

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

RESOLUTION #21-228

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2020-2021 TAX PAYMENTS
DUE TO VETERAN EXEMPTION GRANTED ON BLOCK 72 LOT 12**

WHEREAS, Block 72 Lot 12, known as 43 Penn-Lawrenceville Road, is assessed to Fontaine Gregory C & Karen A; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fontaine had applied for, and had been granted as of June 11, 2021 by the Assessor of the Township of Hopewell, the status of totally disabled veteran, and, as a totally disabled veteran, Mr. Fontaine 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. Fontaine was January 19, 2020; the date of request to the Township was June 3, 2021; 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. Fontaine’s exemption status is dated to June 3, 2020, one year from the date the application was received by the Assessor; and

WHEREAS, taxes were assessed and paid for the period of June 3, 2020 to May 1, 2021 in the amount of \$19,012.59, and this amount should be refunded to Mr. and Mrs. Fontaine; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day June 2021 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 \$19,012.59 for Block 72 Lot 12 be refunded to Gregory C & Karen A Fontaine at 43 Penn-Lawrenceville 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: June 28, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, 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 28th day of June, 2021, via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk