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15 Mountain Blvd
Watchung, NJ
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Mayor & Council Meeting AGENDA

**December 18, 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

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

DISCUSSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORD #25/21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO UPDATE THE BOROUGH'S FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS

ORD #25/22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE BOROUGH'S CODE TO AMEND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AND RECREATION AREAS

ORD #25/23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE, CHAPTER 11, ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING" TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR FILMING WITHIN THE BOROUGH CONSISTENT WITH THE NJ FILM COMMISSION'S "FILM READY" PROGRAM

ORD #25/24: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, POLICE REGULATIONS, OF THE BOROUGH'S CODE TO ALLOW BOW AND ARROW HUNTING WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS ON HUNTING

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NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Reports:

Board of Health Minutes	September 17, 2025
Building Department	November 2025
Recreation Commission	October 1, 2025
Rescue Squad	November 2025

CONSENT

The items listed below are considered routine and moved under one motion.

R1: Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption of Certificate #25-00030 for 1549 Route 22

R2: Authorizing Purchases Over Allowed Threshold
NJ Fire Equipment Co. FD equipment

R3: Establishing Mayor and Council Meeting Dates for 2026

NON-CONSENT

R4: Authorizing Bill List

R5: Establishing Summer Camp Fees for 2026

R6: Authorizing Change Order for West End KB LLC for Additions & Alterations to the Watchung Public Library

R7: Authorizing Agreement with Rutgers to Participate in Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

R8: Appointment of Volunteers to Various Boards, Commissions, Committees

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R9: Authorizing Executive Session to Discuss Attorney-Client Privilege Matters - Pending Litigation - Affordable Housing

NON-CONSENT (CONTINUED)

R10: Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center with Regard to Raritan Township's Housing Element & Fair Share Plan

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ADJOURNMENT

The Re-Organization meeting of the Mayor and Council will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

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***ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE
BOROUGH CODE TO UPDATE THE BOROUGH'S FIRE PREVENTION
REGULATIONS.***

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 12 entitled "Fire Prevention" of the Code of the Borough of Watchung, is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; deleted language in ~~double strikethrough~~]

Chapter 12. Fire Prevention.

§ 12-1 LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE.

§ 12-1.1 Local Enforcement Authorized.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-202(a) of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c. 383 Section 11) the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code shall be locally enforced in the Borough of Watchung.

§ 12-1.2 Agency Designation.

The local enforcing agency shall be the Watchung Fire Department Bureau of Fire Prevention.

§ 12-1.3 Duties.

The local enforcing agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures, and premises within the Borough, other than owner-occupied buildings used exclusively for dwelling purposes and containing fewer than three dwelling units (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-203(a)).

§ 12-1.4 Inspection of Life Hazard Uses.

The local enforcing agency established in subsection 12-1.2 shall carry out at least once per year the periodic inspections of life hazard uses as defined in and required by the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.4 through N.J.A.C. 5:70_2.4D) on behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

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§ 12-1.4A Registration and inspection of non-life-hazard uses.

- a. In addition to the registrations required by the Uniform Fire Code, the following non-life hazard uses shall register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention, and shall pay the annual fees set forth below: All commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and other nonresidential uses that do not fall within the definition of life hazard uses shall submit an annual registration to the Borough of Watchung Bureau of Fire Prevention.

		Annual Fee
1.	Business / Assembly Use Group	
	Under 1,000 square feet	\$100
	1,000 – 2,499 square feet	\$150
	2,500 – 4,999 square feet	\$200
	5,000 – 9,999 square feet	\$250
	Over 9,999 square feet	\$300
2.	Factory Use Group	
	Under 5,000 square feet	\$250
	5,000 square feet and above	\$300
3.	Mercantile Use Group	
	Under 6,000 square feet	\$150
	6,000 square feet and above	\$250
4.	Utilities Use Group	
	Under 2,500 square feet	\$150
	Over 2,500 square feet	\$200
5.	<u>Residential Apartment Common Areas</u>	<u>\$100 per</u>
	<u>(3 units or more)</u>	<u>building</u>

- b. Uses not classified above that are subject to the Uniform Fire Code shall be classified under the Business/Assembly Use Group. All commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and other nonresidential uses that are not within the definition of life hazard uses, upon a change of use or change of occupancy shall register with the Borough of Watchung Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- c. Uses required to register with the State of New Jersey as life hazard uses shall not be required to register under this Section. The necessary forms shall be provided by the Borough of Watchung Bureau of Fire Prevention and shall require information substantially similar to that required for the registration of life hazard uses as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.6.

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- d. If an owner of a non-life hazard use has not registered and paid the appropriate fee, the local enforcing agency shall notify the owner in writing of said noncompliance, including an explanation of the nature of the noncompliance. The failure to comply within 30 days after receipt of said notice shall be a violation of this chapter.

§ 12-1.5 Organization; Fire Official.

The local enforcing agency established by subsection 12-1.2 shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Fire Official, who shall report to the Borough Administrator.

§ 12-1.6 Appointments, Term of Office, Removal.

- a. Appointment of Fire Official. The local enforcing agency shall be under the supervision of a Fire Official who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. The Fire Official shall serve as the chief administrator of the agency.
- b. Term of Office. The Fire Official shall serve for a term of one year **or until a successor is appointed.**
- c. Inspectors and Employees. The Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary in the local enforcing agency.
- d. Removal from Office. Inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency shall be subject to removal by the Mayor or the Council for inefficiency or misconduct. Each inspector or employee proposed to be removed shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the appointing authority or a designated hearing officer.

§ 12-1.7 Board of Appeals.

Pursuant to Sections 15 and 17 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcing agency shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of the County of Somerset upon written request for a hearing. A copy of the request shall be sent to the local enforcing agency at the time the request is made.

§ 12-2 SMOKE SENSITIVE ALARM, AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM DEVICES, ~~AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER~~ INSTALLATION.

§ 12-2.1 Requirement for Smoke-Sensitive and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Devices ~~and Fire Extinguisher~~ Installation in One- or Two-Family Structures.

A structure used or intended for use for residential purposes by not more than two families shall have a smoke-sensitive and carbon monoxide alarm device on each level of the structure and outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and located on or near the ceiling, or as specified by manufacturer-installation recommendation. The

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installation of battery-operated, smoke-sensitive and carbon monoxide alarm devices shall be accepted as meeting the requirements of this section. ~~Additionally, fire extinguishers shall be installed (mounted unobstructed from view) within 10 feet of any and all kitchen areas.~~

§ 12-2.2 Change of Occupancy.

Before any structure set forth in subsection 12-2.1 above is sold, leased, or otherwise made subject to a change of tenancy or occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke sensitive and carbon monoxide alarm device ~~and fire extinguisher~~ compliance (Certificate of Smoke Detector Compliance – hereinafter referred to as “CSDC”) from the local enforcing agency. The application for a CSDC shall be provided by the local enforcing agency upon request of the applicant.

§ 12-2.3 Multiple Dwellings.

Compliance with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act relating to smoke-sensitive and carbon monoxide alarm devices ~~and fire extinguishers~~ in all multiple dwellings of more than two families shall be governed by the provisions of §27-8 of the Code of the Borough of Watchung.

§ 12-2.4 Types of Smoke-Sensitive and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Devices Required.

All devices and equipment for smoke-sensitive and carbon monoxide alarm devices shall be approved or listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, i.e., UL or FM, and shall be in compliance with all regulations of authorizing agencies. It shall be the obligation of the owner of such smoke-sensitive and carbon monoxide alarm devices to maintain the same in operable condition at all times. ~~Fire extinguishers shall meet or exceed the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19(e).~~

§ 12-2.5 Enforcement.

The enforcement and administration of the provisions of the smoke-sensitive alarm device provisions set forth herein are delegated to the Fire Inspector appointed in accordance with subsection 12-1.6 of this chapter. The Fire Inspector will prepare and arrange for the dissemination of appropriate forms, certificates, and other required paperwork to implement the requirements of this section. The certification of compliance with the terms of this section may be executed by the Fire Inspector once compliance has been completed.

§ 12-2.6 Fees.

The owner of the structure(s) referred to herein, which require the inspection and/or installation of smoke-sensitive **and** carbon monoxide alarm devices ~~and fire extinguishers~~, shall be required to apply for an inspection to verify the owner's compliance with the terms of this section from the Fire Inspector, ten (10) working days prior to the date inspection is required. Provided the application is filed and the fee is paid to the Fire Inspector not less than 10 working days prior

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to the date of the requested inspection, the fee for the inspection shall be \$100. If the application for the inspection is filed and/or the fee is paid nine or fewer working days prior to the date requested by the applicant for inspection, the fee shall be \$150, or such other amount at the Fire Inspector's discretion, but not to exceed \$150 dollars. The fee for any required reinspection (which shall not be those inspections referred to in subsection 12-2.7 hereof) shall be \$25, which shall be due and payable at the time of reinspection.

§ 12-2.7 Inspector's Maximum Wait Time.

The Fire Inspector performing the inspection called for herein shall be required to wait no more than 15 minutes after the time set for the performance of the inspection. If the person requesting the inspection does not appear to let the Fire Inspector into the property to be inspected within that 15-minute period, the owner or person requesting the inspection must request that the Fire Inspector return for the inspection and shall pay an additional fee of \$25.

§ 12-2.8 Duration of Certificate of Compliance.

All certificates of compliance issued hereunder shall be valid for ~~60~~ ninety (90) days from the date of issuance. In the event closing of title or change of occupancy for the property for which the certificate is issued does not take place within the ~~60~~90-day period, the owner of the property will be required obtain a new inspection of the same at the cost set forth in §12-2.6.

§ 12-2.9 Allocation of Inspection Fees.

All fees and revenues received pursuant to this Section 12-2 shall be appropriated by the Mayor and Borough Council to the Office of the Fire Inspector for the purpose of enforcing the Borough of Watchung's Fire Protection Code, as required by all applicable laws and ordinances.

§ 12-2A ~~(RESERVED) REGISTRATION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION/SPRINKLER SYSTEMS~~

~~§ 12-2A-1 Registration of Fire Suppression/Sprinkler System~~

~~a. All commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and other nonresidential uses that are not within the definition of life hazard uses and have a fire suppression and/or sprinkler system shall register annually with the Borough of Watchung Bureau of Fire Prevention Clerk and shall be subject to an annual review by the local enforcing agency for compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances.~~

~~b. All commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and other nonresidential uses that are not within the definition of life hazard uses and have a fire suppression and/or sprinkler system shall register upon a change of occupancy or change of use with the Borough of Watchung Bureau of Fire Prevention and shall be subject to a review by the local enforcing agency for compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances.~~

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- ~~e. In order to complete the registration, all commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and other nonresidential uses that are not within the definition of life hazard uses and have a fire suppression and/or sprinkler system shall complete a Borough of Watchung registration form, which shall include a certificate from a registered/certified fire suppression and/or sprinkler system professional stating that the current system is in full compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances.~~
- ~~d. Each separate building, store, premises, place, or location shall require a separate registration, unless a single system is utilized to cover and protect separate premises or locations, and in such a case, the single registration shall indicate the same.~~

~~§ 12-2A-2 Registration Fee of Fire Suppression/Sprinkler System~~

~~The Borough of Watchung Bureau of Fire Prevention shall collect a fee of \$75.00 for the registration of the fire suppression and/or sprinkler system for all commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and other nonresidential uses that are not within the definition of life hazard uses.~~

§ 12-3 FIRE LANES AND FIRE ZONES.

§ 12-3.1 General Provisions.

- a. Designation of Fire Lanes and Fire Zones.
1. Certain areas within the Borough of Watchung shall be designated as fire lanes to provide clear access to buildings for firefighting equipment in the event of an emergency. Fire hydrants and water connection devices located on local, County, State, and private roads shall be designated as fire zones.
 2. Fire lanes/fire zones may be located on public or private property.
 3. Fire lanes/fire zones shall be established by the Fire Official, and drawings or pictures of properties delineating fire lanes/fire zones shall be kept on file in the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- b. Notice to Affected Property Owners.
1. Notice that a property requires the posting of signs or painting of fire lanes/fire zones shall be sent to the property owner by the Bureau of Fire Prevention, whether by personal delivery or certified mail.
 2. Within 30 days of receipt of such notice, said property owner shall install required signs and paint required stripes.
- c. Intervention by the Borough for Failure to Comply. In the event a property owner fails to comply with the requirements of this section, the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall

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issue a Notice of Violation, followed by a summons returnable in the Municipal Court if the violation is not abated within 10 days of the date of the Notice of Violation.

- d. **Parking, Stopping, or Standing of Vehicles Prohibited.** No person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, in any designated fire lane or fire zone or obstruct any designated fire lane or fire zone.
- e. **Fire Hydrants.** No person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle within 15 feet of any fire hydrant or other fire water connection device.
- f. **Restrictions for Loading Zones.** In designated loading zones, attended vehicles may stop solely for the purpose of loading or unloading and only for the period of time necessary to accomplish such loading or unloading.
- g. **Installation of Signs, Painting of Lines.**

- 1. **Markings.** The owner shall, within 30 days of being given notice to do so by the Fire Official, mark the lanes as follows:

Signs, with minimum dimensions of 12 inches by 18 inches constructed of metal with raised red letters a minimum of two inches in size on a white background shall be posted at a level of at least seven feet above grade, indicating "NO PARKING FIRE ZONE" or "NO PARKING FIRE LANE." Spacing of signs shall be even with a minimum of one sign for every 50 feet of fire lane or part thereof, or as ordered by the Fire Official. All signs and markings must be unobstructed and visible for a distance of at least 100 feet when viewed from a position approximately five feet above the ground while in the fire lane.

- 2. Diagonal yellow lines six inches in width shall be painted on the pavement along the length of the fire lane/fire zone. Fire Lanes or Fire Zones shall have a minimum width of 18 feet, a minimum depth of six feet from curb and/or edge of pavement, with lettering measuring one and one-half (1 1/2) feet stating:

FIRE ZONE	FIRE LANE
NO PARKING	NO PARKING

or all as directed by the Fire Official.

- 3. Fire zones associated with fire hydrants and water connection devices shall be identified with yellow paint extending 15 feet in both directions on the curb and/or pavement where possible.
- 4. All curbing shall be painted yellow.

§ 12-3.2 Enforcement Agencies.

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The Borough of Watchung Police Department will enforce the fire lanes/fire zone parking restrictions. The Bureau of Fire Prevention will enforce the installation of signs and painting of lines in fire lanes/fire zones.

§ 12-3.3 Penalties.

- a. Violators who park illegally in a fire lane or fire zone, obstruct fire hydrants from use, or obstruct Fire Department connections, shall be subject to a fine of \$100. Said fine shall be imposed on complaint and conviction in the Municipal Court.
- b. Property owners failing to install signs or paint pavement within 30 days of receipt of notice requiring such signs or painted pavement shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500. Said fine shall be imposed on complaint and conviction in the Municipal Court. Each day that the property owner fails to install a sign or paint the pavement shall be considered a separate and specific violation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that in the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of Watchung, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern, and the inconsistencies of the prior ordinance are hereby repealed. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Borough of Watchung are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County of the Borough of Watchung that within five (5) days after its adoption by the Council, this Ordinance shall be presented to the Mayor for his approval and signature, which approval shall be granted or denied within ten (10) days of receipt of same, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d). If the Mayor fails to return this

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Ordinance with either his approval or objection to same within ten (10) days after it has been presented to him, then this Ordinance shall be deemed approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law; and approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d).

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Edith G. Gil, Borough Clerk

By: _____
Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE BOROUGH'S CODE TO AMEND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AND RECREATION AREAS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 16 entitled "Public Property and Recreation Areas" of the Code of the Borough of Watchung is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; and deleted language in ~~double strikethrough.~~]

Chapter 16. Public Property and Recreation Areas.

§16-1. PUBLIC PARKS.

§16-1.1. Purpose for Rules and Regulations.

The following rules and regulations are hereby adopted for the protection, regulation and control of parks owned and operated by the Borough, including driveways, sidewalks, paths, parking lots, buildings and all facilities.

§16-1.2. Supervision of Operation and Maintenance.

All parks in the Borough shall be operated and maintained under the supervision of the Borough Council. The Borough Council may, by resolution from time to time, delegate all or any aspects of such supervision to the Recreation Commission or any other designated agency of the municipality.

§16-1.3. Hours of Operation.

Public parks shall be open during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to sunset each day, except that the closing time of a public park may be changed by prior permission and authorization issued by the Borough Council. No person shall, without permission, enter into or remain in a public park except during the hours the park is open to the general public.

§16-1.4. Intoxicating Beverages Restricted; Intoxicated Persons Restricted.

A. The use of ~~intoxicating beverages,~~ drugs or narcotics in any public park is strictly prohibited. No person shall be permitted within a public park while under the influence of ~~intoxicating beverages,~~ drugs or narcotics.

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B. No person shall transport into or consume on Borough-owned property any intoxicating beverages, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the Borough Council. The Borough Council may, by resolution, permit the possession and consumption of intoxicating beverages on Borough-owned property at designated times related to special events held by the Borough or bona fide nonprofit organizations as authorized by and in accordance with the terms set forth in any such resolution. All applications seeking such permission from the Borough Council shall be made to the Borough Clerk. The Borough Clerk and/or Council may request additional information regarding the special event and the consumption of intoxicating beverages thereat.

§16-1.5. Refuse, Litter and Pollution.

No person shall leave or throw bottles, broken glass, ashes, wastepaper or other rubbish or litter in any public park, except in a properly provided receptacle designated for that purpose. No person shall throw or place any dirt, stone, rock, debris or foreign or waste substance in any portion of a public park, and no person shall cause any portion of a public park to become polluted or otherwise unfit or unsafe for use by the public.

§16-1.6. Group Use.

No group or organization of 20 or more persons shall use or occupy a public park without first having obtained a Field and Facility permit. Such permit shall be obtained from the municipality not later than thirty (30) days before the proposed date of use. The granting or denial of such permit shall be based upon rules, regulations and standards promulgated by the Governing Body. Field and Facility permit requests shall be limited to designated areas. Adult supervision of children's groups shall be required at all times.

§16-1.7. Fires Restricted.

No person shall build, light or maintain a fire or cooking grill within a public park without the written permission of the Mayor and Borough Council. All fires shall be extinguished immediately upon completion of food preparation.

§16-1.8. Fireworks Prohibited.

No person shall discharge or set off any fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets or noisemakers of any kind in a public park.

§16-1.9. Reserved.

§16-1.10. Reserved.

§16-1.11. Use of Vehicles; Parking.

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No person shall use any portion of a public park, except those areas designated for that purpose, for the purpose of travel within or parking of vehicles, including mopeds. Footpaths and walks established for pedestrian use shall not be used for vehicle travel. The use of any motor vehicle, snowmobile, trail bike, minibike, e-bike or e-scooter is prohibited in any public park. This provision does not apply to vehicles operating in any official governmental capacity.

§16-1.12. Interference with Others.

No person shall harass, obstruct, molest, assault or interfere with any person lawfully within a public park, nor shall any person resist, obstruct, molest, assault or interfere with any law enforcement officer or public official in any public park.

§16-1.13. Indecent Language Prohibited.

No person shall use abusive, threatening, insulting or indecent language in a public park, nor shall any action constituting a nuisance be allowed by any person.

§16-1.14. Posting of Rules and Regulations.

The Borough Council authorizes the installation of appropriate signs, to be located within public parks, giving notice of the various rules and regulations or portions thereof set forth in this section. No person shall damage or deface any such sign.

§16-1.15 Recreational Use Prohibitions and Limitations.

- a. Ice Skating Prohibited. No person shall ice skate on either Best Lake or Watchung Lake at any time.
- b. Swimming and Water Sports Prohibited. No swimming, wading or boating is permitted on Best Lake or Watchung Lake.
- c. Fishing Restrictions. Fishing is prohibited along and on all areas of Watchung Lake, except along the retaining wall on the side of the lake adjacent to Stirling Road. Any fish caught from the retaining wall on the northeast side of the lake are to be immediately returned to the water unharmed.
- d. Skateboarding, Roller Skating, Bicycling Prohibited in Certain Areas. No skateboarding, roller skating, bicycling, e-bikes, e-scooters, motorcycles, golf carts, or ATVs are permitted on the concrete portion of the Watchung Lake Dam or Spillway or on any walkway, sporting courts (i.e. tennis, pickle ball, basketball, etc.), playground areas, and picnic and pavilion areas within all Watchung parks.
- e. Pedestrian Traffic Prohibited in Certain Areas. Pedestrian traffic will not be permitted on the concrete portion of the Watchung Lake Dam or Spillway.

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- f. Remote-Control Model Motor Boats Prohibited. All remote control model motor boats are prohibited on Best Lake or Watchung Lake.
- g. Fishing Restriction at Best Lake. Fishing is permitted along and on all areas of Best Lake. However, any fish caught from Best Lake shall be immediately returned to Best Lake unharmed.

§16-1.16. Violations and Penalties.

Each and every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a penalty as stated in Chapter 1, Section 1-5, General Penalty

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that in the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of Watchung, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern, and the inconsistencies of the prior ordinance are hereby repealed. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Borough of Watchung are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County of the Borough of Watchung that within five (5) days after its adoption by the Council, this Ordinance shall be presented to the Mayor for his approval and signature, which approval shall be granted or denied within ten (10) days of receipt of same, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d). If the Mayor fails to return this Ordinance with either his approval or objection to same within ten (10) days after it has been presented to him, then this Ordinance shall be deemed approved; and

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law; and approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d).

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE, CHAPTER 11,
ENTITLED “GENERAL LICENSING” TO ESTABLISH
REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR FILMING WITHIN THE
BOROUGH CONSISTENT WITH THE NJ FILM COMMISSION’S
“FILM READY” PROGRAM.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 11 entitled “General Licensing” of The Code of the Borough of Watchung is hereby supplemented and amended to create new Section 11-12 to be entitled “Filming” to read as follows:

Chapter 11. General Licensing.

§11-12. FILMING.

§11-12.1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FILM CREW MEMBERS

Directors, producers, actors, set members, camera crew members, security, contractors, interns, and agents.

FILMING

The taking of still or motion pictures, either on film, videotape, digital or similar recording medium, for commercial or educational purposes intended for viewing on television, in theaters, the internet or for institutional use.

MAJOR MOTION PICTURES

Any film which is financed and/or distributed by a major motion picture studio, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Universal Pictures.
- b. Warner Brothers, including New Line Cinema, Castle Rock Cinema, Village Road Show and Bel-Aire.
- c. Paramount, including MTV Films and Nickelodeon Movie.
- d. 20th Century Fox, including Fox Searchlight.
- e. Sony/Columbia.

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- f. Disney/Miramax.
- g. MGM/United Artists.
- h. DreamWorks.
- i. Any major streaming service, such as Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon Prime Video.
- j. Any film for which the budget is at least \$5,000,000.
- k. Recurrent weekly television series programming.

PUBLIC LANDS

Any and every public street, highway, sidewalk, square, public right-of-way, public park or playground, public building and property or other public place within the Borough which is within the jurisdiction and control of Watchung Borough.

§11-12.2. Permit Required.

- A. No person or organization shall film or permit filming on public or on private property where such filming involves the use of public property for the operation, placement or temporary storage of vehicles or equipment utilized in such filming, including, but not limited to, any temporary structure, barricade or device intended to restrict or block off pedestrian or vehicular traffic, without first having obtained a permit from the office of the Borough Clerk, which permit shall set forth the approved location of such filming and the approved duration of such filming by specific reference to day or dates and approved hours. Said permit must readily be available for inspection by Borough Officials at all times at the site of the filming.
- B. All permits shall be applied for and obtained from the Office of the Borough Clerk during normal business hours. Applications for such permits shall be in an official form and be accompanied by a permit fee in the amount established in Subsection 11-12.7 herein.
- C. If a permit is issued and, due to inclement weather or other good cause, filming does not in fact take place on the dates specified, the Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator may, at the request of the applicant, issue a new permit for filming on other dates subject to full compliance with all other provisions of this chapter. No additional fee shall be paid for this permit.

§11-12.3. Exemptions.

- A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the filming of news stories within Watchung Borough.
- B. Personal/family filming performed by one individual using a hand-held camera without assistance from others for private personal use, and not commercial use.
- C. Fees may be waived for students enrolled in a bona fide educational institution upon receipt by the Borough Clerk of written certification from a teacher or administrator of that institution stating that the filming is for educational purposes only and not intended for commercial use.

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- D. Fees may be waived for filming sponsored or created by the Borough of Watchung, the Watchung Board of Education, and Borough Emergency Services.
- E. Filming performed by wedding photographers for a short duration of 1-2 hours.
- F. Filming performed entirely on private property without the use of public property for the operation, placement or temporary storage of vehicles or equipment utilized in such filming. This exemption will not apply when the activities impact local roadways, or if they require police or fire department action, or when the filing involves loud noises or disruption to the neighborhood, as determined by the Borough Administrator.

§11-12.4. Permit Application.

- A. An application and fee must be submitted to the Borough Clerk at least fourteen (14) days' prior to filming. Failure to submit the application at least 14 days prior to the event may constitute cause for denial. Applications shall be made in writing on the prescribed form and include all checklist items. In addition to the application described herein, the applicant is also responsible for obtaining all other applicable permits, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. Construction Code permits - tents, generators, mechanical equipment, platforms and temporary structures.
 - 2. Board of Health 3permits - food and animals.
 - 3. Fire Prevention permits - fireworks/pyrotechnics, any open-flame activity, cooking and/or amusements or rides.
- B. No permits will be issued by the Borough Clerk unless applied for prior to fourteen (14) days before the requested shooting date; provided, however, that the Borough Administrator may waive the fourteen-day period if, in the Borough Administrator's judgment, the applicant has obtained all related approvals, the filing is of minimal impact to the neighborhood, and adjacent property owners or tenants do not need to be notified.
- C. No permit shall be issued for filming upon public lands unless the applicant shall provide the municipality with satisfactory proof of the following:
 - 1. Proof of insurance coverage. Applicant will maintain at all times insurance for claims which may arise from, or in connection with, services performed/products furnished by applicant, their agents, representatives, employees or sub-contractors with coverage at least as broad and with limits of liability not less than those stated below. The applicant shall provide the Borough with a Certificate of Insurance as proof of insurance for all filming activities. Said certificate shall evidence Workers Compensation and Employers Liability insurance, Commercial General Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate, and

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Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Applicant shall also carry Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$5,000,000 providing excess limits over General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Employer's Liability coverages; coverage shall be no more restrictive than the applicable underlying policies. It is agreed and understood that the Borough shall be included as an Additional Insured on all policies except Workers Compensation in the state of New Jersey on a primary and non-contributory basis and shall be to the full limits of liability purchased by applicant, even if those limits are in excess of those required by the permit, and that a waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of the Borough. These conditions shall be outlined on the Certificate of Insurance. The Borough reserves its rights to require insurances in additional amounts or types, in its sole discretion. All insurance shall be written with a company maintaining an AM Best rating of least "A-VIII".

2. A duly completed and executed Hold Harmless and Indemnification agreement shall be required, in which the applicant shall agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Borough, its agents, servants, representatives and employees from and against all losses, damages, claims, liabilities and causes of action of every kind, or character and nature, as well as costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees connected therewith, and the expense of investigation thereof, based upon or arising out of damages or injuries to third parties or their property arising from the acts, omissions or negligence of the applicant, anyone for whose acts the applicant may be liable, or any claims arising out of or in any manner relating to the activities permitted pursuant to this chapter to the extent permitted by law. The applicant shall give the Borough prompt and reasonable notice of any such claims or actions.
3. The hiring of an off-duty police officer for the times indicated on the permit, or as required by the Borough Administrator.
4. Proof of service of written notification to adjacent property owners.
5. Completed filming application.
6. Permit and filming fees identified in Subsection 11-12.7.

§11-12.5. Interference with Public Activity; Notice of Filming.

- A. The holder of a permit shall conduct filming in such a manner as to minimize the inconvenience or discomfort to adjoining property owners attributable to such filming and shall, to the extent practicable, abate noise and park vehicles associated with such filming off the public streets.
- B. The holder shall avoid any interference with previously scheduled activities upon public lands and limit, to the extent possible, any interference with normal public activity on such public lands. Where the applicant's production activity, by reason of location or

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otherwise, will directly involve and/or affect any businesses, merchants or residents, these parties shall be given written notice of the filming at least three days' prior to the requested shooting date and be informed that objections may be filed with the Borough Clerk, said objections to form a part of applicant's application and be considered in the review of the same. Such notice shall state the date and hours. Proof of service of notification to adjacent owners shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk within two days of the requested shooting date.

- C. The holder of the permit shall take all reasonable steps to minimize interference with the free passage of pedestrians and traffic over public lands and shall comply with all lawful directives issued by the Watchung Borough Police Department with respect thereto.

§11-12.6. Employment of Police Officers.

The Borough reserves the right to require one or more on-site police officers in situations where the proposed production may impede the proper flow of traffic, or involve a security risk (as determined by the Watchung Borough Chief of Police), the cost of said police officer to be borne by the applicant as a cost of production. Such employment of off-duty police officers shall be in compliance with Section 3-5 of the Borough Code.

§11-12.7. Fees.

The schedule of fees for the issuance of permits authorized by this Section are as follows:

- A. Permit application fee: \$150.
- B. The Borough Council may grant a waiver of fees for filming for educational purposes, including student films with written certification from a teacher or administrator of that institution stating that the filming is for educational purposes only and not intended for commercial use.
- C. Daily filming fee (other than for major motion picture filming): \$500 per day.
- D. Major motion picture filming fee: \$1,000 per day.
- E. Filming performed entirely on private property without the use of public property for the operation, placement or temporary storage of vehicles or equipment utilized in such filming: \$500 per day.

§11-12.8. Acceptance of Terms, Conditions and Estimated Costs and Deposit of Escrow by Applicant Prior to Issuance of Permit.

- A. In addition to the license fee, the applicant shall be responsible to reimburse Watchung Borough for the cost of support staff used in conjunction with the event. These costs may include but are not limited to Administration, Police, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Fire Prevention, Board of Health and Recreation.

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- B. Prior to issuance of the permit, the applicant shall be provided with a cost estimate of these expenses prepared by the Borough Clerk, and a list of conditions recommended by the Borough Administrator, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Official, Fire Prevention Official, Health Officer, Public Works Director, Recreation Director and Borough Risk Manager. The applicant shall confirm in writing his or her acceptance of these estimated costs and conditions.
- C. The applicant shall be responsible for depositing into an escrow account, payment of these costs, or a reasonable estimate thereof, at the time the completed permit application is approved by the Borough Council.

§11-12.9. Permit Refusal.

The Borough Administrator may refuse to issue a permit whenever he/she determines that filming at the location and/or the time set forth in the application would violate any law or ordinance or would unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjoining properties, unreasonably impede the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, where the applicant is unable or unwilling to adhere to all of the requirements of the permit, or otherwise endanger the public's health, safety or welfare.

§11-12.10. Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as stated in Chapter 1, Section 1-5, General Penalty of the Borough Code. Each day on which a violation of an ordinance exists shall be considered a separate and distinct violation and shall be subject to imposition of a separate penalty for each day of the violation as the Municipal Court Judge may determine.

§11-12.11. Appeals.

- A. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Borough denying or revoking a permit or a person requesting relief may appeal to the Borough Council. A written notice of appeal setting forth the reasons for the appeal shall be filed with the Borough Clerk.
- B. An appeal shall be filed, in writing, within five (5) days of the date of the decision. The Borough Council shall decide the matter on the papers submitted from the person/entity being denied the permit, and the Borough Department claiming that the denial is appropriate under the circumstances. The decision of the Borough Council shall be in the form of a Resolution supporting the decision adopted at the first regularly scheduled public meeting of the Council unless the appellant agrees in writing to a later date for the decision.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be

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affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that in the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of Watchung, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern, and the inconsistencies of the prior ordinance are hereby repealed. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Borough of Watchung are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County of the Borough of Watchung that within five (5) days after its adoption by the Council, this Ordinance shall be presented to the Mayor for his approval and signature, which approval shall be granted or denied within ten (10) days of receipt of same, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d). If the Mayor fails to return this Ordinance with either his approval or objection to same within ten (10) days after it has been presented to him, then this Ordinance shall be deemed approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law; and approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d).

INTRODUCED BY: GIBBS
PASSED: DECEMBER 4, 2025
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ADOPTED:
C: PD, FIRE PREV, COURTS,
RECREATION,

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Edith G. Gil, Borough Clerk

By: _____
Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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ORDINANCE: 25/24**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, POLICE REGULATIONS, OF
THE BOROUGH'S CODE TO ALLOW BOW AND ARROW HUNTING
WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS ON
HUNTING.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung,
in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Sections 6-2.10 & 6-2.10.1 of Section 6-2 entitled "General Prohibitions" of Chapter 6 entitled "Police Regulations" of The Code of the Borough of Watchung is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; and deleted language in ~~double strikethrough~~.]

Chapter 6. Police Regulations.

§6-2 GENERAL PROHIBITIONS.

§6-2.10. Discharge of Firearms, Destructive Devices, Weapons or Caps Prohibited; and Bow and Arrow Hunting Prohibited.

- a. No person shall, within the Borough, fire or discharge any firearm, destructive device or weapon as same are defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1, or other appliance for discharging metal or paper caps such as are used in toy pistols, except as permitted by the Borough's Community Deer Management Program. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter where no other penalty is specified, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as stated in Chapter 1, Section 1-5, General Penalty.
- b. No person shall, within the Borough, engage in any form of bow and arrow hunting, **except as permitted by the Borough's Community Deer Management Program.** Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter where no other penalty is specified, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as stated in Chapter 1, Section 1-5, General Penalty.

§6-2.10.1 Community Deer Management Program.

- a. There is hereby established within the Borough, a Community Deer Management Program. The purpose of this program is to control the Borough's deer population. On an annual basis, the Borough Council may designate an agent to perform deer culling. Deer culling will only be permitted within the Borough during Permit Shotgun Season **and/or archery deer hunting season** as defined by the New Jersey Division of Fish

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and Wildlife, and in accordance with the Borough's rules and regulations for deer culling, which shall be maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk. No other form of deer hunting is permitted within the Borough. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter where no other penalty is specified, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as stated in Chapter 1, Section 1-5, General Penalty.

- b. The Borough's rules and regulations for deer culling shall be adopted by resolution of the Borough Council. The rules and regulations for deer culling shall be adopted in conjunction with the Borough's designation of an agent to perform deer culling.
- c. **All hunting within the Borough shall be in compliance with New Jersey law, including all rules and regulations established by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, as may be amended from time to time, including, without limitation:**
 - 1. **No person shall cast an arrow or discharge any firearm from or across any State, County, Borough or publicly travelled road or highway, including when done for the purpose of hunting, taking or killing any wildlife.**
 - 2. **No person, for the purpose of hunting, taking or killing any wildlife, having in his/her possession a loaded firearm while within 450 feet of any occupied building in the Borough, or of any school or Borough playground. This shall not apply to the owner or lessee of such occupied building, or persons specifically authorized by the owner in writing.**
 - 3. **No person, for the purpose of hunting, taking or killing of any wildlife, have in his/her possession a nocked arrow while within 150 feet of any occupied building in the Borough, or within 450 feet of any school or Borough playground. This shall not apply to the owner or lessee of such occupied building, or persons specifically authorized by the owner in writing.**
 - 4. **Any and all nocked arrows shall only be cast when a person is in an elevated position so that any arrow is aimed in a downward angle.**
 - 5. **For the purposes of this subsection, "occupied building" means any building constructed or adopted for overnight accommodation of a person, or for operating a buildings or engaging in any activity therein, whether or not a person is actually present.**

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affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

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COURTS, CODE,

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Edith G. Gil, Borough Clerk

By: _____
Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor



Borough of Watchung Board of Health

MINUTES

September 17, 2025 – 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

OATH OF OFFICE - Mitchell Jablons, Alternate #2

Oath was administered.

ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Logan-Vice President, Robert Riedinger, Marybeth Lijo, Emma Jubin, Kimberly Brown and Mitchell Jablons

Absent: Bruce Ruck-President, Charlene Vergilio and Francesca Escaleira

Also present: Sonia Abi-Habib – Council Liaison, Kevin Sumner – Health Officer from Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting was made by Robert Riedinger and seconded by Kimberly Brown. All were in favor with the following exceptions:

Abstain: Mitchell Jablons was not yet a member.

Absent: Bruce Ruck-President, Charlene Vergilio and Francesca Escaleira

MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION REPORT

Kevin Sumner informed that the Commission would be conducting the vaccination clinic in Warren in September and October offering various vaccines except for the COVID vaccine. He reported that there is a dramatic increase in Influenza cases and no reported measles outbreak in Watchung. Kevin Sumner also gave an update on the Well Testing event that was held in Warren and Watchung over the summer. He shared the results from a summary report he received indicating that there were higher numbers of bacterial contamination in wells and zero cases of industrial chemical contamination.

Robert Riedinger asked Kevin Sumner regarding the collaboration with the schools for Poison Control & Prevention and Kevin Sumner responded that he had not heard anything and that Bruce Ruck was probably handling it.

MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION - STAFF REPORTS

May, June, July and August – no comments made.

ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS MONTHLY REPORTS

May, June, July and August – no comments were made.

CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: R1 adopted by Mayor & Council on June 5, 2025 – Waiving Mobile Food Establishment fee for ONO Bowls Food Truck at Wilson Memorial Church event.

No comments or questions made.

Resolution: R2 adopted by Mayor & Council on June 5, 2025 – Refund to NNG Impact Opportunity Fund, LLC for overpayment of a New Septic System Application Fee in the amount of \$305.00 for 264 Ridge Road

No comments or questions made.

Resolution: R3 adopted by Mayor & Council on June 5, 2025 – Refund to Mark Crevina for overpayment of a Advanced Waste Water Treatment and Disposal Technology per Application Fee in the amount of \$105.00 for 264 Ridge Road.
No comments or questions made.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of resolving chronic issues for properties on Cedar Road, Tuttle Road and Lakeview Terrace
Kevin Sumner stated that he did not have an update on Lakeview Terrace. He continued in regards to Cedar Road – the property owner did not show up for court. The Judge issued a fine and warrant.
Tuttle Road – heard in court this past April and five summons were combined and resulted in a \$100 fine. This property has been fenced off, structure was deemed unsafe. Robert Riedinger inquired if the property and sewer taxes for these properties were paid.

Inquiry to the Zoning Board regarding EMS access to new housing complex on Bonnie Burn Road during rush hour. Damaris Gray informed that the entire file on the Bonnie Burn Road Housing Project was located on the Planning Board section of the Borough’s website.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business discussed.

ADJOURMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm was made by Robert Riedinger and seconded by Marybeth Lijo. All were in favor with the following exceptions:
Absent: Bruce Ruck, Charlene Vergilio and Francesca Escaleira

The next scheduled Board of Health meeting will be held on November 19, 2025, at 6:30pm in-person at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Dámaris Quiñones-Gray

Secretary, Board of Health

Accepted: 11/19/25



Watchung Rescue Squad

Council Report

December 2025

- November was a busy month! We worked tirelessly to iron out all the details of our Tree of Lights ceremony, as well as prepare to welcome back past members as we celebrated our 75th Anniversary. The event was a huge success. Thank you to the Borough Mayor, and Council for your support throughout this process.
- For our November drill, we welcomed our medical director, Dr. Matt Letizia who lectured on prehospital strokes, the importance of early recognition and how BLS units are vital to these individual's care.
- We are holding a Gary Letizia Memorial Blood Drive on December 15th from 12pm-6pm at our building.
- We also held elections for the 2026 year, to go into effect as of January 1st. Officers are as follows:

Captain Myles Presgraves

1st Lieutenant Matthew King

2nd Lieutenant Genevieve Nitzsche

Operations Sergeant Seth Weingarten

Administrative Sergeant Vishwamber Talla

President Jeiner Betancourt

Vice President Nicole Sese

Treasurer Lyandra Plotkin

Recording Secretary Shafaq Shahzad

Administrative Secretary Wendy Robinson

- Call statistics for the month are listed below.

November 2025 Call Statistics

BLS CALLS **13**

ALS CALLS **1**

RMA **6**

CANCELED	1
FIRE REHAB	1
STANDBY	0
CPR (Obvious death)	0
PATIENT ASSIST	3
SCRAMBLE (Included in total number of calls)	2
Total Calls	25
Total Calls YTD	317

Top Responders-crew

Nicole with 12

Jeiner with 10

Matt with 9

Top Crew-shift: Wednesday with 8 calls

Hospital Transports- Rec. Hosp

Overlook- 8

JFK- 1

Morristown- 3

Mount sinai- 1



**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

October 1, 2025 - 7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by Michael Onuska 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:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion to approve the August 27, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Suz Stiles and seconded by Mary Ann Weber, all present were in favor.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Update on 2025 Events through December

Summary of Report:

- **Movie Night** - The PTO's Back to School Food Truck event at Mobus Field was successful, running from 4 PM to 6 PM before movie night. High attendance for "Inside Out 2" led to all snacks being consumed. A new ice cream vendor was popular but ran out by 7:30 PM. Maryann and Suz prepared popcorn for over two hours, leaving only three bags of kernels. Maryann Weber informed that the popcorn machine will need to be replaced soon due to the bottom rusting. Bill Jacques volunteered to search for a larger machine. Overall, Movie Night was a success!
- **Fishing Derby**- Matt Buglovsky and his crew at Mr. B's Fishing Camp provided excellent support during the event, assisting kids with bait, measuring fish, and tallying results. Mr. B. provided the top 2 winners with a free week at the 2026 Fishing Camp, and all participants enjoyed snacks, beverages, trophies, and medals. The event ran smoothly, ensuring a great experience for all.
- **Harvest Festival** – Preparations are under way. Lost In Place will perform from 2 PM to 4 PM, with DJ Jeanmarie from 1 PM to 4 PM. Inflatables and entertainment are arranged, and donation requests have been sent. Invites for the Chili Contest have gone out to Board and local organizations. Chick-Fil-A and Trevi Square Pizza are confirmed. Assistance is needed in various areas. Maryann Weber mentioned the need for a new popcorn machine and Bill Jacques volunteered to research a bigger and better replacement.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR MAYOR/COUNCIL APPROVAL:

(provided at the meeting) No discussion held.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Additional Items to add to Capital Improvement wish list** – Discuss was held regarding the best location for a year-round skating rink, possibly developing the Ness property into a sports complex and a survey for a dog park. Damaris Gray related suggestion from Council President Ead for the Boy Scouts to create bird houses, benches at Camp Endeavor in the future and to rebuild the out-house at Texier Museum. Mike Onuska inquired about the lighting around the lake and Bill Jacques volunteered to check the lights and report any malfunctioning poles to PSE&G.
- **PTO collaboration for various 2026 events**- no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

None was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Jacques and seconded by Mary Ann Weber. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 7:30pm at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted by,

Damaris Quiñones-Gray

Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Accepted: 12/3/25

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R1**

WHEREAS, funds have been remitted by the homeowner to redeem tax sale certificate #25-00030 held by RAM Tax Lien Fund II LP on Block 5702 Lot 3.06, 1549 Route 22, assessed in the name 1549 Realty Mgmt LLC, 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:

RAM Tax Lien Fund II LP
PO BOX 71054
Chicago, IL 60694

Principal	\$2,074.02
Premium	\$1,100.00
Interest & Fees	\$ 95.50
Total:	\$3,269.52

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 18, 2025
INDEX: FINANCE-MISC
C: CFO

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R2**

WHEREAS, Section 2-25.13 of the Code of the Borough of Watchung requires that contracts for purchases or services involving more than the authorized bid threshold be awarded by a resolution of the Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue Purchase Orders as follows:

Vendor: NJ Fire Equipment Co., 19-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812
Item: FD equipment; coats, boots, helmets
Total Price: \$24, 558.40
Charged to: 4-01-610-205, 5-01-610-205

Vendor:
Item:
Total Price:
Charged to:

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 18, 2025
INDEX: PURCHASING
C: B. HANCE

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R3**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the following schedule of meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year, including the 2027 Re-Organization Meeting, are hereby confirmed.

- January 22
 - February 2*, 19
 - March 5, 19, 30*
 - April 16
 - May 7, 21
 - June 4, 18
 - July 16
 - August 20
 - September 3, 17
 - October 1, 15
 - November 5
 - December 3, 17
- January 5, 2027, Tuesday (Re-Organization Meeting) to be held at 6:30 P.M.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in-person council meetings shall be held at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, New Jersey.

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 18, 2025
INDEX: MISC.
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*Monday

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R4

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung,
that the Borough Treasurer be, and is hereby directed to pay bills in the amount of
\$721,123.96 per the attached bill list. The expenditures can be broken down into
the following categories:

Affordable Housing Trust	\$	576.00
Animal Control	\$	1.20
Developer Escrow	\$	25,796.50
Other Escrow	\$	122.99
Capital Fund	\$	68,589.41
Grant Fund	\$	16,677.65
Current Fund	\$	609,360.21
Total:	\$	721,123.96

Robert Gibbs

Curt Dahl

Paul Fischer

Paolo Marano

Christine Ead, Council President

Sonia Abi Habib

William J. Hance, CFO

Ronald Jubin, Mayor

James Damato, Administrator

Date: December 18, 2025
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Range of Checking Accts: AFFORD HOUSING to WIRE TRANSFER Range of Check Dates: 12/02/25 to 12/12/25
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
AFFORD HOUSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND					
743	12/03/25	BATEM DIFRANCESCO,BATEMAN,COLEY,	576.00		6163
Checking Account Totals					
			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
			Checks: 1	0	576.00
			Direct Deposit: 0	0	0.00
			Total: 1	0	576.00
ANIMAL CONTROL Citizens Animal Control Trust					
1120	12/04/25	NJDHS NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER	1.20		6167
Checking Account Totals					
			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
			Checks: 1	0	1.20
			Direct Deposit: 0	0	0.00
			Total: 1	0	1.20
CAPITAL ACCOUNT Citizens Capital Fund					
2430	12/03/25	HAIGSERV Haig Service Corp	8,000.00		6164
2431	12/12/25	POTTERAR Potter Architects, LLC	17,000.00		6170
2432	12/12/25	POWERPL2 Power Place Inc	5,109.39		6170
2433	12/12/25	HAIGSERV Haig Service Corp	30,000.00		6173
2434	12/12/25	REMINGTO Remington & Vernick Engineers	8,480.02		6173
Checking Account Totals					
			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
			Checks: 5	0	68,589.41
			Direct Deposit: 0	0	0.00
			Total: 5	0	68,589.41
CURRENT FUND Current Fund					
44341	12/03/25	AAAFACIL AAA Facility Services LLC	3,445.00		6162
44342	12/03/25	AMAZ Amazon Capital Services, Inc	269.22		6162
44343	12/03/25	ATCF ATCF II NJ LLC, Lumentum Cust	73,855.99		6162
44344	12/03/25	BATEM DIFRANCESCO,BATEMAN,COLEY,	40,637.71		6162
44345	12/03/25	CITIZEN Citizens Bank	908.90		6162
44346	12/03/25	DEFILIPP Teresa Defilippis	280.78		6162
44347	12/03/25	FBINAA FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY	425.00		6162
44348	12/03/25	HANCE WILLIAM HANCE	377.07		6162
44349	12/03/25	LEDACGON Leda C Gonzalez, Interpreter	475.00		6162
44350	12/03/25	LWOOD LAURIE WOOD	750.00		6162
44351	12/03/25	MARMIC Marmic Associates	3,155.50		6162
44352	12/03/25	NAPPE ANTHONY NAPPE	152.76		6162
44353	12/03/25	NJC NJ CONFERENCE OF MAYORS	525.00		6162
44354	12/03/25	NJSOL005 NJ Solar & Safety Film LLC	1,090.00		6162
44355	12/03/25	SCACOP S.C.A.C.O.P.	275.00		6162
44356	12/03/25	TAFARO Gail Tafaro	155.88		6162
44357	12/03/25	UPS THE UPS STORE	46.44		6162
44358	12/04/25	AMAZON2 Amazon Capital Services	15.60		6169
44359	12/04/25	AMEYER Andrea Meyer	2,220.00		6169
44360	12/04/25	ANIMALCO Animal Control Solutions	1,744.00		6169
44361	12/04/25	ANSCONSU ANS CONSULTANTS, INC	2,635.00		6169

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CURRENT FUND		Current Fund	Continued	
44362	12/04/25	BATEM DIFRANCESCO,BATEMAN,COLEY,	3,289.45	6169
44363	12/04/25	BRUNOASS Bruno Associates, Inc.	3,250.00	6169
44364	12/04/25	BURN ROBERT BURNS	2,220.00	6169
44365	12/04/25	DAMATO James Damato	220.71	6169
44366	12/04/25	DEROC MICHELLE DEROCCO	2,220.00	6169
44367	12/04/25	DMT DAVID M. TAKLESZYN	2,220.00	6169
44368	12/04/25	FJOHN FRED JOHNSON	2,220.00	6169
44369	12/04/25	FUENT GEORGE FUENTES	2,220.00	6169
44370	12/04/25	GMCCALLI Gene McAllister	1,110.00	6169
44371	12/04/25	HANC2 MARYANN HANCE	2,220.00	6169
44372	12/04/25	JFROSONI JOHN FROSONI	2,220.00	6169
44373	12/04/25	JOANN Joann Estrella	2,220.00	6169
44374	12/04/25	JVDTOWIN JVD TOWING SERVICE, LLC	90.50	6169
44375	12/04/25	KATHYD Kathleen Davies	2,220.00	6169
44376	12/04/25	KENNETH Kenneth Estes	1,110.00	6169
44377	12/04/25	LACA RONALD LACAILLADE	2,220.00	6169
44378	12/04/25	LMON LINDA MONETTI	2,220.00	6169
44379	12/04/25	MICHAEL Edward M Sugalski	2,220.00	6169
44380	12/04/25	NJLL NJ LABOR LAW POSTER SERVICE	314.50	6169
44381	12/04/25	NJWLE NJWLE	299.00	6169
44382	12/04/25	PRED PREDATOR TREE SERVICE	2,000.00	6169
44383	12/04/25	RLINDEMA Russe11 Lindemann	1,110.00	6169
44384	12/04/25	SCO DONALD R. SCOTTI	1,110.00	6169
44385	12/04/25	SHPU LORETTA SHPUNDER	3,551.40	6169
44386	12/04/25	SNELL LLOYD H. SNELL	2,220.00	6169
44387	12/04/25	STAPL STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	554.74	6169
44388	12/04/25	TFAUST Timothy A Faust	1,110.00	6169
44389	12/04/25	TOSHI TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	741.21	6169
44390	12/04/25	TOSHIBA Toshiba Financial Services	1,116.65	6169
44391	12/04/25	UNKER RONALD UNKERT	1,110.00	6169
44392	12/04/25	WAT CLERK PETTY CASH	78.75	6169
44393	12/12/25	ACDAUGHT AC DAUGHTRY SECURITY SYSTEMS	41.58	6172
44394	12/12/25	AFP ABSOLUTE FIRE PROTECTION	1,241.80	6172
44395	12/12/25	ALLEGRA Allegra Marketing,Print & Mail	855.00	6172
44396	12/12/25	AMAZ Amazon Capital Services, Inc	447.79	6172
44397	12/12/25	AMAZON2 Amazon Capital Services	540.70	6172
44398	12/12/25	AOC ALLIED OIL, LLC	6,048.81	6172
44399	12/12/25	APPROVED APPROVED FIRE PROTECTION	195.00	6172
44400	12/12/25	ASTR ASTRO RENTS	392.28	6172
44401	12/12/25	ATACARE AMERICAN TIRE & AUTO CARE	149.64	6172
44402	12/12/25	BNP BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD	8,393.48	6172
44403	12/12/25	BOLDELEC BOLD ELECTRIC & GENERATORS	2,399.00	6172
44404	12/12/25	BSG BENHAM'S SERVICE & GARAGE	300.00	6172
44405	12/12/25	CEAD CHRISTINE EAD	333.27	6172
44406	12/12/25	CITIZEN Citizens Bank	371.18	6172
44407	12/12/25	CLEARFLY Clearfly	381.52	6172
44408	12/12/25	DEERC DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SERVICE	55.00	6172
44409	12/12/25	ECAS 22 Auto Spa LLC	300.00	6172
44410	12/12/25	EVOQUA EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	3,580.20	6172
44411	12/12/25	FCS FANWOOD CRUSHED STONE	757.02	6172
44412	12/12/25	GIL EDITH G. GIL	266.30	6172
44413	12/12/25	GLS GROVE LOCK & SAFE CO.	114.60	6172

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CURRENT FUND		Current Fund			
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44414	12/12/25	GREAT Great America Financial Serv.	359.00		6172
44415	12/12/25	HODE2 HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	4,723.61		6172
44416	12/12/25	HOFF HOFFMAN TIRE CO., INC.	1,898.60		6172
44417	12/12/25	JESCO JESCO, INC.	2,881.89		6172
44418	12/12/25	JIF SUBURBAN JOINT INSURANCE FUND	3,000.00		6172
44419	12/12/25	JSSP JOHNSTONE SUPPLY- S.PLAINFIELD	1,113.54		6172
44420	12/12/25	JUETTE Phyllis Juette	74.06		6172
44421	12/12/25	KCGINC KCG, INC.	2,034.88		6172
44422	12/12/25	KIMBALLM KIMBALL MIDWEST	946.85		6172
44423	12/12/25	LAWSOFT LAWSOFT, INC.	9,800.00		6172
44424	12/12/25	LEIGH Bradford & Catherine Leigh	54.63		6172
44425	12/12/25	MOSCADES Mosca Design	1,048.44		6172
44426	12/12/25	MPI WOODS MACHINERY	40.22		6172
44427	12/12/25	NABI NATIONAL ASSOC. OF BUNCO INVES	75.00		6172
44428	12/12/25	NJLM NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	300.00		6172
44429	12/12/25	OPTIMUM Optimum	160.94		6172
44430	12/12/25	PARSA P.A.R.S.A.	12,440.50		6172
44431	12/12/25	PINTO PINTO BROTHERS	728.50		6172
44432	12/12/25	POWERPL2 Power Place Inc	6,066.54		6172
44433	12/12/25	POWERPLA POWER PLACE, INC.	2,380.59		6172
44434	12/12/25	PRED PREDATOR TREE SERVICE	4,000.00		6172
44435	12/12/25	RAMTAXLI RAM Tax Lien Fund II LP	3,269.52		6172
44436	12/12/25	RAP READ AUTO PARTS	770.65		6172
44437	12/12/25	REMINGTO Remington & Vernick Engineers	25,683.25		6172
44438	12/12/25	ROMEOJOS ROMEO ENTERPRISES	918.17		6172
44439	12/12/25	RT23AUTO ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL	1,971.24		6172
44440	12/12/25	SHERWEB Sherweb	203.22		6172
44441	12/12/25	SIGNSBYL SIGNS BY LYNN	235.00		6172
44442	12/12/25	SOM10 SOMERSET C'TY TAXES	122,518.16		6172
44443	12/12/25	SOM13 SOMERSET C'TY LIBRARY TAX	16,786.24		6172
44444	12/12/25	SOM14 SOMERSET C'TY OPEN SPACE TAX	12,907.42		6172
44445	12/12/25	TAYCOM TAYLOR COMMUNICATIONS	2,018.52		6172
44446	12/12/25	TOSHIBA Toshiba Financial Services	342.37		6172
44447	12/12/25	TREAS11 TREASURER, STATE OF NJ DCA	516.00		6172
44448	12/12/25	TRWENIGE T.R. Weniger, Inc.	152,762.40		6172
44449	12/12/25	ULINE Uline Ship.Supply Specialist	741.70		6172
44450	12/12/25	WAC WELDON ASPHALT COMPANY	158.66		6172
44451	12/12/25	WAI WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	1,492.50		6172
44452	12/12/25	WAR01 Costello's Ace Hardward	306.47		6172

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	112	0	609,360.21	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	112	0	609,360.21	0.00

GRANT FUND		Citizens Grant Fund		
3141	12/04/25	WAT03 WATCHUNG BOROUGH CURRENT FUND	2,500.00	6168
3142	12/12/25	BARCOPRO BARCO PRODUCTS	11,537.65	6171
3143	12/12/25	NATCH COMPOST 360 ACQUISITION PARENT	2,640.00	6171

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
Current Fund	4-01	153,358.82	0.00	0.00	153,358.82
Current Fund	5-01	456,001.39	0.00	0.00	456,001.39
Capital Fund	C-02	68,589.41	0.00	0.00	68,589.41
	D-11	1.20	0.00	0.00	1.20
Grant Fund	G-03	16,677.65	0.00	0.00	16,677.65
	H-06	576.00	0.00	0.00	576.00
	T-93	122.99	0.00	0.00	122.99
Total of All Funds:		<u>695,327.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>695,327.46</u>

Project Description	Project No.	Project Total
108 Johnston Drive	E-BA24-07	185.00
1701 Rt 22 Shop Rite	E-PB22-01	10,383.75
Bonnie Burn Rd PB19-01	E-PB24-01	15,227.75
Total of All Projects:		<u>25,796.50</u>

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Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Detail Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

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PO #	Item	Description				Contract	Ref Seq Acct
AFFORD HOUSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND							
743	12/03/25	BATEM DIFRANCESCO,BATEMAN,COLEY,					6163
25-00410	52	affordable housing services	576.00	H-06- -100-101	Budget		1 1
Affordable Housing Trust Fund							

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	1	0	576.00	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	1	0	576.00	0.00

ANIMAL CONTROL Citizens Animal Control Trust							
1120	12/04/25	NJDHS NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER					6167
25-00271	9	Nov dog lic report #231	1.20	D-11- -100-201	Budget		1 1
Animal Control Trust Fund							

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	1	0	1.20	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	1	0	1.20	0.00

CAPITAL ACCOUNT Citizens Capital Fund							
2430	12/03/25	HAIGSERV Haig Service Corp					6164
25-01273	3	Library Alarm system	2,500.00	C-02- -915-A14	Budget		1 1
Security Upgrades Public Buildings							
25-01273	4	Library Alarm system	3,000.00	C-02- -915-A14	Budget		2 1
Security Upgrades Public Buildings							
25-01273	5	Library Alarm system	2,500.00	C-02- -915-A14	Budget		3 1
Security Upgrades Public Buildings							
			8,000.00				

2431	12/12/25	POTTERAR Potter Architects, LLC					6170
24-00560	14	Construction Administration	17,000.00	C-02- -244-A11	Budget		1 1
Watchung Library Improvements 24/04							

2432	12/12/25	POWERPL2 Power Place Inc					6170
25-01177	1	Hurricane Blower 35 HP	5,109.39	C-02- -244-A12	Budget		2 1
Public Works Equipment							

2433	12/12/25	HAIGSERV Haig Service Corp					6173
25-01273	6	Library Alarm system	30,000.00	C-02- -915-A14	Budget		1 1
Security Upgrades Public Buildings							

2434	12/12/25	REMINGTO Remington & Vernick Engineers					6173
25-01454	3	general engineering	8,480.02	C-02- -914-Z11	Budget		2 1
Ord 2019/14 Var Property Improv							

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Charge Account	Account Type	Reconciled/Void Contract	Ref Num	Ref Seq	Acct
PO #	Item	Description							
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		Citizens Capital Fund	Continued						
Checking Account Totals			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>			
		Checks:	5	0	68,589.41	0.00			
		Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00			
		Total:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68,589.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>			
CURRENT FUND		Current Fund							
44341	12/03/25	AAAFACIL AAA Facility Services LLC					6162		
25-00040	17	December cleaning	3,445.00	5-01- -155-272	Budget		5	1	
				Janitorial & Laundry Serv.					
44342	12/03/25	AMAZ Amazon Capital Services, Inc					6162		
25-01332	1	Heavy Duty Power Strip	56.98	5-01- -190-227	Budget		16	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01332	2	At-A-Glance 2026 Refill Desk	5.29	5-01- -190-227	Budget		17	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01332	3	At-A-Glance Base Desk	14.97	5-01- -190-227	Budget		18	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01332	4	2026 Desk Calendar 17"x12"	12.96	5-01- -190-227	Budget		19	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01332	5	12"x12" 2026 Calendar	19.90	5-01- -190-227	Budget		20	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01332	6	At-A-Glance DayMinder 2026	88.75	5-01- -190-227	Budget		21	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01332	7	At-A-Glance Desk Pad 2026 3pk	36.20	5-01- -190-227	Budget		22	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01332	8	Amazon Basic 1" 3 ring binders	12.35	5-01- -190-227	Budget		23	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
25-01374	1	Rec. Office Supplies	21.82	5-01- -245-227	Budget		24	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
			<u>269.22</u>						
44343	12/03/25	ATCF ATCF II NJ LLC, Lumentum Cust					6162		
25-01387	1	lien # 25-00039 redemption	32,250.26	5-01- -954-999	Budget		26	1	
				Due Outside Lienholders					
25-01387	2	lien # 25-00039 redemption	1,305.73	5-01- -954-999	Budget		27	1	
				Due Outside Lienholders					
25-01387	3	lien # 25-00039 redemption	40,300.00	5-01- -953-999	Budget		28	1	
				Tax Sale Premiums					
			<u>73,855.99</u>						
44344	12/03/25	BATEM DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY,					6162		
25-00410	50	tax appeals October	5,220.00	5-01- -145-279	Budget		6	1	
				Prof. & Cons. Serv. Legal					
25-00410	51	Prosecutor July - December	25,954.50	5-01- -145-279	Budget		7	1	
				Prof. & Cons. Serv. Legal					
25-00410	54	october legal	9,463.21	5-01- -145-279	Budget		8	1	
				Prof. & Cons. Serv. Legal					
			<u>40,637.71</u>						
44345	12/03/25	CITIZEN Citizens Bank					6162		
25-00837	1	Ultatel Phone Upgrade	908.90	5-01- -190-259	Budget		9	1	
				Telephone					

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PO #	Item	Description							
CURRENT FUND Current Fund			Continued						
44346	12/03/25	DEFILIPP Teresa Defilippis					6162		
25-01391	1	reimbursements	280.78	5-01- -110-278 Community Relations	Budget		33	1	
44347	12/03/25	FBINAA FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY					6162		
25-01326	1	Leadership Cert Program-2 102	425.00	5-01- -190-276 Training Aids & Program	Budget		12	1	
44348	12/03/25	HANCE WILLIAM HANCE					6162		
25-00007	52	Police email	377.07	5-01- -190-233 Computer Expense	Budget		3	1	
44349	12/03/25	LEDACGON Leda C Gonzalez, Interpreter					6162		
25-00023	12	court interpreter	475.00	5-01- -405-282 Specialized Services	Budget		4	1	
44350	12/03/25	LWOOD LAURIE WOOD					6162		
25-01386	1	100th anniversary ornaments	750.00	5-01- -280-232 General Supplies	Budget		25	1	
44351	12/03/25	MARMIC Marmic Associates					6162		
25-00003	24	November computer services	2,155.50	5-01- -115-233 Computer Expenses	Budget		1	1	
25-00003	25	November computer services	1,000.00	5-01- -250-233 Computer Expenses	Budget		2	1	
			<u>3,155.50</u>						
44352	12/03/25	NAPPE ANTHONY NAPPE					6162		
25-01389	1	conference mileage	119.00	5-01- -205-276 Training Aids & Programs	Budget		29	1	
25-01389	2	tolls	13.76	5-01- -205-276 Training Aids & Programs	Budget		30	1	
25-01389	3	parking	20.00	5-01- -205-276 Training Aids & Programs	Budget		31	1	
			<u>152.76</u>						
44353	12/03/25	NJC NJ CONFERENCE OF MAYORS					6162		
25-01325	1	2026 Membership Renewal	525.00	5-01- -110-256 Membership Dues	Budget		11	1	
44354	12/03/25	NJSOL005 NJ Solar & Safety Film LLC					6162		
25-01327	1	Security Film and Installation	840.00	5-01- -190-282 Specialized Services	Budget		13	1	
25-01328	1	Install window Film Dispatch	250.00	5-01- -190-282 Specialized Services	Budget		14	1	
			<u>1,090.00</u>						
44355	12/03/25	SCACOP S.C.A.C.O.P.					6162		
25-01329	1	2026 Association Dues	275.00	5-01- -190-256 Membership Dues	Budget		15	1	

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PO #	Item	Description							
CURRENT FUND Current Fund			Continued						
44356	12/03/25	TAFARO Gail Tafaro					6162		
25-01390	1	reimbursements	155.88	5-01- -110-278 Community Relations	Budget		32	1	
44357	12/03/25	UPS THE UPS STORE					6162		
25-01206	1	NJ State Tox Lab 10/16/25	46.44	5-01- -190-257 Postage	Budget		10	1	
44358	12/04/25	AMAZON2 Amazon Capital Services					6169		
25-01418	1	holiday decor	148.00	5-01- -155-232 General Supplies	Budget		41	1	
25-01418	2	credit	119.16-	5-01- -155-232 General Supplies	Budget		42	1	
25-01418	3	credit	13.24-	5-01- -155-232 General Supplies	Budget		43	1	
			<u>15.60</u>						
44359	12/04/25	AMEYER Andrea Meyer					6169		
25-01400	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		23	1	
44360	12/04/25	ANIMALCO Animal Control Solutions					6169		
25-00037	18	animal control services	1,744.00	5-01- -235-273 Other Contracted Service	Budget		1	1	
44361	12/04/25	ANCONSU ANS CONSULTANTS, INC					6169		
25-01236	8	library inspection	1,535.00	5-01- -610-202 Buildings & Grounds Improvements	Budget		11	1	
25-01236	9	library inspection	1,100.00	5-01- -610-202 Buildings & Grounds Improvements	Budget		12	1	
			<u>2,635.00</u>						
44362	12/04/25	BATEM DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY,					6169		
25-00410	55	Capadagli/Meridia	108.00	5-01- -145-279 Prof. & Cons. Serv. Legal	Budget		5	1	
25-00410	56	Carty firearms denial appeal	1,062.00	5-01- -145-279 Prof. & Cons. Serv. Legal	Budget		6	1	
25-00410	57	litigation	2,119.45	5-01- -145-279 Prof. & Cons. Serv. Legal	Budget		7	1	
			<u>3,289.45</u>						
44363	12/04/25	BRUNOASS Bruno Associates, Inc.					6169		
25-00242	11	grant writing services	3,250.00	5-01- -150-281 Prof. & Cons. Serv. Other	Budget		3	1	
44364	12/04/25	BURN ROBERT BURNS					6169		
25-01393	1	medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		16	1	
44365	12/04/25	DAMATO James Damato					6169		
25-01415	1	reimbursement- holiday decor	220.71	5-01- -135-227 Office Supplies & Materials	Budget		39	1	

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44366	12/04/25	DEROC MICHELLE DEROCO					6169		
25-01392	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		15	1	
44367	12/04/25	DMT DAVID M. TAKLESZYN					6169		
25-01402	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		25	1	
44368	12/04/25	FJOHN FRED JOHNSON					6169		
25-01397	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		20	1	
44369	12/04/25	FUENT GEORGE FUENTES					6169		
25-01411	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -205-283 Unclassified Expenses	Budget		34	1	
44370	12/04/25	GMCCALLI Gene McAllister					6169		
25-01407	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	1,110.00	5-01- -405-287 Court Interlocal Services Costs	Budget		30	1	
44371	12/04/25	HANC2 MARYANN HANCE					6169		
25-01396	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursment	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		19	1	
44372	12/04/25	JFROSONI JOHN FROSONI					6169		
25-01395	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		18	1	
44373	12/04/25	JOANN Joann Estrella					6169		
25-01404	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		27	1	
44374	12/04/25	JVDTOWIN JVD TOWING SERVICE, LLC					6169		
25-01378	1	PD Towing from Valley to HQ	90.50	5-01- -190-283 Unclassified Expenses	Budget		14	1	
44375	12/04/25	KATHYD Kathleen Davies					6169		
25-01394	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		17	1	
44376	12/04/25	KENNETH Kenneth Estes					6169		
25-01410	1	Medicare Part B Reinbursement	1,110.00	5-01- -205-283 Unclassified Expenses	Budget		33	1	
44377	12/04/25	LACA RONALD LACAILLADE					6169		
25-01398	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		21	1	
44378	12/04/25	LMON LINDA MONETTI					6169		
25-01399	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		22	1	

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44379	12/04/25	MICHAEL Edward M Sugalski					6169		
25-01403	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		26	1	
44380	12/04/25	NJLL NJ LABOR LAW POSTER SERVICE					6169		
25-01417	1	NJ Labor law Poster Service	314.50	5-01- -205-227 Office Supplies & Materials	Budget		40	1	
44381	12/04/25	NJWLE NJWLE					6169		
25-01316	1	2026 Conference-Evolve&Empower	299.00	5-01- -190-276 Training Aids & Program	Budget		13	1	
44382	12/04/25	PRED PREDATOR TREE SERVICE					6169		
25-00138	16	2025 DPW TREE SERVICE	2,000.00	5-01- -205-273 Other Contractural Services	Budget		2	1	
44383	12/04/25	RLINDEMA Russell Lindemann					6169		
25-01406	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	1,110.00	5-01- -405-287 Court Interlocal Services Costs	Budget		29	1	
44384	12/04/25	SCO DONALD R. SCOTTI					6169		
25-01408	1	Medicare Part b Reimbursement	1,110.00	5-01- -405-287 Court Interlocal Services Costs	Budget		31	1	
44385	12/04/25	SHPU LORETTA SHPUNDER					6169		
25-01413	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	800.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		35	1	
25-01413	2	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	310.00	5-01- -205-283 Unclassified Expenses	Budget		36	1	
25-01413	3	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,441.40	5-01- -205-283 Unclassified Expenses	Budget		37	1	
			<u>3,551.40</u>						
44386	12/04/25	SNELL LLOYD H. SNELL					6169		
25-01401	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	2,220.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		24	1	
44387	12/04/25	STAPL STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE					6169		
25-01033	4	copy paper & supplies	554.74	5-01- -150-227 Office Supplies & Materials	Budget		10	1	
44388	12/04/25	TFAUST Timothy A Faust					6169		
25-01405	1	Medicare Part B Reimbursement	1,110.00	5-01- -175-393 Health Benefits Plan	Budget		28	1	
44389	12/04/25	TOSHI TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS					6169		
25-00435	41	copier costs	441.21	5-01- -250-228 Photocopy Expense	Budget		8	1	
25-00435	42	copier costs	300.00	5-01- -150-228 Photocopy Expense	Budget		9	1	
			<u>741.21</u>						

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25-00250	51	copier lease	1,116.65	5-01- -250-228 Photocopy Expense	Budget		4	1	
44391	12/04/25	UNKER RONALD UNKERT					6169		
25-01409	1	Medicare Part Reimbursement	1,110.00	5-01- -205-283 Unclassified Expenses	Budget		32	1	
44392	12/04/25	WAT CLERK PETTY CASH					6169		
25-01414	1	Clerk Petty Cash	78.75	5-01- -115-257 Postage Expense	Budget		38	1	
44393	12/12/25	ACDAUGHT AC DAUGHTRY SECURITY SYSTEMS					6172		
25-00079	14	2025 SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES	41.58	5-01- -225-254 Other Material & Supplies	Budget		5	1	
44394	12/12/25	AFP ABSOLUTE FIRE PROTECTION					6172		
25-01442	1	1993 PIERCE PUMPER (60-102)	1,241.80	5-01- -185-247 Vehicular Parts & Acces.	Budget		74	1	
44395	12/12/25	ALLEGRA Allegra Marketing,Print & Mail					6172		
25-01448	1	construction application	855.00	5-01- -250-227 Office Supplies & Materials	Budget		79	1	
44396	12/12/25	AMAZ Amazon Capital Services, Inc					6172		
25-01422	1	Privacy Screens (2pk) 18.5"	84.98	5-01- -190-233 Computer Expense	Budget		63	1	
25-01422	2	Privacy Screens (2pk) 21.5"	139.11	5-01- -190-233 Computer Expense	Budget		64	1	
25-01422	3	Netgear Nighthawk Router	161.48	5-01- -190-233 Computer Expense	Budget		65	1	
25-01422	4	DryGuy Boot Dryer	62.22	5-01- -190-233 Computer Expense	Budget		66	1	
			<u>447.79</u>						
44397	12/12/25	AMAZON2 Amazon Capital Services					6172		
25-01449	1	holiday lights	457.29	5-01- -245-227 Office Supplies & Materials	Budget		80	1	
25-01449	2	holiday lights	83.41	5-01- -245-227 Office Supplies & Materials	Budget		81	1	
			<u>540.70</u>						
44398	12/12/25	AOC ALLIED OIL, LLC					6172		
25-00084	39	unleaded 11/21/25	2,294.76	5-01- -283-751 Motor Fuels	Budget		6	1	
25-00084	40	diesel 11/14	1,370.25	5-01- -283-751 Motor Fuels	Budget		7	1	
25-00084	41	unleaded 11/7/25	2,383.80	5-01- -283-751 Motor Fuels	Budget		8	1	
			<u>6,048.81</u>						

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44399	12/12/25	APPROVED APPROVED FIRE PROTECTION					6172		
25-00088	6	2025 EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	195.00	5-01- -225-282 Specialized Services	Budget		10	1	
44400	12/12/25	ASTR ASTRO RENTS					6172		
25-00090	9	2025 DPW EQUIPMENT RENTAL	392.28	5-01- -205-265 Misc. Rental Costs	Budget		11	1	
44401	12/12/25	ATACARE AMERICAN TIRE & AUTO CARE					6172		
25-00086	9	2025 DPW TIRES & REPAIRS	149.64	5-01- -205-247 Vehicular Parts & Accessories	Budget		9	1	
44402	12/12/25	BNP BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD					6172		
25-00497	4	court shared service	8,393.48	5-01- -145-279 Prof. & Cons. Serv. Legal	Budget		47	1	
44403	12/12/25	BOLDELEC BOLD ELECTRIC & GENERATORS					6172		
25-00199	15	maintenance	2,399.00	5-01- -225-282 Specialized Services	Budget		35	1	
44404	12/12/25	BSG BENHAM'S SERVICE & GARAGE					6172		
25-00096	1	2025 DPW TOWING SERVICES	300.00	5-01- -205-281 Prof. & Cont. Services - Other	Budget		12	1	
44405	12/12/25	CEAD CHRISTINE EAD					6172		
25-01446	1	Extra large Bows for Boro Hall	53.29	5-01- -110-274 Conference Expense	Budget		76	1	
25-01447	1	Atlantic City Reimbursement	235.00	5-01- -110-274 Conference Expense	Budget		77	1	
25-01447	2	BJ'S Cookie trays	44.98	5-01- -110-274 Conference Expense	Budget		78	1	
			<u>333.27</u>						
44406	12/12/25	CITIZEN Citizens Bank					6172		
25-01451	1	cameras	13.18	5-01- -225-271 Equip. Repairs & Maint.	Budget		83	1	
25-01451	2	wreaths	358.00	5-01- -245-217 Special Events	Budget		84	1	
			<u>371.18</u>						
44407	12/12/25	CLEARFLY Clearfly					6172		
25-00212	13	phone service	381.52	5-01- -283-459 Telephone	Budget		36	1	
44408	12/12/25	DEERC DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SERVICE					6172		
25-00419	6	deer carcass removal	55.00	5-01- -205-273 Other Contractural Services	Budget		46	1	
44409	12/12/25	ECAS 22 Auto Spa LLC					6172		
25-00142	1	2025 FIRE DEPT. CAR WASH	300.00	5-01- -185-269 Vehicle Repairs & Maint.	Budget		30	1	

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44410	12/12/25	EVOQUA EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC					6172		
25-00109	3	2025 DPW BIOXIDE	3,580.20	5-01- -225-254	Budget		13	1	
				Other Material & Supplies					
44411	12/12/25	FCS FANWOOD CRUSHED STONE					6172		
25-00110	4	2025 DPW STONE PURCHASE	757.02	5-01- -205-242	Budget		14	1	
				Asphalt, Paving Materials					
44412	12/12/25	GIL EDITH G. GIL					6172		
25-01420	1	Reimbursements NJLM & Elect	213.65	5-01- -120-261	Budget		62	1	
				Travel Allowance					
25-01420	1	Reimbursements NJLM & Elect	52.65	5-01- -125-235	Budget		62	2	
				Food & Drugs					
			<u>266.30</u>						
44413	12/12/25	GLS GROVE LOCK & SAFE CO.					6172		
25-00114	8	2025 DPW REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	114.60	5-01- -155-273	Budget		15	1	
				Bldg.-Other Contracted Serv.					
44414	12/12/25	GREAT Great America Financial Serv.					6172		
25-00027	18	folder / stuffer	183.00	5-01- -150-281	Budget		3	1	
				Prof. & Cons. Serv. Other					
25-00027	19	folder / stuffer	176.00	5-01- -135-281	Budget		4	1	
				Profess. & Cons. Serv.-Other					
			<u>359.00</u>						
44415	12/12/25	HODE2 HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES					6172		
25-00118	10	2025 DPW PURCHASES	513.61	5-01- -205-244	Budget		17	1	
				Hardware and Minor Tools					
25-00119	12	2025 FIRE DEPT. PURCHASES	4,210.00	5-01- -245-217	Budget		18	1	
				Special Events					
25-00119	13	correct fire department purch	19,048.81	5-01- -610-205	Budget		19	1	
				Fire Department Equipment					
25-00119	14	correct fire department purch	19,048.81	5-01- -185-231	Budget		20	1	
				Emergency & Safety Supplies					
			<u>4,723.61</u>						
44416	12/12/25	HOFF HOFFMAN TIRE CO., INC.					6172		
25-00117	4	2025 DPW REPAIR & SERVICE	1,898.60	5-01- -225-271	Budget		16	1	
				Equip. Repairs & Maint.					
44417	12/12/25	JESCO JESCO, INC.					6172		
25-01302	1	320 P BACKHOE LOADER	2,881.89	5-01- -205-246	Budget		58	1	
				Equipment & Machinery Parts					
44418	12/12/25	JIF SUBURBAN JOINT INSURANCE FUND					6172		
25-01450	1	refund of insurance overpmt	3,000.00	5-01- -185-269	Budget		82	1	
				Vehicle Repairs & Maint.					
44419	12/12/25	JSSP JOHNSTONE SUPPLY- S.PLAINFIELD					6172		
25-00122	5	supplies	1,113.54	5-01- -225-254	Budget		21	1	
				Other Material & Supplies					

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44420	12/12/25	JUETTE Phyllis Juette					6172		
25-01341	2	t & b supplies	74.06	5-01- -275-227	Budget		61	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
44421	12/12/25	KCGINC KCG, INC.					6172		
25-01207	3	HVAC PREVAILING	1,734.88	5-01- -225-282	Budget		56	1	
				Specialized Services					
25-01207	4	HVAC PREVAILING	300.00	5-01- -205-273	Budget		57	1	
				Other Contractural Services					
			<u>2,034.88</u>						
44422	12/12/25	KIMBALLM KIMBALL MIDWEST					6172		
25-00536	4	2025 DPW PURCHASES/SUPPLIES	946.85	5-01- -225-254	Budget		48	1	
				Other Material & Supplies					
44423	12/12/25	LAWSOFT LAWSOFT, INC.					6172		
25-01429	1	Support & Maint. for LawSoft	7,100.00	5-01- -190-273	Budget		71	1	
				Other Contractual Service					
25-01429	2	Online Data Backup (3 servers)	2,700.00	5-01- -190-273	Budget		72	1	
				Other Contractual Service					
			<u>9,800.00</u>						
44424	12/12/25	LEIGH Bradford & Catherine Leigh					6172		
25-01452	1	library party refund	54.63	5-01- -110-278	Budget		85	1	
				Community Relations					
44425	12/12/25	MOSCADES Mosca Design					6172		
25-01118	5	shipping	541.95	5-01- -245-217	Budget		52	1	
				Special Events					
25-01119	2	shipping	506.49	5-01- -245-217	Budget		53	1	
				Special Events					
			<u>1,048.44</u>						
44426	12/12/25	MPI WOODS MACHINERY					6172		
25-00158	14	2025 DPW SUPPLIES	40.22	5-01- -205-254	Budget		34	1	
				Other Materials & Supplies					
44427	12/12/25	NABI NATIONAL ASSOC. OF BUNCO INVES					6172		
25-01432	1	2026 Membership Dues	75.00	5-01- -190-256	Budget		73	1	
				Membership Dues					
44428	12/12/25	NJLM NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES					6172		
25-01423	1	Mgmt Wkshp Series-Fin Mgm	300.00	5-01- -120-276	Budget		67	1	
				Training Aids & Programs					
44429	12/12/25	OPTIMUM Optimum					6172		
25-01445	1	December payment	160.94	5-01- -283-459	Budget		75	1	
				Telephone					
44430	12/12/25	PARSA P.A.R.S.A.					6172		
25-00247	10	maintenance program	6,440.50	5-01- -450-201	Budget		38	1	
				PARSA					

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25-00247	11	operator fee	3,000.00	5-01- -450-201 PARSA	Budget		39	1	
25-00247	12	pump station fee	3,000.00	5-01- -450-201 PARSA	Budget		40	1	
			<u>12,440.50</u>						
44431	12/12/25	PINTO PINTO BROTHERS					6172		
25-00136	13	2025 DPW ROLL00FF CONTAINER	288.96	5-01- -155-273 Bldg.-Other Contracted Serv.	Budget		23	1	
25-00136	14	2025 DPW ROLL00FF CONTAINER	397.92	5-01- -205-273 Other Contractural Services	Budget		24	1	
25-00136	15	2025 DPW ROLL00FF CONTAINER	41.62	5-01- -130-281 Prof. & Contr. Services-Other	Budget		25	1	
			<u>728.50</u>						
44432	12/12/25	POWERPL2 Power Place Inc					6172		
25-01177	2		6,066.54	5-01- -610-203 Office Equipment	Budget		54	1	
44433	12/12/25	POWERPLA POWER PLACE, INC.					6172		
25-00137	4	2025 DPW REPAIRS & PARTS	2,380.59	5-01- -225-282 Specialized Services	Budget		26	1	
44434	12/12/25	PRED PREDATOR TREE SERVICE					6172		
25-00138	17	2025 DPW TREE SERVICE	2,000.00	5-01- -205-273 Other Contractural Services	Budget		27	1	
25-00138	18	2025 DPW TREE SERVICE	2,000.00	5-01- -280-273 Other Contracted Services	Budget		28	1	
			<u>4,000.00</u>						
44435	12/12/25	RAMTAXLI RAM Tax Lien Fund II LP					6172		
25-01458	1	redeem cert#25-00030	2,074.02	5-01- -954-999 Due Outside Lienholders	Budget		88	1	
25-01458	2	redeem cert#25-00030	95.50	5-01- -954-999 Due Outside Lienholders	Budget		89	1	
25-01458	3	redeem cert#25-00030	1,100.00	5-01- -953-999 Tax Sale Premiums	Budget		90	1	
			<u>3,269.52</u>						
44436	12/12/25	RAP READ AUTO PARTS					6172		
25-00129	9	2025 DPW REPAIRS & PARTS	770.65	5-01- -205-247 Vehicular Parts & Accessories	Budget		22	1	
44437	12/12/25	REMINGTO Remington & Vernick Engineers					6172		
23-00557	36	2023 Roadway Improvements	8,477.50	5-01- -949-999 RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE	Budget		1	1	
25-00818	5	tax map services	48.75	5-01- -150-281 Prof. & Cons. Serv. Other	Budget		49	1	
25-01337	2	new fire house topo services	8,757.00	5-01- -610-201 Infrastructure Improvements	Budget		60	1	

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	25-01454	2 general engineering	8,000.00	5-01- -610-202	Budget		87	1	
			<u>25,683.25</u>						
44438	12/12/25	ROMEIJOS ROMEO ENTERPRISES					6172		
25-00140	3	2025 DPW AMS OIL SUPPLIES	918.17	5-01- -205-252	Budget		29	1	
				Motor Oils & Lubricants					
44439	12/12/25	RT23AUTO ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL					6172		
25-00143	3	dpw repairs	1,971.24	5-01- -225-282	Budget		31	1	
				Specialized Services					
44440	12/12/25	SHERWEB Sherweb					6172		
25-00214	8	computer service	203.22	5-01- -115-233	Budget		37	1	
				Computer Expenses					
44441	12/12/25	SIGNSBYL SIGNS BY LYNN					6172		
24-00757	5	SIGNS	235.00	4-01- -205-245	Budget		2	1	
				Signs					
44442	12/12/25	SOM10 SOMERSET C'TY TAXES					6172		
25-00258	5	added & omitted tax	122,518.16	5-01- -910-999	Budget		44	1	
				COUNTY ADDED & OMITTED TAXES					
44443	12/12/25	SOM13 SOMERSET C'TY LIBRARY TAX					6172		
25-00257	5	added & omitted tax	16,786.24	5-01- -910-999	Budget		43	1	
				COUNTY ADDED & OMITTED TAXES					
44444	12/12/25	SOM14 SOMERSET C'TY OPEN SPACE TAX					6172		
25-00259	5	added & omitted tax	12,907.42	5-01- -909-999	Budget		45	1	
				COUNTY OPEN SPACE TAX PAYABLE					
44445	12/12/25	TAYCOM TAYLOR COMMUNICATIONS					6172		
25-01189	1	uniform traffic tickets	2,018.52	5-01- -405-258	Budget		55	1	
				Printing & Binding					
44446	12/12/25	TOSHIBA Toshiba Financial Services					6172		
25-00250	52	copier lease	88.93	5-01- -190-228	Budget		41	1	
				Photocopy Expense					
25-00250	53	copier lease	253.44	5-01- -120-228	Budget		42	1	
			<u>342.37</u>	Photocopy Expense					
44447	12/12/25	TREAS11 TREASURER, STATE OF NJ DCA					6172		
25-01426	1	ELEVATOR SAFETY REGISTRATION	516.00	5-01- -155-273	Budget		68	1	
				Bldg.-Other Contracted Serv.					

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Charge Account	Account Type	Reconciled/Void Contract	Ref Num	Ref Seq	Acct
PO #	Item	Description							
CURRENT FUND Current Fund			Continued						
44448	12/12/25	TRWENIGE T.R. Weniger, Inc.					6172		
25-00998	2	Stream Improvement Project	75,033.90	4-01- -610-201	Budget		50	1	
				Infrastructure Improvements					
25-00999	2	Phillips Field Bridge	77,728.50	4-01- -610-201	Budget		51	1	
				Infrastructure Improvements					
			<u>152,762.40</u>						
44449	12/12/25	ULINE Uline Ship.Supply Specialist					6172		
25-01333	1	PD - LOCKERS	741.70	5-01- -155-227	Budget		59	1	
				Office Supplies & Materials					
44450	12/12/25	WAC WELDON ASPHALT COMPANY					6172		
25-00157	6	2025 DPW ASPHALT MATERIAL	158.66	5-01- -205-242	Budget		33	1	
				Asphalt, Paving Materials					
44451	12/12/25	WAI WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP					6172		
25-01428	1	SAR DRY SUIT/SAFETY YELLOW	361.42	4-01- -610-205	Budget		69	1	
				Fire Department Equipment					
25-01428	2	SAR DRY SUIT/SAFETY YELLOW	1,131.08	5-01- -610-205	Budget		70	1	
				Fire Department Equipment					
			<u>1,492.50</u>						
44452	12/12/25	WAR01 Costello's Ace Hardward					6172		
25-00154	11	2025 DPW SUPPLIES	306.47	5-01- -225-254	Budget		32	1	
				Other Material & Supplies					
Checking Account Totals									
		Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void				
	Checks:	112	0	609,360.21	0.00				
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00				
	Total:	112	0	609,360.21	0.00				
GRANT FUND Citizens Grant Fund									
3141	12/04/25	WAT03 WATCHUNG BOROUGH CURRENT FUND					6168		
25-01416	1	reimburse farmers market costs	2,500.00	G-03- -586-201	Budget		1	1	
				Sustainable Jersey Grant					
3142	12/12/25	BARCOPRO BARCO PRODUCTS					6171		
25-00093	2	double side load recycling bin	4,125.00	G-03- -540-212	Budget		1	1	
				Recycling Tonnage Grant 2025					
25-00093	3	recycling containers	719.00	G-03- -540-212	Budget		2	1	
				Recycling Tonnage Grant 2025					
25-00093	4	Trash Containers	6,075.00	G-03- -520-119	Budget		3	1	
				Clean Communities Grant 2022					
25-00093	5	shipping	618.65	G-03- -520-119	Budget		4	1	
				Clean Communities Grant 2022					
			<u>11,537.65</u>						
3143	12/12/25	NATCH COMPOST 360 ACQUISITION PARENT					6171		
25-00133	8	2025 DPW ROLL-OFF CONTAINER	2,640.00	G-03- -520-121	Budget		5	1	
				Clean Communities Grant 2024					

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PO #	Item	Description			Account Type	Contract Ref Seq Acct
GRANT FUND Citizens Grant Fund Continued						
Checking Account Totals			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
		Checks:	3	0	16,677.65	0.00
		Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
		Total:	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,677.65</u>	<u>0.00</u>
PNC DEV ESCROW Developer Escrow						
15794	12/03/25	ANDERSON Briana Anderson				6166
25-01388	1	escrow return	185.00	E-BA24-07 108 Johnston Drive	Project	2 1
15795	12/03/25	BATEM DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY,				6166
25-00410	53	legal services Bonnie Burn Rd	54.00	E-PB24-01 Bonnie Burn Rd PB19-01	Project	1 1
15796	12/12/25	BRIGHTVI Bright View Engineering, LLC				6174
25-01456	1	Bonnie Burn inspections Dec	14,313.75	E-PB24-01 Bonnie Burn Rd PB19-01	Project	2 1
25-01456	2	Shoprite	10,383.75	E-PB22-01 1701 Rt 22 Shop Rite	Project	3 1
			<u>24,697.50</u>			
15797	12/12/25	REMINGTO Remington & Vernick Engineers				6174
25-01453	1	bonnie burn redevelopment	860.00	E-PB24-01 Bonnie Burn Rd PB19-01	Project	1 1
Checking Account Totals			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
		Checks:	4	0	25,796.50	0.00
		Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
		Total:	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,796.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
PNC OTHER ESC Citizens Savings Other Escrow						
15544	12/03/25	REEFCO Reefco Aquarium Service, LLC				6165
25-00024	13	library services	122.99	T-93- -100-110 Watchung Public Library Advisory Board	Budget	1 1
Checking Account Totals			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
		Checks:	1	0	122.99	0.00
		Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
		Total:	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>122.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Report Totals						
			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
		Checks:	127	0	721,123.96	0.00
		Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
		Total:	<u>127</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>721,123.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
Current Fund	4-01	153,358.82	0.00	0.00	153,358.82
Current Fund	5-01	456,001.39	0.00	0.00	456,001.39
Capital Fund	C-02	68,589.41	0.00	0.00	68,589.41
	D-11	1.20	0.00	0.00	1.20
Grant Fund	G-03	16,677.65	0.00	0.00	16,677.65
	H-06	576.00	0.00	0.00	576.00
	T-93	122.99	0.00	0.00	122.99
Total of All Funds:		<u>695,327.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>695,327.46</u>

Project Description	Project No.	Project Total
108 Johnston Drive	E-BA24-07	185.00
1701 Rt 22 Shop Rite	E-PB22-01	10,383.75
Bonnie Burn Rd PB19-01	E-PB24-01	15,227.75
Total of All Projects:		<u>25,796.50</u>

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R5**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SUMMER CAMP FEES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough Code authorizes the Borough’s Recreation Commission to collect fees for the operation of the Summer Camp Program; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission has reviewed the costs of operating the summer camp program for 2026 — including facility costs, staffing, materials, supplies and any outside vendor or site costs — and has recommended a fee schedule that balances affordability to residents with the need to cover program expenses; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to adopt the recommended summer camp fee schedule for the 2026 season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, that the following summer camp fees for 2026 are hereby established and shall remain in effect until amended or superseded by a future resolution:

Program / Description	Fee
1 T-Shirt included with registration - Additional T-Shirts	\$10.00 each
Summer Camp — per child, one (1) week (residents) <i>Early Bird (registered by March 31st)</i>	\$450.00
Summer Camp — per child, one (1) week (residents) <i>Registered after April 1st</i>	\$475.00
Summer Camp — per child, one (1) week (non-resident) <i>After April 1st</i> <i>Open to Green Brook, Long Hill and Warren residents</i>	\$475.00
<i>*Where camp may not be held 5 days, fee shall be adjusted.</i>	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Recreation Coordinator is authorized to collect the above fees and any other associated charges (e.g., payments to outside vendors or for off-site facilities) needed when the Summer Camp Program uses non-borough-owned facilities, as permitted under Borough Code § 2-63.2.
2. A copy of this resolution shall be maintained on file with the Borough Clerk, and be made available to the public during normal business hours.
3. The Recreation Commission shall review the Summer Camp Program finances at the end of the 2026 season and recommend any adjustments to fees for subsequent years as necessary.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all registrations for the 2026 Summer Camp season.

Curt Dahl, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R6**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung awarded a contract to West End KB LLC, 14 Bridgewaters Drive, Oceanport, NJ 07757, on March 27, 2025, via resolution R9 for “Awarding Bid Contract to West End KB LLC on Proposed Additions to Library” in the amount of \$5,985,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Administrator James Damato, has recommended the approval of **Change Order #1**, increasing the original contract by \$9,545.00 to provide for a change in the sprinkler system from a wet sprinkler system to a dry sprinkler system; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: C-02-914-Z11

William J. Hance, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that **Change Order #1** to the contract of **West End KB LLC** for a net increase of \$9,545.00 is hereby approved and the contract sum, including this Change Order, is \$5,994,545.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Officials are hereby authorized to sign the Change Order form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this Resolution be forwarded to: West End KB LLC., the Borough Engineer and the Borough Chief Financial Officer.

Christine Ead, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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C: B. HANCE, ENG.

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R7**

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FOR THE PROVISION OF AN
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung (“Borough”) recognizes the importance of supporting the health, well-being, and productivity of its employees; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers University, through its University Behavioral Health Care clinic, provides an Employee Assistance Program (“EAP”) offering confidential counseling, referral, and related support services to employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that entering into an agreement with Rutgers University for the provision of EAP services is in the best interest of Borough employees and promotes effective municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to engage Rutgers University to provide such services for a term of one year, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500, subject to an agreement approved by the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this purpose in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5; and

William Hance, CFO

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to authorize the execution of said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the Borough of Watchung and Rutgers University for the provision of Employee Assistance Program services, in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

Paul Fischer, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 18, 2025
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C: CFO, PD, E. HORSFALL

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R8**

WHEREAS, Mayor Ronald Jubin has recommended the appointments of the individuals for the terms as listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the following appointments are hereby confirmed:

BOARD OF ADJUSTEMENT

TERM

Doyle J. Hunsinger, III	Ending 12/31/2029
Graeme Birrell	Ending 12/31/2029
John F. Van de Castle, Jr., Alt #1	Ending 12/31/2027

BOARD OF HEALTH

TERM

Robert Blair Riedinger	Ending 12/31/2028
Francesca Escaleira	Ending 12/31/2028
Diane Logan	Ending 12/31/2028
Kim Brown	Ending 12/31/2026

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

TERM

Doug Speeney	Ending 12/31/2028
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GREEN TEAM

TERM

Kayla Briant	Ending 12/31/2028
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HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

TERM

Chris Vander Fliet, Chair	Ending 12/31/2026
Michael A. DeParto	Ending 12/31/2026
Stephen Pote, Secretary	Ending 12/31/2026
Donald Monetti	Ending 12/31/2026
Maureen Greenbaum	Ending 12/31/2026
Tim Logan	Ending 12/31/2026
Karen Jubin	Ending 12/31/2026

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERM

Marianne Candiloros	Ending 12/31/2028
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LOCAL HISTORIAN

Susan Tucker

TERM

Ending on December 31, 2026

PLANNING BOARD

Don Speeney
Ellen Spingler

TERM

Ending 12/31/2029
Ending 12/31/2029

**TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION
COMMISSION**

Phyllis Juette
Janine Riedinger
Sondra Epstein
Catherine Leigh
Helder Rebelo

TERM

Ending 12/31/2026
Ending 12/31/2026
Ending 12/31/2026
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R9**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the closed session of December 18, 2025.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:
 - Attorney-Client Privilege Matters - Pending Litigation – In the matter of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, Docket No. SOM-L-000183-25
3. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.
4. The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R10**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH
FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER WITH REGARD TO RARITAN
TOWNSHIP'S HOUSING ELEMENT & FAIR SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law an Amendment to the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 *et seq.*) (hereinafter "Amended FHA"); and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA requires the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") to produce non-binding estimates of fair share obligations for municipalities throughout the State on or before October 20, 2024, and provides for municipalities to demonstrate that the Amended FHA would support modified or corrected calculations of the Round 4 affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, through the adoption of adopted Resolution No. R2 on January 30, 2025, the Borough determined its fair share of 35 units present need and 92 units prospective need, subject to any vacant land and/or durational adjustments it may seek as part of the Housing Plan element and Fair Share Plan element it subsequently submits in accordance with the Amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Borough filed its Resolution of participation before the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") on January 31, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, *et seq.*, and the timeframes set forth in Administrative Directive #14-24, bearing Docket No. SOM-L-183-25; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the timeframes set forth in the Amended Act and the Directive, the New Jersey Builders Association ("NJBA") filed a timely objection to Watchung's resolution; and

WHEREAS, through the mediation process provided by the Program, the Borough and NJBA entered into a Mediation Agreement settling the dispute over the Borough's prospective need obligation, agreeing to a 111 Prospective Need obligation for the Borough's 4th Round affordable housing compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Court entered an order on April 8, 2025 setting the Borough's Fourth Round fair share obligations as a Present Need of thirty-five (35) units and a Prospective Need of one hundred eleven (111) units, which no party appealed, and ordering the Borough to file a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HE&FSP") by June 30, 2025, as required pursuant to the Amended FHA and Administrative Directive #14-24; and

WHEREAS, the Watchung Borough Planning Board held the public hearing on the HE&FSP on June 9, 2025, with a memorializing Resolution adopting the HE&FSP on

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June 17, 2025, and the HE&FSP having been filed with the Program on June 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. R7 on June 19, 2025, with same being filed with the Program on June 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) filed a challenge to the Borough’s HE&FSP pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b) on August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, through the mediation process provided by the Program, the Borough and FSHC agree to resolve the challenge/objection to the HE&FSP as set forth in a Mediation Agreement, which will be presented to the Program for review and approval, an referral to the Mount Laurel Judge pursuant to the Amended FHA and Administrative Directive #14-24, which if approved, will result in a compliance certification for the Borough for the Fourth Round; and

WHEREAS, Watchung and FSHC also acknowledge and agree that if the Program, trial court, or any appellate court rejects approval of this settlement agreement, the Parties reserve their right to return to the *status quo ante*; and

WHEREAS, Watchung Borough reserves the right to comply with any additional amendments to the FHA that the Legislature may enact; and

WHEREAS, Watchung Borough also reserves the right to adjust its position in the event of any rulings issued by New Jersey Superior Courts, or any other such action that alters the deadlines and/or requirements of the Amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung find that it is in the best interest of the Borough to commit to its HE&FSP as set forth in the settlement agreement, subject to the reservations set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Amended FHA and Administrative Directive #14-24, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung find that, as a municipality seeking a certification of compliance with the Amended FHA, it is in the best interests of the Borough to enter into the settlement agreement with FSHC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. All of the above WHEREAS clauses are incorporated into the operative clauses of this Resolution.
2. The settlement agreement with FSHC, in substantial form attached hereto, is hereby authorized and approved subject to all reservations of rights set forth above.

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3. The Borough Attorney and other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to comply with the requirements of the settlement agreement and Amended FHA, including the signing of the agreement and filing same with the Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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