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15 Mountain Blvd
Watchung, NJ 07069

Mayor & Council Meeting AGENDA

**March 13, 2025
7:30 PM**

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Under the provisions of N.J.S.A.10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of the Annual Meeting Notice to the Courier News and Echoes Sentinel, posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough's website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS

K-9 Veterans Day

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance

Police

Public Works / Buildings and Grounds

Public Affairs:

Environmental

Recreation

Historical

Board of Health

Fire

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
Mayor & Council Meeting Agenda**

March 13, 2025 - 7:30 PM

Laws/Ordinances

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

Engineer

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Fire Official

Rescue Squad

Emergency Management

Attorney

Finance - Budget Overview

Borough Clerk

Administrator

Youth Services

Planning Board

Municipal Alliance

Library Advisory Committee

Traffic and Beautification

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Individuals commenting are limited to one 5-minute session per person.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Matters listed within this section have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, any item may be removed by Council action.

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
Mayor & Council Meeting Agenda**

March 13, 2025 - 7:30 PM

Animal Control Solutions	February 2025
Construction/ Building	February 2025
Environmental Commission Minutes	December 9, 2024
Mayor & Council Executive Session Mins	February 27, 2025
PARSA Minutes	February 6, 2025
Recreation Commission Minutes	February 5, 2025

CONSENT

The items listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

R1: Accepting Proposed Eagle Scout Service Project

R2: Authorizing Tax Lien Redemption 24-00002

R3: Authorizing Tax Lien Redemption 24-00008

NON-CONSENT

R4: Authorizing Final Payout of Accumulated Benefits for Joann Estrella

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

Individuals commenting are limited to one 5-minute session, per person.

ADJOURNMENT



Proclamation

Whereas, the official K9 Corps was created on March 13, 1942 and Joseph J. White, a retired Military Working Dog handler and founder of "K9 Veterans Day," pioneered a nation-wide effort to get the entire country to recognize March 13 as K9 Veterans Day; and

Whereas, K-9s have served with distinction alongside military and law enforcement personnel, providing vital support and saving countless lives; and

Whereas, these canine heroes have worked in a variety of essential roles, including detection, search and rescue, tactical support, and emotional assistance; and

Whereas, K-9s are specially trained to perform their duties with unmatched loyalty, courage, and dedication; and

Whereas, the contributions of K-9s in military and law enforcement service deserve recognition for their bravery, selflessness, and unyielding commitment to protecting and serving their communities and country; and

Whereas, K-9 Veterans Day, observed on March 13th, honors the service and sacrifice of military and working dogs, many of whom have been critical in the fight against terrorism, drug trafficking, and other criminal activities; and

Whereas, we express our deepest gratitude to all K-9s who have served, as well as to the handlers and organizations who continue to provide care and support for these animals after their service ends; and

Now therefore, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Members of the Council, do hereby proclaim this 13th day of March, 2025 as

National K-9 Veterans Day

and encourage all citizens to honor the dedication and service of military and law enforcement K-9s, their handlers, and the organizations that support them.

*Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor
March 13, 2025*

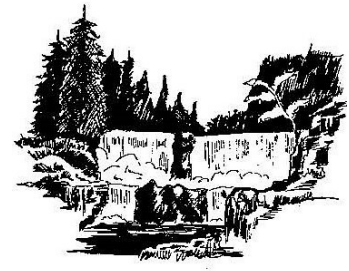
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Fischer

Gibbs

Abi-Habib

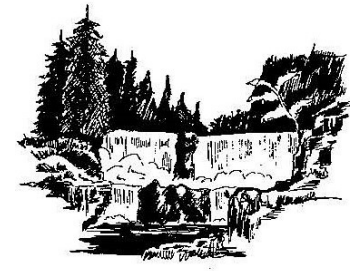


The committee met with the Administrator, CFO, and Borough Clerk on March 10, 2025 to discuss the following:

a) 2025 Annual Budget

CFO Hance provided an overview of the 2025 budget. The committee discussed capital projects and other necessary infrastructure improvements to the borough. Further discussions on salaries, the boroughs tax rate and debt service were also held.

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG



Public Works Committee

Chair: Ead

Abi-Habib

Dahl

The Committee met with the Administrator, Borough Engineer, and Public Works Manager on February 13th to discuss the following:

- 1) **PSE&G Updates (all noted online for changes)**
3/10-3/14/25-Nighttime 8PM-6AM
Hillcrest to Crestwood to Valley Rd.(Services)
3/17/25-3/21/25-Nighttime Hillcrest to Crestwood to Valley (Tie-Ins)
-Meeting with PSE&G 3/06/25 to discuss additional line, connection, and paving work scheduled for 2025. Updates to follow and will be posted.
- 2) **2025 DOT Road Project: (submitted, start date to follow/Summer)**
Brookdale, Anderson Rd., and Skyline Dr.(reviewing plan for sidewalk Improvements on Brookdale during paving work)
- 3) **Working on plan for Endeavor Grant received: \$66,000-**
Waiting for response to Second Grant Submitted for Walk Path, Pkg Area & other improvements
- 4) **Library Bridge:**
Main construction complete, temp. rails planned during the library Construction and final rails and clean-up once library completed
- 5) **Phillips Bridge-Engineering plan complete, scheduling construction**
To utilize the FEMA funds to sure up Abutment/Stabilization
Finalizing plan and submitted to DEP, waiting on final approval to schedule Work to begin
- 6) **Library:**
-The Bid Spec is completed and out for review (Award to Contractor Slated for March 27th Council Meeting
- 7) **Phase Two Sidewalk Project**
Working with County for next steps and plan to continue 2025 budget, Looking into Grant options
- 8) **Review of Parking Lot Projects/slated for 2025 budget**
- 9) **Watchung Lake and Best Lake Dredge/other**

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG



Constant review of Grant Options and critical funding, looking at options for partial work
2025 budget pending

Meeting held to review Hydro-raking options for Best Lake, waiting for quotes

- 10) **I & I Study/repairs in review using grant funds/plan in works**
- 11) **Ness Farm:**
Grant I. submitted for “claw-back” of testing \$ spent
Grant II. To be submitted in next 2-weeks for opportunity to review clean-up/cap costs
- 12) **NJ DEP MS4 Permit Requirements**
(Proposal on track)
-\$15,000 received. 2nd grant submitted,
-\$15,000 each year for 2-years Borough investment
- 13) **Continued Tree Planting/Replacement**
Meeting 3/10 to outline locations and quantities
Somerset St., Mobus Field, Firehouse, Spratford Pk.,
Best Lake East
Slated for spring 2025
- 14) Street Sweeping (Ordered) and waiting on County
- 15) Cement work
Borough Hall, Police Station slated for 2025 budget cycle, quotes in review
- 16) New “God’s Acre Sign” completed; installation planned for spring 2025
- 17) Spring work in planning for ballfields, Borough locations

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG ENGINEERING & INSPECTION STATUS REPORT

FEBRUARY 2025

MATTERS FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION & FOLLOW UP

1. PSE&G distributed a plan for the proposed next two weeks (3/10/2025 to 3/24/2025) of work on gas utilities in the Borough and surrounding area.
 - i. Nighttime work (8:00 PM to 6:00 AM) on Hillcrest expected over the next two weeks from Crestwood Dr to Valley Rd including services and tie ins.
 - ii. Notice will be provided by PSE&G as well as Borough channels.
2. A meeting was held at the Borough on 3/6 regarding the next stage of the project. Below is a summary of the discussed items.
 - i. A list of the roads/streets (19) that will be affected by PSEG works was provided.
 - ii. Several private roads are on the plan.
 - iii. It is expected most of the work will be done in days and just Stirling Road will be during nights.
 - iv. Most of the connection (tie ins) works will be done before 12:00 PM.
 - v. A pre-construction meeting will be held soon.
 - vi. PSEG will be submitting the plan for road opening permitting to the Borough.
 - vii. PSEG will resume paving expected in this July.
 - viii. Using high friction asphalt in Hill crest road was discussed.
 - ix. The borough shall inform the 6 Ridge Road owner/engineer regarding sewer connection before PSEG paving work to be completed.

STUDIES, ENGINEERING INVESTIGATIONS, GRANT APPLICATIONS

FY 2025 NJDOT TRUST FUND “MUNICIPAL AID” PROGRAM

RVE submitted the FY 2025 grant application on June 27, 2024, for improvements to the following three roads, in priority order:

- Brookdale Road from Stirling to Mountain Blvd.

- Skyline Drive, full length.
- Anderson Road, from Mountain Blvd to end.

Notification was received November 13, 2024, that the Borough was awarded \$291,609.00. RVE has prepared several draft proposals and discussed the various design and construction options with the borough.

FY 2024 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LRIG)

RVE is preparing a FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) application to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to be submitted in March 2024. The engineer's estimate of cost is \$306,887.50.00. The application is requesting \$100,000 in funding for proposed work at Camp Endeavor, consisting of the following:

- Resurfacing the 400' Gravel Access Road
- Construction of a 60'x100' Paved Parking Lot with ADA parking.
- 20' x 30' Concrete Pavilion Area with picnic tables.
- Sidewalk as needed between pavilion and parking.
- Reconnection of electrical service.
- Landscaping

DCA issued a press release on May 31, 2024 of LRIG Awards. The Borough received \$66,000.00 in funding for improvements to Camp Endeavor. The second grant application was submitted to DCA in 2025 by the borough's grant writer. As per Camp Endeavor future sewer connection, approval from PARSA is required. Due to the elevation difference, pumping is required for sewer connection. As per contract, four progress reports shall be submitted to DCA during the life of the project.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL ENGINEERING PROJECTS

SANITARY SEWER SCOUR PROTECTION 636 VALLEY ROAD

RVE has designed gabion basket scour protection for the existing manhole at the rear of 636 Valley Road. RVE has prepared Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 20 (Bank Stabilization) applications. Permit applications have been submitted to NJDEP on October 28, 2024. Review comments were received on November 26, 2024 and January 8 2025. The third round of comments received on 2/20. RVE responded to the comments. We were informed by NJDEP that the technical review was completed and the project is waiting for the supervisor to sign off. We are waiting for the NJDEP final approval.

STORMWATER MAPPING SERVICES

The Borough received a 2023 Municipal Stormwater Assistance grant for \$25,000.00 to upgrade their MS4 Stormwater Programs to better align with the 2023 Tier A MS4 Permit renewal requirements. RVE's \$55,100.00 proposal for stormwater mapping services was authorized at the January 18th 2024 Council meeting. Field work for the manholes have been completed. After reviewing in GIS, still there are miscellaneous pipes and some minor areas to be completed one-man crew work was completed. RVE is working to complete the shapefiles. Once field work is completed, the data will be finalized and it will be ready for submission to Borough and NJDEP.

NESS FARM

Recent actions include:

- A draft remedial action report has been completed and submitted to the Borough the week of January 24, 2023.
- RVE submitted the signed *Exemption from Spill Act Liability Certification* form to NJDEP on July 24, 2023, making the site eligible to apply for funding. Spill Act Exemption was approved by NJDEP on November 13, 2024. Based on the approved exemption status, the LSRP completed the LSRP retention for the activity and terminated the annual remediation fee billing associated with the environmental case until such time when the remediation resumes.
- RVE's \$30,900 proposal was authorized at the April 4, 2024 Council meeting, including the following tasks:
 - Complete additional sampling to further classify AOC-5 (historic fill) in an attempt to reduce the 3-4 acre footprint that requires remediation, reducing cost. The sampling was performed April 25, 2024. The memo summarizing the results has been submitted to the Borough.
 - Prepare applications for Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) funding.
 - RVE forwarded the draft grant application to the Borough for review November 27th, 2024. HDSRF Grant application for retroactive funding for past completed environmental investigations submitted to the NJDEP December 13th, 2024. This application was to fund project expenses already incurred by other consultants, and RVE after 2022. We expect several months until NJDEP reviews and gets back to Borough on this application based on timing of other RVE applications submitted prior to this application.
- RVE grant proposal for the second HDSRF that will cover 75% of the associated cost (generally excavation of soils at Area of Concern #2 and capping or fencing of Area of Concern #5, including reporting to the NJDEP) was authorized on the Mayor and Council meeting of 2/13.

RVE has been developing/modifying the remedial action plan, which will include the following:

- Excavation and relocation of contaminated material for the 6 delineated hotspots. Clearing and installation of 4-6' tall fencing & signage surrounding the contaminated historic fill area this will include approximately 1700 LF of fencing, signs, and some form of sediment erosion control (coir logs) to inhibit stormwater runoff from the fill area. Some level of Land Use Permitting anticipated (TBD). Abandonment of 2 monitoring wells. Preparation & filing of deed notice and Virtual Classification Exception Area for this fill area. Remedial Action Reporting & Soil Remedial Action Permit Application. Issuance of Response Action Outcome for the Entire Site which will complete the project

LIBRARY BRIDGE

The bridge is open as a pedestrian bridge. RVE supplied requested information to FEMA Hazard Mitigation, completed on November 18, 2022. The project was awarded to Tracks Unlimited, LLC, with a bid of \$83,176.00 and the Notice to Proceed was issued March 5, 2024. The contractor has completed their portion of the bridge replacement, the wooden timbers and railings will be installed by a combination of Public Works and local subcontractors.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

RVE provided a scope of services and associated cost proposal for test pits, geotechnical investigation, and civil / site design in support of the proposed construction of multiple additions to the existing library. The proposal total of \$91,480.00 was authorized at the March 7th, 2024 Council meeting. Test pits and the soil boring have been completed, topographic survey was completed July 12th, 2024. Teams meeting held at the site on November 5, 2024 to finalize and coordinate a number of design questions. Design has been completed. There have been a number of coordination among the architectural group, MEP and the site designers. The site plan has been revised several times to address the borough and the architectural and MEP groups. An onsite meeting was held with PSEG for electricity connection. An additional survey was carried out by RVE for the existing sewer pipes and the sewer connection. Bid documents and specifications were submitted to the architectural group. All team members are working hard to finalize the plans and preparing the bid documents for the near future bidding.

As requested by the borough a concept road widening plan has been submitted to the borough for discussing the proposed plan and the required easement with the Watchung Rescue Squad.

The bid opening for the project will be on 3/11 (10:00 AM) at the Borough Hall. We were informed that 14 prime contractors and 4 sub-contractors picked up the bidding documents.

PHILLIPS FIELD BRIDGE

The bridge has been re-opened with some limitations. The limitations consist of a single vehicle moving slowly. The Department of Public Works has taken over the routine maintenance cleaning of the bridge bearings. Minor maintenance work on the bridge has been completed.

We have prepared revised scope of services and cost proposals for further repairs and upgrade of the bridge using FEMA funds stemming from Hurricane Ida on February 16, 2023. Base maps for gabion basket protection of the shoulders of the bridge are completed. RVE was prepared for the Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 20 (Bank Stabilization) applications. RVE has designed gabion basket around the bridge abutment and the stream embankment to stabilize the bridge current condition. The permitting documents were submitted to NJDEP and it is under review. The first set of comments was received on 2/19/25 and RVE is working to address the comments.

SIDEWALK PROJECT- KNIGHTSBRIDGE TO VALLEY DRIVE

A concept plan (±1200 LF) with all the existing issues has been prepared and submitted to the borough for review. A construction cost estimate also has been prepared for this project. The concept plan was advanced more and was discussed with the Borough officials. The plan was submitted to the Somerset County Engineering Department for review and a possible field meeting.

WATCHUNG LAKE AND BEST LAKE DREDGING

We contacted Westfield Township and the information about the hydro-racking contractor was received for consideration by the Borough. The contractor will provide some cost estimates for performing these tasks.

TAX MAP MAINTENANCE AND REVISIONS FOR TAX YEAR 2018-2025

Scope of Services & Cost Proposal for the Tax Map Maintenance and Revisions for Tax Year 2018-2025 for Borough of Watchung as per your request was submitted on January 27th for consideration. The Borough Authorized RVE for this project at the meeting of 2/13. RVE has scheduled a meeting with the Borough Tax Officer to get directions.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

FY 2024 NJDOT TRUST FUND “MUNICIPAL AID” PROGRAM

RVE submitted the FY 2024 grant application on June 27, 2023, for improvements to the following three roads, in priority order:

- Vail Lane, full length.
- Wolford Court, full length.
- Drift Road, from Dale Road to ending cul-de-sac.

We received NJDOT notification on November 1, 2023, of the grant award of \$337,210.00. The Council awarded the contract to Reivax Contracting Corp for the base bid of \$243,835.75 at the June 20th meeting. Construction completed, NJDOT has inspected and submitted comments, responses filed with NJDOT December 3, 2024.

FY 2023 NJDOT TRUST FUND “MUNICIPAL AID” PROGRAM

RVE was authorized on May 24, 2023 to proceed with the design of improvements to the following three roads, in priority order:

- Meadowlark Road
- Washington Rock Road / Rock Road East from approximately #69 to the Warren Township municipal boundary
- Reynolds Drive

We received NJDOT notification on November 23, 2022 of the grant in the amount of \$368,400.00. The project was awarded to Reivax Construction Corp. at the September 21, 2023 Council meeting for \$398,622.75. Construction complete. DOT final inspection has been completed. Contractor is scheduling two small Meadowlark items to be completed prior to closeout. Meadowlark final work may be moved to spring.

PLANNING and / or ZONING BOARD INSPECTION PROJECTS

BJ's Wholesale Club in Watchung (Block 64.02, Lot 2.05) - New Fuel Facility

Pre-construction meeting held September 5, 2024. RVE provided construction observation services. The project was completed recently and the BJ's Wholesale Club is open.

SERITAGE aka STARBUCKS

Construction at the site has completed, RVE issued a recommendation for the Certificate of Occupancy and the Starbucks is open. Applicant inquiries on bond release are pending.

1375 Plainfield Avenue

The planning board review was completed and it will be signed off soon. The project will be ready for inspection.

SOMERSET COUNTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES RELATED WORKS

Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update

The plan was prepared and submitted to the county's consultant for review. A meeting was held on 3/5 and the plan is currently ready to be reviewed by the public.

Somerset County Local Safety Action Plan Municipal Meeting

We attended this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the municipalities on what a LSAP is; how it can make a municipality eligible for future road safety funding; for the municipalities to give them feedback on the developing Somerset County LSAP plan, as well as ask general questions about LSAP's. Two representatives from the borough shall be nominated to serve on the committee. The County sent a document to the committee member for a strategic survey. The project team is seeking feedback on strategies and actions that the plan will recommend. The received survey spreadsheet includes a variety of infrastructure, educational, and enforcement strategies that have been proven to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries in New Jersey. The county is requesting that you provide feedback on each group of strategies to the best of your knowledge and experience, even if the particular strategy is not within your professional expertise. Your knowledge of Somerset County makes your input critical to the future implementation of this LSAP.

Green Brook Flood Control Commission

The meeting was held on February 5th virtually. There was a briefing from the Army Corps of Engineers on the work that was done. Currently the Corps is performing modelling works on the lower basin and the results will be submitted to NJDEP by early March. No work has been performed on the upper basin due to the lack of staffing and funding.

COMPLETED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDER TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND

SIDEWALK FROM WATCHUNG CIRCLE/VALLEY ROAD TO LIBRARY PARKING LOT

RVE has prepared a sidewalk design and obtained County approval. The Borough has awarded the work and held a preconstruction meeting on September 5, 2024. Construction completed.

REPAIRS TO VARIOUS STORM CULVERTS

Funding Source(s): FEMA and Borough funding

Contractor: CMS Construction, Inc.

Contract Amount: \$193,785.00

Notice to Proceed issued: March 10, 2023

We determined that four (4) locations required significant repairs.

Our office issued a declaration for the need of repairs to the Borough for the following four (4) culverts located in the vicinities of:

- 160 Hill Hollow Road
- 90 Glen Eagle Drive
- 20 Glen Eagle Drive
- 48 Brook Drive

Project is complete. The contractor had not requested final inspection from the Soil Conservation District. RVE requested the inspection and received a final report of compliance on March 5, 2024. The project is complete.

FY 2020 & 2021 NJDOT TRUST FUND “RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS”

Funding Source(s): FY 2020 Trust Fund in the amount of \$300,000, and FY 2021 Trust Fund in the amount of \$375,000

Contractor: J.A. Alexander, Inc.

Contract “A” Amount: \$309,960.39

Contract “B” Amount: \$275,035.66

Notice to Proceed issued: June 17, 2022

This project was advertised and awarded as one project with two (2) separate construction contracts as follows:

“Contract A”:

This contract consisted of the resurfacing of the following roadways utilizing FY’ 2020 NJDOT Trust Fund grant funds:

1. Hill Hollow Road (from Valley Road to Johnston Drive)
2. Nottingham Drive (from Hill Hollow Road to end)

“Contract B”:

This contract consisted of the resurfacing of the following roadways utilizing FY’ 2021 NJDOT Trust Fund grant funds:

1. Elsinore Drive (entire extent from Valley Road (CR 527) to Sherwood Drive)

2. Friar Lane (entire extent from the NW Terminus to SE Terminus)
3. Sherwood Drive (Elsinore Drive to a point approximately 800' south)
4. Johnston Drive (Woodledge Road to Valley Drive)

RVE closed out the project on February 23, 2023.

FY 2022 NJDOT TRUST FUND “MUNICIPAL AID” PROGRAM

Funding Source(s): FY 2022 Trust Fund in the amount of \$348,000
 Contractor: J.A. Alexander, Inc.
 Contract Amount:
 Notice to Proceed issued: October 18, 2022

This contract consists of the resurfacing of the following roadways utilizing FY’ 2020 NJDOT Trust Fund grant funds:

- Johnston Drive (from Valley Drive to Camp Endeavor)
- Scott Drive (from Washington Drive to Winter Lane)

RVE closed out the project on February 6, 2023.

“MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL” ROAD PROJECT

Tilcon is the vendor for the Co-op’s “Road Resurfacing” contract for 2022. The Borough awarded a contract to Tilcon for resurfacing the following roads under the co-op:

Corey Lane (full length)
 Old Somerset Road (from Corey Lane to Orchard Road)

RVE closed out the project in October 2022.

WATCHUNG POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

SUMMONS
Highway: 85
Town: 277

MONTH: **February** 2025

		THIS MONTH	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
1. CALLS REQUIRING POLICE ACTION		2,089	4,210	3,691
	A. CALLS RELATING TO CRIME	146	329	338
	B. ALL OTHER SERVICE CALLS	1,943	3,881	3,353
2. SHOPLIFTING		18	33	33
3. TOTAL ADULTS ARRESTED		20	43	27
4. TOTAL JUVENILES DETAINED		0	0	1
5. TOTAL VACANT HOMES REPORTED		9	15	16
6. TOTAL VACANT HOMES CHECKED		19	93	94
7. TOTAL ACCIDENTS REPORTED		52	109	128
	A. NON-REPORTABLE	10	15	31
	B. REPORTABLE	42	96	97
	C. PERSONS INJURED	6	13	16
	D. PERSONS KILLED	0	0	0
8. MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT INDEX		362	623	446
	TRAFFIC SAFETY HILLCREST TRUCKS STOPPED	48	73	36
	TRAFFIC SAFETY HILLCREST TRUCK CITATIONS	41	66	59
	PATROL HILLCREST TRUCK CITATIONS	34	70	43
9. POLICE PERSONNEL ASSAULTED		0	0	0
10. DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED		0	0	3
11. HOURS OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING		356	700	531
12. FALSE ALARMS		55	100	101
	A. DISTRICT 1	34	55	53
	B. DISTRICT 2	21	45	48

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Anderle
Chief of Police

WP-140 (Rev. 12/31/2021)

ORIGINAL TO:
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EDITH GIL, BOROUGH CLERK
CC: ADMINISTRATOR JIM DAMATO, MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Watchung Rescue Squad

Council Report

March 2025

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- February was a quick but productive month. We held our annual awards dinner and recognized members who were outstanding during 2024. Thank you to Mayor Jubin and council members for attending and showing support to our organization!
 - Our February drill was held on oxygen therapy and respiratory emergencies. We reviewed indications for oxygen delivery and potential conditions we may encounter on calls.
 - This month we also made a shift in our medical direction. We previously had medical direction through Atlantic Health, but have now shifted to a private physician, Dr. Matthew Letizia, DO, FACEOP. Dr. Letizia is the medical director for EMS agencies throughout the state. He also is a practicing Emergency Medicine physician and brings great knowledge to our operations! This month we will be working to expand our scope of practice and implement glucometer testing and albuterol administration on our ambulances.
 - We will be hosting our first Gary Letizia Memorial Blood Drive at our squad building. It will be on Tuesday, March 25th from 1-7PM. We are looking forward to making a difference while meeting more members of the community.

Call Stats for February 2025:

BLS CALLS	16
ALS CALLS	2
RMA	5
CANCELED	2
FIRE REHAB	0

CPR	0
Total Calls	25
Total Calls YTD	55

Top Responders-crew

Seth Weingarten, Nicole Sese and Myles Presgraves with 8 calls

Logan Taylor with 7 calls

Top Crew-shift: Wednesday with 8 calls

Hospital Transports- Rec. Hosp

Overlook- 14

RWJ Somerset- 3

Morristown- 1

Watchung Environmental Commission
Monday, December 9, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.
Present: Rachel Funcheon, Karen Pennett, Doug Speeney, Andy Stout, Denise Soppas, Coraleine Kitt
Absent: Jeniffer Principato
2. Minutes for the Oct. 28, 2024 Teleconference were approved.
3. Reports
 - a. November Tree Report
 - Tree Inspections: 5 permits approved. 76 trees to be removed, 26 trees to be replaced.
 - b. Planning Board
 - The Commission discussed PB 24-02, the Raising Cane's project, and the new ordinance regarding temporary accessory structures.
 - The Commission discussed the Bonnie Burn development and changes to the look of the Clubhouse.
 - c. Recycling: no report
 - d. Green Team: GT was recognized by Mayor and Council at last Council meeting and received the Mayor's Achievement Award for achieving Sustainable Jersey Silver certification.
4. Unfinished Business
 - a. The Commission discussed the HELPSY proposal for recycling textiles. Mayor and Council in favor of project. Need to move through the channels to get program implemented.
 - b. BOA applications. The Commission discussed:
 - BA 24-02, 55 Acorn. Applicant dropped proposal for sports court and revised application to only request retaining wall and dry well. Application was approved.
 - BA 23-12, Brandywine. Property is under new ownership and application was withdrawn.
 - BA 24-05, 1040 Johnston Dr. New construction on steep, wooded lot. Application was denied by vote of 4-3.
 - BA 24-07, 108 Johnston. Reconstructing existing retaining wall in driveway. Application was approved.
 - BJ's, Rt. 22: Application has site plan changes. EC will not submit comments.

5. New Business

- a. The Commission discussed the new NJDEP Tree Removal Regulations. All NJ towns need to have tree ordinance with replacement plan built in. Watchung's is already in place. This is connected to Stormwater Ordinance MS4.
- b. The Commission discussed the NJ Forest Service seedling list which will be published the first week of Jan. Doug will order off website.
- c. EC Reorg Meeting in January – Meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 27th.
- d. Other: The cage surrounding one of Salem oak trees on Mobus field is missing.
Green purchasing policy – The Commission discussed the resolution which was passed for the Green purchasing policy. Someone dumped a hot water heater on the mountain behind Spratford Park.

6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

January 2025 Tree Report

Tree Inspections: 1

Tree Removal permits approved: 1

Trees to be removed: 10

Trees to be replaced: 0

Tree Re-Inspections: 0

Permit Closed: 0

Trees replaced: 0

D. Soppas & K. Pennett

Tree Inspections:

1820 Plainfield Ave – 10 Dead Trees – Approved with no replacements

- Inspection: 1/2/25. (DS)
- A & W Landscaping & Tree Service
- 10 dead Ash

3/13/2025

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REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES VIRTUAL VIA WEBEX AND IN-PERSON

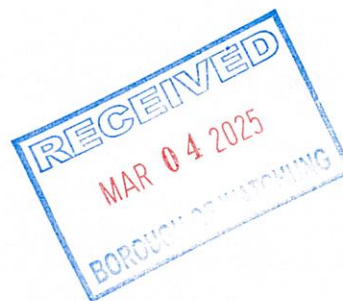
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

6:30 PM

PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
200 CLAY AVENUE MIDDLESEX, NJ 08846
MIDDLESEX, NJ

ATTENDANCE

Robert Seader, PARSA Member, Dunellen
Colleen Mahr, PARSA Member, Fanwood
John Richards, PARSA Member, Green Brook
Basil D'Armiento, PARSA Member, North Plainfield
Carol A. Brokaw, PARSA Member, Plainfield
Robert LaCosta, PARSA Member, Scotch Plains
Glenn Cullen, PARSA Member, South Plainfield
Christine Barbara Ead, PARSA Member, Watchung
David Ruitenbergh, PARSA Attorney, Murphy, McKeon, P.C.
Dan Madden, PARSA Engineer, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.
Robert A. Snyder, PARSA Executive Director



I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Carol A. Brokaw called the Reorganization Meeting (Virtual via WebEx and In-Person) to Order at 6:30 P.M.

II. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Chairwoman Carol A. Brokaw read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

III. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Commissioners saluted and recited the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and Dunellen was represented by Commissioner Robert Seader; Fanwood was represented by Commissioner Colleen Mahr; Green Brook was represented by Commissioner John Richards; North Plainfield was represented by Commissioner Basil D'Armiento; Plainfield was represented by Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw; Scotch Plains was represented by Commissioner Robert LaCosta; South Plainfield was represented by Commissioner Glenn

Cullen; and Watchung was represented by Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead.

V. REORGANIZATION

A) OATH OF OFFICE

There were no Oaths of Office presented.

B) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Chairman

Mr. Ruitenber call for a motion to appoint a new Chairman. Commissioner LaCosta moved that Commissioner Glenn Cullen be appointed Chairman of the Authority for the year 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richards. There were no further nominations. All were in favor. Mr. Ruitenber and all the Commissioners thanked outgoing Chairwoman Carol A. Brokaw for her services.

2. Vice-Chairman

Chairman Cullen called for a motion to appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Authority. Commissioner Seader moved that Commissioner John Richards be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Authority for the year 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brokaw. There were no further nominations.

3. Secretary

Chairman Cullen called for amotion to appoint a Secretary of the Authority. Commissioner LaCosta moved Commissioner Basil D'Armiento to be appointed Secretary of the Authority for the year 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

C) APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONALS

1) Auditor: Resolution 2025-1

Commissioner Richards moved that Suplee, Clooney & Company, 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, serve as Auditor for the Authority for a period not to exceed one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brokaw.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

- Commissioner Robert Seader
- Commissioner Colleen Mahr
- Commissioner John Richards
- Commissioner Basil D'Armiento
- Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw
- Commissioner Robert LaCosta
- Commissioner Glenn Cullen
- Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

2) ENGINEER: RESOLUTION 2025-2

Commissioner Seader moved that Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, 1200 Lenox Drive, Suite 101, Trenton, New Jersey 08648, serve as Consulting Engineer for the Authority for a period not to exceed one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richards.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Robert Seader
Commissioner Colleen Mahr
Commissioner John Richards
Commissioner Basil D'Armiento
Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw
Commissioner Robert LaCosta
Commissioner Glenn Cullen
Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

3) LEGAL COUNSEL: RESOLUTION 2025-3

Commissioner D'Armiento moved that Murphy McKeon, P.C., 901 Route 23 South, 2nd Floor, Pompton plains, New Jersey 07444, serve as Legal Counsel for the Authority for a period not to exceed one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brokaw.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Robert Seader
Commissioner Colleen Mahr
Commissioner John Richards
Commissioner Basil D'Armiento
Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw

Commissioner Robert LaCosta

Commissioner Glenn Cullen

Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

4) RISK MANAGER: RESOLUTION 2025-4

Commissioner Richards moved that Stanford Risk Management Services be appointed to serve as the Authority's Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's bylaws for a period of one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner D'Armiento.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

Commissioner Robert Seader

Commissioner Colleen Mahr

Commissioner John Richards

Commissioner Basil D'Armiento

Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw

Commissioner Robert LaCosta

Commissioner Glenn Cullen

Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

D) RESOLUTION 2025-5

**ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF
THE PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AND
PROVIDING NOTICE THEREOF**

Commissioner Brokaw moved to approve Resolution 2025-5, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner LaCosta. All were in favor and none opposed.

E) RESOLUTION 2025-6

**DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS OF THE
PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Brokaw moved to approve Resolution 2025-6, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Seader. All were in favor and none opposed.

F) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE AUTHORITY FOR 2025

Commissioner Richards moved that the Courier-News be designated as the official Newspaper and the Star ledger be designated the secondary newspaper for the Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Robert Seader
Commissioner Colleen Mahr
Commissioner John Richards
Commissioner Basil D'Armiento
Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw
Commissioner Robert LaCosta
Commissioner Genn Cullen
Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

G) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF THE AUTHORITY FOR 2025

Commissioner LaCosta moved to designate Unity Bank as Official Depository for the Authority's Funds in 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ead. All were in favor and none opposed.

H) DESIGNATION OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Commissioner Brokaw moved to Designate Eula Conley as Recording Secretary for the Authority in 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner D'Armiento.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

- Commissioner Robert Seader
- Commissioner Colleen Mahr
- Commissioner John Richards
- Commissioner Basil D'Armiento
- Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw
- Commissioner Robert LaCosta
- Commissioner Glenn Cullen
- Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

I) DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2025

Standing Committees

(1) Engineering Committee

(a) Chair: John Richards

(b) Members:

(i) Robert Seader

(ii) Colleen Mahr

(2) Personnel Committee

(a) Chair: Robert Seader

(b) Members:

(i) Basil D'Armiento

(ii) Robert LaCosta

(3) Finance Committee

(a) Chair: Carol Brokaw

(b) Members:

(i) Basil D'Armiento

(ii) Christine Barbara Ead

Commissioner Richards moved to Designate the Committee Appoints for 2025 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Seader. All were in favor.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Cullen called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 2, 2025. Commissioner Richards moved to approve the Minutes, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner D'Armiento.

Mr. Snyder called for a correction, under Engineer's Report, last line, wherein it reads, "...repairing the Chamber behind the sanitary in Bound Brook." This should be corrected to read, "...repairing the Chamber behind the cemetery in Bound Brook." There were no further amendments, additions, or corrections. All were in favor to approve the Minutes, as amended.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Cullen reported that we still have not reconcile with MCUA. There still may be some adjustment. The Authority is happy with where we finished. We did have a few one-time revenue items with the sale of some assets. Fiscally, the Authority is in good shape.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chairman Cullen called for a motion to approve the Bills List. Commissioner Brokaw moved to approve the Bills List, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner D'Armiento. There were no discussions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:

- Commissioner Robert Seader
- Commissioner Colleen Mahr
- Commissioner John Richards
- Commissioner Basil D'Armiento
- Commissioner Carol A. Brokaw
- Commissioner Robert LaCosta
- Commissioner Glenn Cullen
- Commissioner Christine Barbara Ead

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) **ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:** None presented.

B) **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** None presented.

C) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** None presented.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Snyder reported he and his staff had a meeting with South Plainfield to discuss expanding services within the Borough of South Plainfield to encompass everything in the operation of the Sanitary System. Their staff has a lot going on and is unable to manage everything necessary to properly service the citizens of South Plainfield. If he can get the Agreements back and forth, as of March 1st, we will assume full operations of the Borough of South Plainfield Sanitary System. Mr. Snyder explained what this will do for the Authority.

After some discussions, Commissioner Richards moved that PARSA will expand their Service Agreement with the Borough South Plainfield. The motion was seconded by Commissioner D'Armiento. All were in favor and none opposed.

XI. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Madden reported on the New Outfall Sewer Stabilization Project noting that it is complete, and he is just waiting for the grass to take root in the restoration before final payment is made. That will take a couple of months.

They have been providing technical assistance to PARSA's staff on G.I.S. Mapping and helping them streamline the data collection process. It is doing well.

XII. ATTORNEYS REPORT

Mr. Ruitenbergh reported that he had no information to report.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

A) Other Matters

None reported.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None reported.

A) Othe Matters

None reported.

XV. PUBLIC PORTION

There were no comments from the Public.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss, Chairman Cullen called for a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting. The motion was moved by Commissioner Seader and seconded by Commissioner LaCosta. All were in favor of adjourning the Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Eula Conley, PARSA Recording Secretary

Watchung Monthly Flow Chart

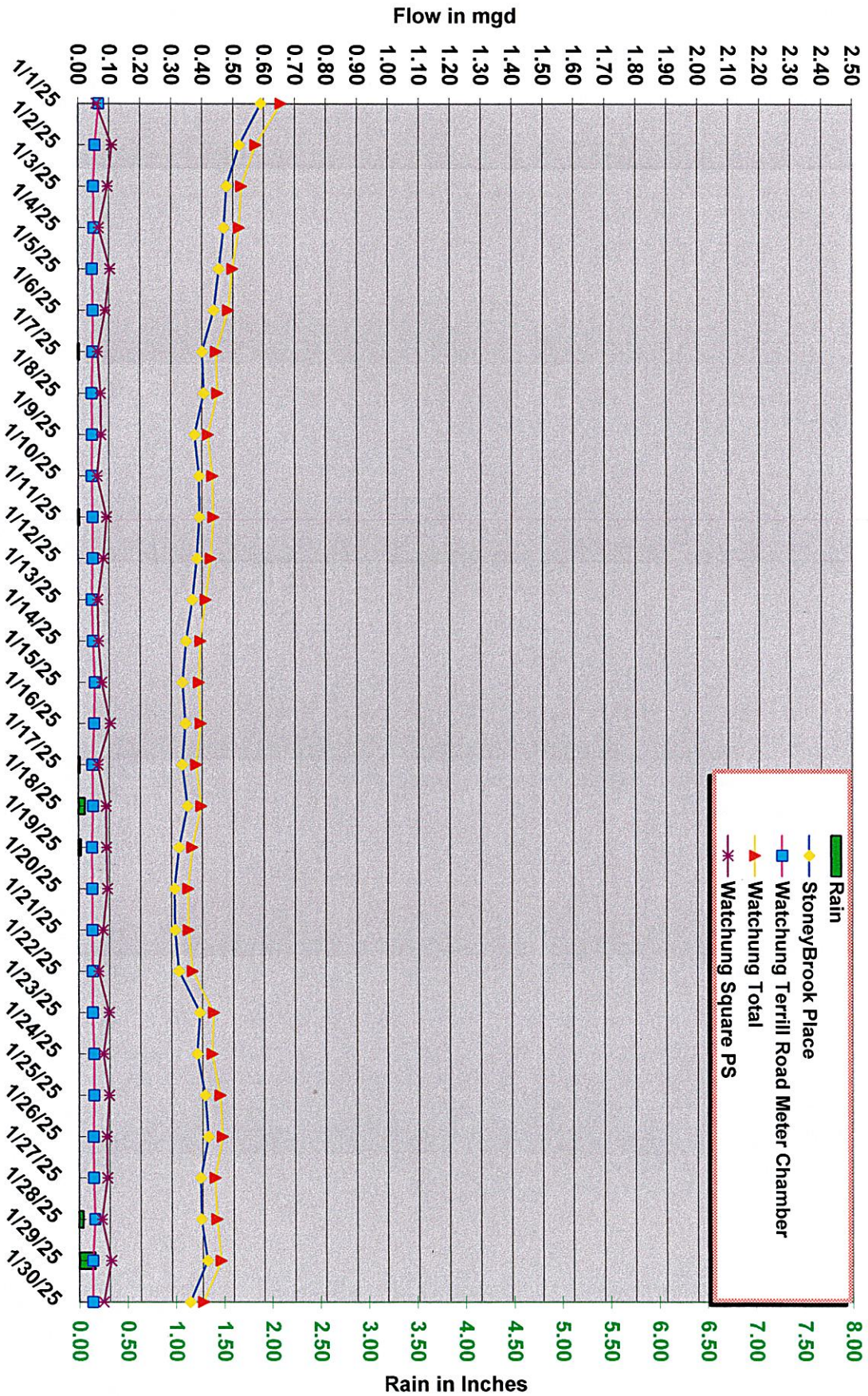
January-2025

Date	StoneyBrook Place	Watchung Terrill Road Meter Chamber	Watchung Square PS	Watchung Total	Rain
1/1/25	0.5900	0.0650	0.0580	0.6550	0.00
1/2/25	0.5200	0.0530	0.1090	0.5730	0.00
1/3/25	0.4790	0.0480	0.0950	0.5270	0.00
1/4/25	0.4700	0.0490	0.0650	0.5190	0.00
1/5/25	0.4540	0.0440	0.1030	0.4980	0.00
1/6/25	0.4380	0.0460	0.0870	0.4840	0.00
1/7/25	0.4000	0.0450	0.0620	0.4450	0.01
1/8/25	0.4060	0.0430	0.0720	0.4490	0.00
1/9/25	0.3750	0.0440	0.0730	0.4190	0.00
1/10/25	0.3900	0.0430	0.0600	0.4330	0.00
1/11/25	0.3910	0.0450	0.0910	0.4360	0.01
1/12/25	0.3830	0.0450	0.0810	0.4280	0.00
1/13/25	0.3680	0.0430	0.0620	0.4110	0.00
1/14/25	0.3470	0.0460	0.0640	0.3930	0.00
1/15/25	0.3360	0.0520	0.0750	0.3880	0.00
1/16/25	0.3450	0.0490	0.1030	0.3940	0.00
1/17/25	0.3350	0.0440	0.0620	0.3790	0.01
1/18/25	0.3510	0.0450	0.0890	0.3960	0.06
1/19/25	0.3240	0.0420	0.0900	0.3660	0.02
1/20/25	0.3100	0.0430	0.0930	0.3530	0.00
1/21/25	0.3110	0.0430	0.0780	0.3540	0.00
1/22/25	0.3230	0.0440	0.0630	0.3670	0.00
1/23/25	0.3910	0.0440	0.0980	0.4350	0.00
1/24/25	0.3820	0.0480	0.0790	0.4300	0.00
1/25/25	0.4080	0.0480	0.0980	0.4560	0.00
1/26/25	0.4180	0.0450	0.0900	0.4630	0.00
1/27/25	0.3930	0.0460	0.0910	0.4390	0.00
1/28/25	0.3950	0.0500	0.0730	0.4450	0.04
1/29/25	0.4150	0.0430	0.1040	0.4580	0.16
1/30/25	0.3580	0.0430	0.0790	0.4010	0.00
1/31/25	0.3890	0.0460	0.0800	0.4350	0.17
Totals	12.1950	1.4340	2.5270	13.6290	0.4800

Notes:

1.) Flow is in Million Gallons per day (mgd); Rain is in Inches per Day

Watchung Monthly Flow Chart



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TO: **CLERKS:** Dunellen, Fanwood, Green Brook, North Plainfield,
Plainfield, Scotch Plains, South Plainfield and Watchung

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL CONCERNED

FROM: Robert A. Snyder Jr., Executive Director

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2025

SUBJECT: **PARSA REGULAR MEETING**



Thursday, March 6, 2025

6:30 PM

Via WebEx and In-Person

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Statement of Compliance
- 3) Salute to Flag
- 4) Roll Call
- 5) Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2025
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) Approval of Bills
- 8) Committee Reports
- 9) Executive Director's Report
- 10) Engineer's Report
- 11) Attorney's Report
- 12) Old Business
- 13) New Business
- 14) Public Portion
- 15) Executive Session (if required)
- 16) Adjournment

cc: PARSA Members and Alternates
Murphy McKeon, PC - Suplee Clooney - JMT
Courier News, Forbes News Group



RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

February 5, 2025

7:30p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm in the absence of Chairman Bill Jacques, by the present members who determined that this meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Notice of this meeting was given by way of annual notice to the official newspapers, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

Bill Jacques, Chair Person (); John Pennet, Vice-Chair Person (); Michael Onuska (✓); Mary Ann Weber (✓); Suzanne Stiles (✓); Curt Dahl, Council Liaison (✓); Pierce Jubin (); Robert Weck (✓); Dámaris Gray, Coordinator (✓)

APPOINTMENTS

Chair - Motion was made by Suz Stiles and seconded by Mary Ann Weber nominating Michael Onuska as Chairman. All present were in favor.

Vice Chair - Motion was made by Mary Ann Weber and seconded by Suz Stiles nominating Bill Jacques as Vice Chairman. All present were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of the December 4, 2024 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the September 4, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Suz Stiles and seconded by Michael Onuska, all present were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: 2025 Events through June (attached hereto)

- Facility Requests – Mike Onuska questioned the management of Phillips Field by the Borough versus the Board of Education. Damaris Gray clarified that since the beginning of 2023 the Borough has processed facilities requests and maintained Phillips Field.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Disc Jockey confirmed and 6,000 plastic eggs ordered.
- Community Picnic – Three companies will be contacted for quotes on the entertainment (i.e. inflatables, DJ, face painting, etc.)
- Block Party – Since the Winter Wonderland was canceled, Party Perfect Rentals (credit) will be used for this event. (Flag Day themed – Red, White & Blue) Watchung Education Foundation (WEF) will have their fundraiser. Lost in Place and Disc Jockey for entertainment and food trucks will also be included.
- Summer Camp – Will be held at Mobus Field. We are in talks with Sommerset County for the use of Warren Brook Pool twice a week. Residents will be able to pay online this year through a new module to our payment process strictly for Recreation. Registration fee will not increase.

Damaris Gray informed that the new module will also include a more streamlined scheduling process for the Pickleball and Tennis Courts as well as Field Requests online payments.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Attached hereto)

- Resolution R7 adopted by the Governing Body on December 19, 2024, Endorsing the Watchung Hills Select Boys' Travel Team.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Watchung Rescue Squad (CPR/AED/First Aid Training for Camp Staff)	\$595.00
Ayers Distributing (6,000 Easter Eggs)	\$894.00
Edmonds & Associates (Parks & Recreation Module – Website)	\$4,718.75
Party Perfect Rentals (Winter Wonderland-Deposit)	\$885.00
Banners (Winter Wonderland)	\$44.77
Youth Travel Basketball (Re-Imbursement for League Registration)	\$995.00

Credit Card Purchases

BJ's - snacks for Fishing Derby	\$70.95
Fishing Derby – Coffee/donuts	\$31.96
Fishing Derby - Banners	\$22.38
Fishing Derby – Medallions	\$128.96
Fishing Derby - Worms	\$114.29
Supplies	\$163.13
Harvest Festival - snacks	\$355.44
Harvest Festival – chili prizes	\$300.00
Harvest Festival - snacks	\$92.98
Supplies – banners & paper goods	\$470.34
Somerset County Therapeutic Recreation	\$1,450.00

REPORTS OF CHAIR PERSONS - No reports were given for the following:

Recreation Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball	Men's Basketball
Somerset County Activities	Volleyball
Special Events	Tennis

OLD BUSINESS:

- Capital Improvement List 2023-2025 (will be provided at the meeting) – Discussion was held regarding items on the list, particularly Camp Endeavor, dredging of Best and Watchung Lakes and improving the sidewalks around Watchung Lake.
- Grants
- Final – 2025 Schedule for both Recreation and Borough Events (attached) – Suz Stiles suggested to ask if WEF would consider to hold they're Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26th, if not, can we hold the Harvest Festival on that Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Michael Onuska informed the Commission that he contacted PSE&G regarding the street lights around the lake and passed on the information to DPW Director William McClave for further action.

- Skating/Roller Skating Rink – Discussion was held regarding possible locations for a skating rink activity in the future. Suggestion was made to bring a pop-up Winter Festival sometime in January or February next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Curt Dahl and seconded by Mary Ann Weber. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 7:30pm at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dámaris Quñones-Gray

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Accepted: 3/5/2025

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R1**

WHEREAS, Charles James Ervin Ford previously presented his Eagle Scout Leadership Service project to the Governing Body on February 27, 2025 which entailed a “Fallen Officer Memorial” to be displayed at the Watchung Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, wishes to formally support and authorize this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the proposed Eagle Scout Service Project, as presented on February 27, 2025 is hereby approved and accepted to be installed at the Watchung Police Department with the final location details to be authorized by the Borough Administrator and/or Police Chief.

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2025
INDEX: PROPERTIES, MISC,
C: DPW, PD

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R2**

WHEREAS, funds have been remitted by the homeowner to redeem tax sale certificate #24-00002 held by Bala Partners, LLC on Block 3201 Lot 3, 246 Stirling Road, assessed in the name Kevin Thomas Dean & Nadine Cobo, and the Mayor and Council must approve the distribution of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer is authorized to remit payment to the lienholder as follows:

Bala Partners, LLC
P.O. Box 303
Pottersville, NJ 07979

Principal	\$1,063.77
Premium	\$ 700.00
Total:	\$1,763.77

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2025
INDEX: FINANCE-MISC,
C: CFO, TAX CLERK

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R3**

WHEREAS, funds have been remitted by the homeowner to redeem tax sale certificate #24-00008 held by Tax Lien Fund LP on Block 4501 Lot 23, 163 Johnston Drive, assessed in the name Emisch Investment Co., and the Mayor and Council must approve the distribution of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer is authorized to remit payment to the lienholder as follows:

Tax Lien Fund LP
PO Box 132
San Francisco, CA 94104

Principal	\$16,811.40
Premium	\$31,100.00
Total:	\$47,911.40

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2025
INDEX: FINANCE-MISC,
C: CFO, TAX CLERK

**Borough of Watchung
Resolution: R4**

WHEREAS, Joann Estrella retired effective February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, accumulated benefits must be determined and paid as a result; and

WHEREAS, Joann Estrella has accumulated 33.20 hours of vacation and 342.12 hours of sick time to be paid at her current hourly rate of pay.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that Joann Estrella receive payment for accumulated employee benefits on the March 15, 2025 payroll as follows:

Vacation Time 33.20 hours x \$34.86	\$1,157.35
Sick Time 342.12 hours x \$34.86	\$11,926.30
Total:	\$13,083.65

Paul Fischer, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2025
INDEX: PERSONNEL,
CC: E.H., B.H.,