

November 24, 2020

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 Resolution No. 50-20 dated March 3, 2020, the Township retained Blau and Blau, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey (“Blau and Blau”), as special counsel for the purpose of handling commercial tax appeals for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (“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 performed an analysis as to the various properties within the Township that it determined warranted affirmative tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, tax appeals for these properties were timely filed; 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, 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 2020 concerning the following properties:

<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
78.02	2	WHS LLC c-o Community Management	125 Northfield Avenue
155	42.02	West Orange Office Executive Park	200 Executive Drive
155	41.02	West Orange Office Executive Park	10 Rooney Circle
155	40.02	West Orange Office Executive Park	100 Executive Drive
155	26.03	Realty Income Properties 29 LLC	471 Prospect Avenue
154	14	640 Eagle Rock LLC	642 Eagle Rock Avenue
84.01	47	Bell Atlantic c-o Duff & Phelps	490 Prospect Avenue
168	27.02	Falcon Associates for S. Mt. Rlty	563 Northfield Avenue
71.02	1	H&L Orange LLC, c/o Fieldstone Properties	Hutton Park
151	30	HCP MA4 WOrange,NJ LLC	220-222 Pleasant Valley
84.01	22	MCI Tele Corp/Verizon Pro Tax Dept and American Towers, Inc.	10 Marcella Avenue
168	30.01	Northfield Associates LLC	1476 Pleasant Valley Way
111	1.03	ATC Watertown LLC	416 Eagle Rock Avenue

155	26	RO Realty LLC	375 Mt. Pleasant Ave
80.03	36	Crest Ridge Realty, LLC	200 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
165.06	2	St. Barnabas Realty Development	95 Old Short Hills Road
153.16	1	WestOrange LLC co Ecova MS363	265 Prospect Avenue
155	26	GGFF Mount Pleasant LLC and Total Renal Care, Inc.	375 Mt. Pleasant Ave
84.01	22.01	ATC Watertown LLC	12 Marcella Avenue
168	33	Atkins Medical Plaza LLC	1500 Pleasant Valley Way

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Blau and Blau, as Special Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary and appropriate to prosecute these tax appeals nunc pro tunc to March 3, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be available for inspection during normal business hours and in accordance with all applicable statutes.

Karen Carnevale, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Michelle Casalino
Council President

Dated: November 24, 2020