

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, the Township Council of the Township of West Orange adopted various resolutions which approved agreements with the owner of 10 Rooney Circle in the Township to dedicate and convey the property to the Township of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, the Township Council of the Township of West Orange adopted a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with the Township Library Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Library MOA specifically provides that the Township will dedicate the entire main level and approximately 8,000 square feet on the lower level for use by the Library for not less than twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, New Jersey voters approved the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act (the “Bond Act”) which authorizes the issuance of \$125 million in State General Obligation Bonds (“Bonds”) to provide grants (“Grants”) for the construction, reconstruction, development, extension, improvement and furnishing of public libraries in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 4, 2019, regulations implementing the Bond Act published at N.J.A.C. 15:24-1 *et seq.* were effective; and

WHEREAS, the sources and uses of funds for the new West Orange Library anticipate the Township expending not less than \$2.5 million for the new Library at 10 Rooney Circle (“New Library Site”) which includes \$1 million to be paid by the developer of 46 Mt. Pleasant Avenue; proceeds from the Downtown Redevelopment Project; and other funds; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 23, 2020, the Library Board of Trustees executed the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the Library is in the midst of submitting a grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Library is an integral part of the Township and provides critical and necessary services which will be maintained and expanded at the New Library Site; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees, its non-profit entity, and the Township have and will continue to work closely to develop the New Library Site; and

WHEREAS, submission of this Resolution is necessary and critical to the Township Library grant application.

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, that the Township hereby authorizes, empowers and endorses the Library submission of a grant application under the Bond Act for use at 10 Rooney Circle in the Township of West Orange; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Township hereby unconditionally agrees that the New Library Site shall unconditionally be used and dedicated for the Library for not less than twenty (20) years.

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

Michelle Casalino
Council President

Adopted: March 3, 2020