

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 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 assessments of property owned by GGFF Mount Pleasant LLC and Total Renal Care, Inc. (the "Property Owner") concerning real property located at 375 Mt. Pleasant Avenue in the Township which is identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 155, Lot 26 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has challenged the assessment for tax years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Peter J. Zipp, Esq. of Zipp & Tannenbaum, 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 increased assessment for 2018, 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, as part of this multi-year settlement, the appeals for 2016 and 2017 shall be withdrawn with no change in the assessments; and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