

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #20-409

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2020 TAX PAYMENT
DUE TO VETERAN EXEMPTION GRANTED ON BLOCK 51, LOT 50**

WHEREAS, Block 51, Lot 50, known as 1444 Trenton-Harbourton Road, is assessed to Chaiko Michael W & Carolyn H; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chaiko had applied for, and had been granted as of November 25, 2020 by the Assessor of the Township of Hopewell, the status of totally disabled veteran, and, as a totally disabled veteran, Mr. Chaiko is exempt from paying New Jersey real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of eligibility as set by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs for Mr. Chaiko was August 13, 2019; the date of request to the Township was October 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2010 the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, did pass Resolution #10-224, establishing the policy and effective date of disability for exempt veterans to be “the date of disability as declared by the United States Department of Veterans Administration, not exceeding one year prior to the date of the request”; this Resolution was affirmed by Resolution 18-363 of the Township of Hopewell on December 10, 2018 for a period of seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 18-363 affirms that the period of exempt status shall be effective as of the date of disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Administration not exceeding one year prior to the date of application; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chaiko’s exemption status is dated to August 13, 2019, the date of determination by the United States Department Veteran Affairs; he applied October 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, taxes were assessed and paid for the period of October 13, 2019 to December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$15,829.26, and this amount should be refunded to Mr. and Mrs. Chaiko.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day December 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey,

that the payment of taxes in the amount of \$15,829.26 for Block 51, Lot 50 be refunded to Michael E & Carolyn H Chaiko at 144 Trenton-Harbourton Road, Pennington NJ 08534.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and Finance Officer.

Date Adopted: December 7, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie E. Gompf, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 7th day of December, 2020, via Zoom Video Communications.



Laurie E. Gompf, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk