

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange (the "Township") Blau & Blau has been retained to review and pursue certain affirmative tax appeals ("Special Tax Appeal Counsel"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township filed an affirmative tax appeal with regard to certain property known on the Tax Map as Block 155, Lot 40.01, with a street address of 8 Rooney Circle ("Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Turner, Esq. appeared on behalf of Apple Nine Hospitality Ownership, the Property owner; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Tax Appeal Counsel has recommended a settlement which will increase the assessment from \$13,194,100 to \$16,165,800 for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Tax Appeal Counsel recommends a settlement whereby the assessment for 2019 will increase to \$16,670,600; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Tax Appeal Counsel recommends a settlement whereby the assessment for 2020 will increase to \$17,548,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Tax Appeal Counsel recommends a settlement whereby the assessment for 2021 will increase to \$18,425,400 which will result in an increase of taxes of \$650,000; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of this multi-year settlement, the appeals for 2015 through 2017 shall be withdrawn with no change in the assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the agreement with Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Blau & Blau would be entitled to a one third contingency fee of the initial year increase from the settlement proceeds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Department recommends approval of this settlement; and

**NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE HEREBY APPROVES** the proposed settlement with regard to Block 155, Lot 40.01, known as 8 Rooney Circle in the Township of West Orange whereby the assessment for 2018 will increase to \$16,165,800, \$16,670,600 for 2019, \$17,548.00 for 2020 and \$18,425,400 for 2021. Upon payment of the increased taxes for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, Blau & Blau shall be paid its contingency fee.

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

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**Jerry Guarino**  
**Council President**

**Adopted: August 13, 2019**