

**R-20-080**

**TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF RESOLUTION R-19-225 AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC AS SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCIAR FOR THE YEAR 2020**

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May 5, 2020

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2019, the Township of Montclair awarded a contract to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates LLC to provide special tax counsel as required for the Township in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, as prescribed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates has satisfactorily completed this contract to-date and that due to an increase in real estate tax appeals and New Jersey Tax Court matters, additional billable hours will be required to continue providing these services required by the Township which will cause the \$25,000.00 amount to be exceeded; and

**WHEREAS**, it is requested to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the current contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates from \$25,000.00 to \$70,000.00, an increase of \$45,000.00 for the current contract period; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township revise the agreement with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates for *Special Tax Counsel* as indicated above increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$25,000.00 to \$70,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds for this purpose in the additional amount of \$45,000.00 have been provided for in the 2019 capital budget account number 01-201-20-150-112 or as directed by the Chief Financial Officer.