

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, 2018, 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, 2018 through December 31, 2018 (“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, 2018; and

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

WHEREAS, Special Counsel has consulted with 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. 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 2018 concerning the following properties:

<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
155	26 C002G	375 NJCA Limited Liability Co	375 Mt. Pleasant Ave
154	14	640 Eagle Rock LLC	342 Eagle Rock Avenue
155	40.01	Apple Nine Hospitality Ownership	8 Rooney Circle
84.01	47	Bell Atlantic c-o Duff & Phelps	490 Prospect Avenue
164	1.01	Blackburn Development Co. Inc.	141 Old Short Hills Road
155.21	40	CLPF Essex Green LLC	495 Prospect Avenue
155	40.03	CLPF Essex Green LLC	Rooney Circle

155	40.04	CS Hotel WO c/o Sun	Rooney Circle
168	27.02	Falcon Associates for S. Mt. Rlty	563 Northfield Avenue
155	26 C003A	GGFF Mount Pleasant LLC	375 Mt. Pleasant Ave
71.02	1	H&L Orange LLC, c/o Fieldstone	Hutton Park
151	30	HCP MA4 WOrange, NJ LLC	220-222 Pleasant Valley Way
84.01	22	MCI Tele Corp/Verizon	10 Marcella Avenue
168	30.01	Northfield Associates LLC	1476 Pleasant Valley Way
168	30.02	Northfield Associates LLC	595 Northfield Avenue
170.01	10	Pleasant & Summit	6 Summit Street
111	1.03	Richland Towers LLC	416 Eagle Rock Avenue
84.01	22.01	Richland Towers Management	12 Marcella Avenue
155	26 C002F	RO Realty Co	375 Mt. Pleasant Ave
80.03	36	Rockledge Realty Co	200 MT. Pleasant Avenue
81.01	1.02	Ronjelyn Realty & P.S. Realty	275 Northfield Avenue
165.06	2	St. Barnabas Realty Development	95 Old Short Hills Road
153.16	1	WestOrange LLC c/o Ecova MS363	265 Prospect Avenue
78.02	2	WHS LLC	125 Northfield Avenue

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 Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Susan McCartney
Council President

Adopted: February 27, 2018

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