-17 remains in full force and effect; 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 2017 concerning the following properties:

<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
47	84.1	490 Prospect Avenue	Bell Atlantic
1.2	81.1	275 Northfield Avenue	Ronjolyn Realty

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.
Municipal Clerk

Joe Krakoviak
Council President

Adopted: March 7, 2017

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