

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 defend commercial property tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Township has filed tax appeals with the Tax Court of New Jersey to increase the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 assessments of property owned by Falcon Associates for S. Mt. Rlty, (the “Property Owner”) concerning real property located at 563 Northfield Avenue in the Township which is identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 168, Lot 27.02 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has challenged the assessment for tax years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 and the Township challenged the assessment for tax years 2018, 2019 and 2020 as a result of certain renovations to the Property; and

WHEREAS, Michael I. Schneck, Esq. of the Schenck Law Group LLC appeared on behalf of the Property Owner; 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 the 2016 – 2020 tax years when assessments are increased; and

WHEREAS, the Law Department recommends approval of this settlement.

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.
Township Clerk

Michelle Casalino
Council President

Adopted: April 14, 2020