

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



RESOLUTION NO. 131-15

**RESOLUTION
AGREEING TO REIMBURSE
THE MAPLEWOOD VILLAGE
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.
FOR LEGAL FEES
RELATED TO THE LAWSUIT
ENTITLED
"VILLAGE KEEPERS, INC. , a NEW JERSEY
NONPROFIT CORPORATION vs. the
MAPLEWOOD VILLAGE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.,
the TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD and
MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPERS, LLC."**

WHEREAS, a lawsuit has been filed by Village Keeps, Inc., against the Maplewood Village Special Improvement District, Inc. (the "Alliance") and others, in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Essex County, under Docket No. ESX L-3386-15; and

WHEREAS, Legal Counsel needs to be retained by the Alliance, to protect the interests of the Alliance and its Members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated June 11, 2015, John James, President of the Alliance, requested that the Township of Maplewood arrange and pay for Legal Counsel to defend the aforementioned lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood has reviewed and approved the request of the Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township of Maplewood agrees to pay, at a cost "not to exceed" \$10,000.00, for Legal Counsel to be retained by the Alliance, to defend its interests in the aforementioned lawsuit; and
2. The Township Attorney be and is hereby directed to work with the Alliance, in the securing of competent Legal Counsel to represent the interests of the Alliance.

I, Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk of the Township of Maplewood, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, at a regular meeting of said Committee held on June 16, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Maplewood in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, on this 16th day of June 2015.

ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.
Township Clerk