

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, Title 54, the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) seeks to equitably and legally allocate real estate tax assessments among its properties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution of the Township Council, the Township has retained Charles Blau, Esq. of Blau & Blau (“Special Tax Appeal Counsel”) to assist in the evaluation and filing of affirmative tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Township has filed tax appeals with the Tax Court of New Jersey to increase the 2017, 2018 and 2019 assessments of property owned by Blackburn Development Co. Inc. (the “Property Owner”) concerning real property located at 141 Old Short Hills Road in the Township which is identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 164, Lot 1.01 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner and Township have evaluated the assessments and agreed to a proposed settlement which is recommended by the Township’s Special Tax Appeal Counsel; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the proposed settlement, the Township will receive an additional tax payment for 2017, 2018 and 2019 and an increased assessment for 2020;

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

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto be and is hereby approved; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Charles Blau, Esq. as Special Tax Appeal Counsel be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Stipulation of Settlement and take all necessary and appropriate steps to effectuate the settlement; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor be and is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement.

Attested to by:

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

Jerry Guarino
Council President

Adopted: November 26, 2019