

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2018, the Township Council adopted Resolution No. 266-18 which referred to the Township Planning Board consideration of whether the property located at 46 Mount Pleasant Avenue (the “Property”), a portion of Block 68, Lot 1 and a portion of the municipal right of way, a paper street, qualifies as an area in need redevelopment pursuant to the statutory criteria of the *Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, Heyer Gruel and Associates, prepared a preliminary investigation report entitled “46 Mount Pleasant Avenue Redevelopment Study”; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, the Planning Board conducted a public hearing regarding the Property; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, the Planning Board adopted Resolution No. 19-01 which recommended that the property be designated as a non-condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2019, the Township Council adopted Resolution No. 99-19 which designated the area as in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, Heyer Gruel and Associates, issued the West Orange Library Redevelopment Plan, which was subsequently approved by the Township Planning Board and the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, Alpert and Associates was designated as redeveloper for the Area; and

WHEREAS, Alpert and Associates has submitted an application for appropriate tax credits to the State of New Jersey which is pending; and

WHEREAS, the Township has also determined that Executive Drive also qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment and a redevelopment plan has been adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Township Library has performed certain investigations and provided certain proposals with regard to the potential move of the Library from 46 Mount Pleasant Avenue to 10 Rooney Circle in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is in the process of implementing the Library Construction Bond Act which may also provide certain funds for the cost of the New Library; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board has participated in various meetings concerning the prospects of a New Library; and

WHEREA S, Anthony Iovino has been retained to provide certain analysis along with John Shine, a professional engineer.

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, that the Memorandum of Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the Library and the Township be and is hereby approved and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the agreement and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the Mayor’s signature.

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

Jerry Guarino
Council President

Adopted: December 18, 2019