

Christine B. Ead, Council Member
Curt S. Dahl, Council Member
Paul Fischer, Council Member
Paolo Marano, Council Member
Sonia Abi-Habib, Council Member
Robert Gibbs, Council Member



Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor

James J. Damato, Business Administrator

Edith G. Gil, Borough Clerk

15 Mountain Blvd
Watchung, NJ 07069

Mayor & Council Meeting AGENDA

**January 6, 2026
6:30 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

INVOCATION

Reverend Ryan Irmer, Wilson Memorial Church

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Paul Fischer - Council Member
Paolo Marano - Council Member

ROLL CALL

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

R1: Authorizing the Appointment of the Fire and Assistant Fire Chief

R2: Authorizing the Appointment of Colleen Lange as Deputy Borough Clerk

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Colleen R. Lange, Deputy Clerk

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Albert DeSandolo II, Fire Chief
Richard Sloyan, Assistant Fire Chief
Myles Presgraves, Rescue Squad Captain
Matthew King, Rescue Squad First Lieutenant

CONSENT

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

R3: Designation of Official Newspapers - Courier News and TAP into Watchung (Electronic News Source)

R4: Authorizing the Adoption of the Cash Management Plan for 2026

R5: Adoption of 2026 Temporary Budget

R6: Payment of Property Taxes and Establishing Payment Procedures

R7: Authorizing the Appointment of James J. Damato as JIF Commissioner

R8: Authorizing Appointments of Volunteers to Boards, Committees, Commissions

NON-CONSENT

R9: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Borough Attorney to Joseph V. Sordillo, Esq., DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.

R10: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Tax Appeal Attorney to Martin Allen, Esq., DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.

R11: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Prosecutor to Richard J. Guss, Esq., DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.

R12: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Labor Counsel to Mark S. Ruderman, Esq., Ruderman & Roth, LLC

R13: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel to John M. Cantalupo, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C.

R14: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Auditor to Robert W. Swisher, Suplee, Clooney & Co.

R15: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Professional Consulting Engineer to Mostafa Razzaghmanesh, Remington & Vernick Engineers

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R16: Awarding Professional Services Contract for IT Support to Marmic Associates, Inc.

R17: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Affordable Housing Planner to Mark Healey

R18: Awarding a Contract for Snow Removal Services to Messercola Excavating Co.

R19: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Risk Management Consulting Services to Acrisure

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

ORD 26/01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, PART I, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO ADJOURNMENT TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE SERVICES

20 Years	Carolyn Taylor
10 Years	Det. Andrew Chuisano Christopher Beam Gaiser Brennen
5 Years	James J. Damato Edith G. Gil Harrison Werner

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

COUNCIL'S ADDRESS

PUBLIC PORTION

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

BENEDICTION

Reverend Ryan Irmer, Wilson Memorial Church

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is Thursday, January 22, 2026.