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15 Mountain Blvd
Watchung, NJ
07069

Mayor & Council Meeting AGENDA

**May 21, 2026
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 TAPinto, 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

PROCLAMATION

2026 National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Donation Recognition
- Somerset Hills Branch of the American Association of University Women
- Wilfred Loh & Marion Cowan

Mayor's Achievement Award for Ridge Racers

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORD 26/09: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AND ACQUISITION OF A FRONT LOADER FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledging Receipt of the Following Reports:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
Mayor & Council Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2026 - 7:30 PM

Animal Control Solutions Monthly Report	April 2026
Board of Health Meeting Minutes	January 21, 2026
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes	March 9, 2026
Library Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes	March 11, 2026
Rescue Squad Monthly Report	April 2026 May 2026

CONSENT

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

- R1: Authorizing a Refund to Catherine Furlan for Summer Camp Fees
- R2: Authorizing Field and Facility Permit for J. Parker
- R3: Authorizing Repayment Agreement for Damaged Borough Property
- R4: Authorizing Purchases Over Allowed Threshold

NON-CONSENT

- R5: Authorizing a Developer's Agreement with Levin Properties, L.P.
- R6: Appointment of Electrical Sub-Code Official — John Shpunder III
- R8: Authorizing Permanent Loan (Donation) Agreement with Planetary Studies Foundation for the DuPont Meteorite Collection

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

ORD 26/10: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG A PORTION OF CARRAR DRIVE

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- R7: Authorizing Executive Session to Discuss Potential Litigation

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

May 21, 2026 - 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor & Council will be June 4, 2026

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
ORDINANCE: 26/09**

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEASE PURCHASE
FINANCING AND ACQUISITION OF A FRONT LOADER FOR
AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY
OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") hereby authorizes the lease purchase financing and acquisition of a front loader for the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(7) for a total principal cost of not to exceed \$240,000. The rental payments will be paid over five (5) years at an interest rate per annum to be approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough through a procurement process authorized herein and in accordance with law. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is authorized to take financing bids or proposals or procure financing by other lawful means, including through a national purchasing cooperative, as he/she deems most cost effective for the Borough.

Section 2. The Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver, subject to the review of Bond Counsel, a lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") in accordance with the terms set forth in this ordinance, an agent or an escrow agreement, an assignment agreement, if necessary, and such other documents as may be necessary to consummate the transaction. The Borough Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to establish an escrow account for the deposit of the lease proceeds and to direct the deposit and investment of the lease proceeds in the escrow for the term of the Lease in accordance with the requirements of law. The Borough Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer to execute the Lease and such other documents as may be required to consummate the transaction in forms approved by Bond Counsel, such approval to be evidenced by the execution of the Lease or such other documents by the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer. The Clerk is authorized to attest to such documents under the seal of the Borough. The Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer are also authorized and directed to take on behalf of the Borough such other actions as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the lease purchase financing of the police cars in accordance with the terms of the Lease and this ordinance and pursuant to the terms of the agreements and instruments authorized to be prepared hereby and to accomplish the performance of the obligations of the Borough in respect thereto.

Section 3. The payment of rent or other monies due under the Lease shall be made from operating funds, subject to the availability of funds and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may be required to meet the obligations of the Lease, and the Lease shall contain a clause making it subject to such appropriation or shall contain an annual cancellation clause. Neither the Borough nor any agency, department or political subdivision thereof shall be obligated to pay any sum to the purchaser or lessor under the Lease from any taxing source for the payment of any sums due under the Lease unless an appropriation is made in a duly approved budget of the Borough. The obligations of the Borough shall not constitute indebtedness of the Borough or of any department, agency or political subdivision thereof. The Lease shall set forth the term of the Lease, the rental payments to be paid by the Borough in respect thereof, and the dates on which such rental payments shall be due and payable.

Section 4. The Borough Council hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of the interest portion of rental payments due on the Lease, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease, if applicable.

Section 5. The Borough Council hereby declares its intent to enter into the Lease in the expected maximum principal amount of \$205,000 and to use the proceeds of the Lease to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purpose for which the Lease is authorized herein. This section is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.10-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days following final publication after final adoption and otherwise as provided by law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: May 7, 2026

COLLEEN LANGE,
Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Watchung

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: May 21, 2026

COLLEEN LANGE
Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Watchung

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

RONALD JUBIN, PH.D., Mayor

INTRODUCED BY: FISCHER
PASSED: MAY 7, 2026
PUBLISHED: MAY 8, 2026
ADOPTED:
C: FINANCE



Borough of Watchung Board of Health

MINUTES

January 21, 2026 – 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq., notice of time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the official newspapers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Ronald G. Jubin administered the oaths to:

Kimberly Brown, Regular Member – Term ending 12/31/2028

Diane Logan, Regular Member – Term ending 12/31/2028

Seth Weingarten, Alternate #1 – Term ending 12/31/2026

The following members were absent and will receive oath at a later date:

Francesca Escaleira, Regular Member – Term ending 12/31/2028

Robert Riedinger, Regular Member – Term ending 12/31/2028

ROLL CALL

Present: Bruce Ruck-President, Diane Logan-Vice President, Charlene Vergilio, Kimberly Brown, Emma Jubin, Seth Weingarten-Alt. #1 and Mitchell Jablons Alt. #2

Absent: Francesca Escaleira, and Robert Riedinger

Also present: Mayor Ronald G. Jubin, Councilwoman Sonia Abi-Habib and Kevin Sumner, Health Officer

INTRODUCTIONS TO NEW MEMBER

Members introduced themselves to new member Seth Weingarten.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Diane Logan nominated Bruce Ruck for President, seconded by Charlene Vergilio.

All were in favor with the following exceptions:

Absent: Francesca Escaleira, and Robert Riedinger

NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Bruce Ruck nominated Diane Logan for Vice-President, seconded by Kimberly Brown.

All were in favor with the following exceptions:

Absent: Francesca Escaleira, and Robert Riedinger

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting was made by Bruce Ruck and seconded by Mitchell Jablons. All were in favor with the following exceptions:
Abstain due to absence from November 19th meeting: Charlene Virgilio and Kimberly Brown
Absent: Francesca Escaleira, and Robert Riedinger

BOH 2026-R-1. APPROVAL OF 2026 MEETING DATES (BOH 2025-5 Deferred from November 19, 2025 meeting)

A motion was made by Mitchell Jablons and seconded by Bruce Ruck to adopt Resolution BOH 2026-R-1, approving 2026 meeting dates: March 18th, May 20st, September 16th, November 18th and January 20, 2027 (Re-Organization Meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M.)
All were in favor with the following exceptions:
Absent: Francesca Escaleira, and Robert Riedinger

BOH 2026-R-2. AGREEMENT WITH MRHC

A motion was made by Bruce Ruck and seconded by Mitchell Jablons to adopt Resolution BOH 2026-R-2, for the Board of Health to enter into agreement with Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$139,069.00.
All were in favor with the following exceptions:
Absent: Francesca Escaleira, and Robert Riedinger

BOH 2026-R-3. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MRHC

Kevin Sumner gave a brief explanation of the Commission's function in serving as the Borough's Health Department and services provided by the Commission.

A motion was made by Diane Logan and seconded by Bruce Ruck to adopt Resolution BOH 2026-R-3, appointing Emma Jubin, Robert Riedinger and Alternate – Seth Weingarten to represent the Borough of Watchung at the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission meetings throughout 2026.
All were in favor with the following exceptions:
Absent: Francesca Escaleira, and Robert Riedinger

MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION REPORT

Kevin Sumner gave a summary of the Commission's finances and grants that will be expiring which currently support various employees as well as the future goals for the Commission to sustain these positions without grant funding.

MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION - STAFF REPORTS

November and December 2025 – Bruce Ruck questioned a mobile truck that was illegally parked at a shopping mall. A discussion followed pertaining to cannabis beverages being sold through vending machines and potential restrictions on cannabis-containing products. Kevin Sumner will check with the State to determine whether the Borough can restrict the sale of psychoactive substances. Diana Logan brought up the dangers of Kratom as well.

ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS MONTHLY REPORTS

November, December and 2025 Annual Reports
No comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Syringe Disposal announcements on website, social media and email blasts** - Kevin Sumner informed that information for syringe disposal is on the Commission's website. Councilwoman will make sure this topic gets announced and circulated. Mitchell Jablons informed that he sent information on e-bikes to be added to the Commission's website and inquired as to the status. Kevin Sumner informed of the State Bill requiring e-bike users to have a license to operate e-bikes. Bruce Ruck suggested that e-bikes be restricted from elementary and middle schools.

NEW BUSINESS

- **BOH Goals/Initiatives for 2026** - Bruce Ruck proposed to add another half hour to the next meeting to brain storm initiatives and ideas. Kevin Sumner stated that assessments are needed to determine what programs can take place.
- **MWC Goals/Initiatives for 2026** - Mayor Jubin mentioned that a grant was received for the renovation of Camp Endeavor and welcomed ideas on activities. Kimberly Brown suggested dance classes. Dámaris Gray invited anyone who is interested to come up with creative ideas to move MCW forward. Mayor Jubin informed of the plans for Community Connection Center which can be utilize to host various programs. Councilwoman Abi-Habib invited the board members to get involved in the Farmers Market to share important wellness information. Diane Logan volunteered her students to educate residents on public health at the Farmers Market.
- **Verizon Outage: Effects on Emergency Medical Assistance and Contingency Planning.** Bruce Ruck informed that 911 was still operational during the outage. He questioned what would happen if 911 was not active during an outage. He shared that in the past, colored porch lights were used to inform first responders of any emergency at that location.
- Bruce Ruck requested the Commission keep a detailed report for the next three to five years, tracking communicable, preventative, vaccine preventable disease and the increase or decrease of those infectious diseases.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm was made by Bruce Ruck and seconded by Mitchell Jablons. All were in favor with the following exceptions:

Absent: Charlene Virgilio, Robert Riedinger and Kimberly Brown

The next meeting is scheduled to be held March 18, 2026 at 6:30pm, in-person at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted,

Dámaris Quiñones-Gray

Secretary, Board of Health

Accepted: 3/18/2026

Watchung Environmental Commission Minutes Zoom Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026

1. Call to Order Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Present: Doug Speeney, Karen Pennett, Jennifer Principato, Coraleine Kitt, Marisa Perez, Anna Ginzburg.

Absent:, Aby Pachon, Paolo Marano

2. Welcome New Member

The Commission welcomed new member Anna Ginzburg, a longtime Watchung resident who recently retired. She expressed enthusiasm about contributing to the Commission and the Borough.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting were reviewed and approved

4. Tree Ordinance Overview and Discussion

Doug Speeney provided an overview of the Tree Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 24 of the Borough Code: <https://ecode360.com/35407190>). Karen Pennett shared her experience as a tree inspector, explaining how the ordinance protects the Borough's trees, residents, and environment by requiring permits for removals and enforcing replanting where applicable. Discussion followed:

- Anna Ginzburg inquired about post-removal follow-up, particularly compliance with replanting requirements. She noted limited observed replanting in her neighborhood.
- Karen explained that residents can report suspected unpermitted removals to the Borough. Many contractors are aware of permit requirements, which are also publicized in the town's newsletter (twice yearly).
- Marisa Perez asked about follow-up forms or verification after replanting. Karen noted this is an ongoing challenge, with many open permits.
- Doug reported that the issue was raised with the Borough last year, resulting in reminder letters to residents. He suggested following up with the Borough to confirm a structured follow-up procedure exists and that an ongoing list is maintained.

- Doug invited interest in assisting Karen with future tree inspections. Anna Ginzburg volunteered to join Karen on site visits.

5. Reports

a. Tree Report

Karen Pennett reported two inspections in March:

- Canterbury property: Application to remove 29 trees. Trees were poorly marked, some on steep slopes, others near a tennis court and wooded area (unsafe access). Permit was not signed off. Requesting Joe, DeMato to review
- 89 Orchard property: Locked gate; house appeared under construction; no one home. Trees to be removed were not marked. Inspection could not be completed.

Doug suggested notifying residents in advance of approximate inspection windows (though exact times are challenging due to Karen's availability).

b. Planning Board Report

Karen reported three resolutions passed regarding overlay zones.

- Two on Route 22 East (one near Blue Star Shopping Center, one near Riccardi Ford and Mount St. Mary's).
- One near the Triangle. On Somerset Street and Watchung Ave

Doug asked Karen to inquire with the Planning Board about how open space preservation affects future affordable housing obligations.

ShopRite/Raising Cane EV Charging Station Proposal

The developer proposes reducing EV charging stations at Blue Star from 67 make-ready spaces to 8 high-powered superchargers. Concerns were raised about impacts on the Watchung power grid and whether the chargers would be free or fee-based. Doug Speeney and Marisa Perez will schedule a call with the ShopRite engineer to discuss concerns before the Planning Board meeting.

6. Tree Order

An order for 30 Redbud and 30 White Oak saplings has been executed, with a ship date of April 13, 2026. The saplings will be distributed to the public over the coming weeks at various events, including the Watchung Community Clean Up (formerly Operation Pride).

7. Watchung Community Clean Up

Scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2026. The EC Riparian Buffer project will be rescheduled to the prior week (Saturday, April 18, 2026). Doug will email all members to confirm.

8. Eyeglass Recycling Follow-Up

Marisa Perez left a message with the Lions Club contact who manages the eyeglass recycling program in Warren.

9. Watershed Inventory Report Discussion

The report is Phase 1 of a three-phase Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) required under the Borough's Municipal Stormwater Permit (MS4). It addresses stormwater management issues such as storm drains, street sweeping, salting, and their impacts on watershed health, flooding, and water quality. Over the coming years, the Borough will develop a targeted plan, with opportunities for stakeholder input, including from the Environmental Commission.

Link:

<https://watchungnj.gov/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/stormwater/2115-watershed-inventory-report-initial-draft/file>

10. Open Forum / 2026 Project Discussion

- Congratulations to Karen Pennett for being honored by the Mayor and Town Council as part of Women of Watchung for her extensive volunteer service, including her many years with the Environmental Commission.
- Litter Campaign: Katherine Forlan (Code Enforcement/Planning Board) contacted Doug regarding trash accumulation around the Triangle. Suggestion to post a No Littering sign there. Members are asked to photograph and report overflow trash issues at businesses or public properties to Katherine at boardclerk@watchungnj.gov for code enforcement action.
- Thanks to Coraleine Kitt for compiling Watchung's 2026 EC member roster to the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC), so that we may receive direct communications, including alerts, webinar invites, and the ANJEC Report, and fully utilize the resources our dues provide.
- Karen noted excessive trash left after town events due to insufficient or poorly labeled recycling receptacles and lacking lids. Doug will follow up with Paolo Marano on our prior discussions regarding clean up measures during such events.

11. Next Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026 - 7:30 pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Principato
Secretary Environmental Commission

Library Advisory Committee
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026
7:00 p.m.
In-Person Meeting
TEMPORARY LOCATION
THE WATCHUNG LIBRARY
20 Stirling Road
Watchung, NJ

PRESENT:

Manuela Miracle
Catherine Leigh, President
Marianne Candiloros, Secretary, via phone
Bradford Leigh
Gail Tafaro, absent
Sonia Abi-Habib, Council Liaison
Maria Dahl, absent
Heather Berg, via phone
Marisa Perez

- * President calls meeting to order
- * Report from Librarian Manuela Miracle
Some highlights:

SCLS' attempt with COHA has revealed some issues regarding promised tools not delivering; for example, large backup functionality not as efficient as planned. Discussions ensuing to determine if we resort back to CARL. MAIN consortium gave us access to 52 other libraries but delivery an issue. Administration working with Library Commission to fine-tune.

Hillsborough is being carpeted and opening week of 3/16.

Boundbrook asbestos abatement completed and will reopen this year

New programs such as planetarium experience at Wilson Memorial, rolling weather bus - explore mobile hands on science map realtime data collection and simulation - April 24, 2026

We are fortunate to have Judi Doremus and Elizabeth Eversen back at our Watchung branch

Notary scheduled appointments are now available.

Org chart and scaling up staff
Summer job postings
Artistic ability, singing, programs

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Outreach to school - Robotics Club will
working at Watchung library
Ophir Marko won the Robotics contest.

Sonia Abi-Habib - Garden Club has been
discussing with Manny doing a program at library
Exploring program
250th anniversary
Medicinal herbs
Progress on library
March 12, 2026 at 7 p.m. is the Women of
Watchung presentation at the Watchung Arts Center
Fitness on Green exercise classes coming
back
Activities for centennial
Live with mywatchungnj - new app
Watchung was able to secure Sanofi-donated
furniture estimated value of \$80,000.
Fish Tank \$100 per month discussed
Bookclub:
You Never Forget Your First - George
Washington

President Catherine Leigh Report on Finances

Bill Hance:
\$22,294.85 - General Fund that keeps
increasing from book donations
Fish Fund \$3,831.59

Heather Berg
Working with Katie Summer regarding
reading plan to connected children
with library via a post card program
mailed to homes with book
recommendations

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Watchung Rescue Squad Council Report April 2026

March was a meaningful month for the squad. We honored the memory of former member Ruth Marie Murray, who served the Watchung Rescue Squad for 20 years, and commemorated Officer Matthew Melchionda on the anniversary of his line-of-duty death. The squad sent flowers to Ruth's services and members attended both memorials.

We are proud to share two promotions this month — Leo Marchetti advanced to Driver status and Nicole Sese achieved Full EMT Member status. We also welcomed four new cadets to the squad, all high school students from the surrounding area eager to serve their community.

On the equipment side, our new Ferno stretcher systems arrived and installation began this month. Ferno representative Julian came to our March drill to conduct in-service training for the membership. We also completed a full inventory and restocked supplies.

Our COPPR program conducted four CPR classes for the Watchung Police Department, and members participated in a 16-hour snow standby.

March 2026 Call Stats

BLS CALLS	12
ALS CALLS	5
RMA	6
CANCELED	1
Total Calls	25
Total Calls YTD	58

Top Responders-crew

Logan T. with 8 calls

Top Crew-shift: Wednesday night with 6 calls

Hospital Transports- Rec. Hosp

Overlook	12
RWJ Somerset	2
Morristown	2
RWJ NB	1



Watchung Rescue Squad Council Report May 2026

April was an active month for the squad. We held our monthly business meeting on April 14th and continued making progress on equipment upgrades, training, and community engagement.

On the equipment front, our new Ferno stretcher systems were successfully installed in both Rig 81 and Rig 82 by VCI. While minor bugs were expected with a brand-new system, both stretchers are in service. A Ferno technician has been scheduled to return to perform system updates and a board replacement on one of the stretchers. Additionally, Rig 82 received mandated work including a new latch for the CPR seat and a replaced oxygen pressure sensor, and both batteries were replaced. EMS-1 also had its power steering and oil cooler lines serviced.

We renewed our contract with Medical Director Dr. Letizia for \$3,500 for the year.

Our April drill was a firefighter rescue training held in conjunction with the Watchung Fire Department on April 28th. Cadet training this month focused on stroke awareness in recognition of Stroke Awareness Month in May.

We also participated in the community Easter egg hunt and are actively planning our involvement in several upcoming borough events, including the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25th and the Borough's 100th Anniversary Centennial Concert & Fireworks on May 30th at Phillips Field. The squad is also exploring participation in the Somerville annual bike races on Memorial Day.

Membership-wise, we are in the process of bringing on new probationary members and will be welcoming a new cadet class in June, with over 20 applicants currently being interviewed.

April 2026 Call Stats

BLS CALLS	14
ALS CALLS	3
RMA	8
CANCELED	0
PATIENT ASSIST	1

Total Calls 26

Total Calls YTD 83

Top Responders-crew

Seth W., Iris O. with 8 calls

Top Crew-shift: Thursday, Friday, Sunday with 5 calls

Hospital Transports- Rec. Hosp

Overlook 9

RWJ Somerset 6

Morristown 2

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R1**

WHEREAS, Applicant Catherine Furlan submitted a 2026 Borough of Watchung Recreation Summer Camp registration packet for her two (2) children for weeks 3, 5 and 6, and has cancelled all three weeks due to unforeseeable circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to authorize said refund and proceed with the return of the application fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund \$2,720.00 to Catherine Furlan, 300 Valley Road, Watchung, NJ 07069.

Curt S. Dahl, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2026
INDEX: RECREATION
C: D. GRAY

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R2**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung has received a Field and Facility Permit Application from Jason Parker which has been reviewed by Borough Officials; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey wishes to authorize said application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the use of the Phillips Field is authorized for the intended use as noted below and is hereby approved:

1. Jason Parker to hold a team bonding wiffleball tournament from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM on Friday, June 12, 2026
2. All approvals are subject to having appropriate insurance coverage, applicable departmental approvals, and receipt of appropriate fees, if applicable.
3. The applicant hereby acknowledges to follow the Borough's ordinances guiding the use of public parks cited under Chapter 16, cited as [§ 16-1. PUBLIC PARKS](#)

Curt S. Dahl, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2026
INDEX: RECREATION
C: DG, PD, DPW
OEM, FIRE,

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R3**

***AUTHORIZING REPAYMENT AGREEMENT
145 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD,
BLOCK 2201 / Lot 5***

WHEREAS, damage was caused to Borough property located at Mobus Field by a minor, for which the owner of property located at 145 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, New Jersey, also known as Block 2201, Lot 5 on the official Tax Map of the Borough of Watchung (hereinafter the “Property”), has accepted responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Borough incurred costs in the amount of \$2,510.50 for the repair and replacement of the damaged basketball backboard, including labor, materials, administrative expenses, and related costs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has entered into a repayment agreement with the property owner, and in the event of default under said agreement, the Borough may seek the collection of same through all applicable legal remedies.

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

1. The Borough hereby certifies the amount of \$2,510.50 representing the costs incurred for the repair and restoration of Borough property at Mobus Field.
2. In the event the property owner defaults under the terms of the repayment agreement, the appropriate Borough official is authorized and directed to take all required actions to collect the unpaid balance, including the filing of legal proceedings for same.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the property owner by both certified and regular mail at the owner’s last known address.

Curt S. Dahl, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2026
INDEX: RECREATION
C: FINANCE,
D. GRAY, MISC.

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R4**

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: A. Pigna Mason Contractors, 2552 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
Item: Police Station Sidewalks
Total Price: \$21,450.00
Charged to: C-02-244-A13

Vendor: Dell Marketing L.P. c/o Dell USA LP, PO Box 643561, Pittsburgh, PA 15264
Item: PowerEdge R470 Server
Total Price: \$28,783.96
Charged to: 6-01-610-207

Vendor: Garden State Fireworks, PO Box 403, Carlton Road, Millington, NJ 07946
Item: PowerEdge R470 Server
Total Price: \$28,783.96
Charged to: 6-01-610-207

Vendor: Grove Lock & Safe Co., 8 Grove Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060
Item: handicap System for Main Doors (Police Department & Court House)
Total Price: \$30,532.00
Charged to: 6-01-610-207

Vendor: Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Item: 2026 Ford Interceptor SUV
Total Price: \$42,746.00
Charged to: 6-01-190-223

Vendor: Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Item: 2026 Ford F-150 Responder
Total Price: \$48,552.00
Charged to: 6-01-190-223

Vendor: Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Item: Emergency Lights/Equip for Ford Interceptor
Total Price: \$21,775.31
Charged to: 6-01-190-223 & 6-01-190-247

Vendor: Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Item: Emergency Lights/Equip for 2026 Ford F-150

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R4**

Total Price: \$20,332.13
Charged to: 6-01-190-223 & 6-01-190-247

Curt S. Dahl, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2026
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R5**

WHEREAS, Levin Properties, L.P. c/o Levin Management Corporation (“Levin” or “Developer”) received preliminary and final major site plan approval, with variance relief, from the Watchung Borough Planning Board (the “Board”) for the development of a ± 4,320 square foot Raising Canes fast food restaurant on the property identified as Block 6404, Lots 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, & 2.04, at 1701 US Route 22 (the “Property”), which approval was memorialized by Resolutions adopted by the Board on May 27, 2025 (the “ Preliminary Approval”) and September 16, 2025 (the “Final Approval”); and

WHEREAS, the Approvals were granted subject to the Developer entering into a Developer’s Agreement with the Borough of Watchung, in addition to Developer’s compliance with all other conditions of the Approvals; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Developer negotiated a Developer’s Agreement in compliance with the conditions of the Approvals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung find it to be in the best interest of the Borough to enter into and execute the Developer’s Agreement with Developer assuring compliance with all terms and conditions of the Approvals.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Borough is hereby authorized to enter into the Developer’s Agreement with the Developer.
3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Developer’s Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.
4. The Borough Clerk, Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate officials are authorized to take appropriate actions to accomplish the authorizations set forth in this Resolution and the attached Developer’s Agreement, including the acceptance and execution of any additional land use approval compliance documentation.

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R5**

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Curt S. Dahl, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2026
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R6**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that **John Shpunder III** is hereby appointed as **Electrical Sub-Code Official** effective May 25, 2026, at an annual salary of **\$22,000.00**.

Paul Fischer, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2026
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C. TAYLOR

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

RESOLUTION: R8

WHEREAS, the James M. DuPont Meteorite Collection was one of the largest privately owned collection of meteorites in the world, with over 1,000 meteorites when the world total was only approximately 3,000 specimens at the time (the “Collection”); and

WHEREAS, after his death, Violetta DuPont gifted the Collection to the Planetary Studies Foundation (the “Foundation”), which is a non-profit organization created to foster scientific literacy and encourage interest in the sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation donated the Collection to the Peabody Museum at Yale University; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation now would like to donate a portion of the Collection, consisting of approximately fifty (50) meteorite chips that came from larger examples in the Collection in an 8” x 18” display case, to the Borough of Watchung for display at the Borough’s Texier Museum to honor the DuPont family who were long-time Watchung residents; and

WHEREAS, also included in the donation is a framed photo of James DuPont with a framed explanation of him and his Collection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to accept the donation of a portion of the Collection for display at the Texier Museum for public enjoyment.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it in the best interest of the Borough to accept the donation of the meteorite collection, and enter into a Permanent Loan (Donation) Agreement with the Foundation memorializing the terms of same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough hereby accepts the donation from the Foundation and authorizes the Borough to enter into the

Permanent Loan (Donation) Agreement with the Foundation memorializing the terms of the donation of the meteorite collection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Borough in the substantial form attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Borough officials and professionals are authorized to take all required actions to effectuate the authorizations in this Resolution and comply with the terms of the Agreement.

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

Curt S. Dahl, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
ORDINANCE NO. 26/10**

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG A PORTION OF CARRAR DRIVE.

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. Section 7-15 entitled “Parking Prohibits at all Times on Certain Streets” of Chapter 7 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of the Borough of Watchung is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language **bold and underlined** and deleted language ~~double-strikethrough.~~]

Chapter 7. Traffic.

§7-15. PARKING PROHIBITS AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS.

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof described below.

Name of Street	Sides	Location

Carrar Drive	Both	From its intersection with Mountain Boulevard (CR 527) to <u>the northern boundary of #51 Carrar Drive</u> its intersection with Shawnee Drive

[Note to Codifier: Please insert the new language alphabetically within the table.]

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

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:
Passed:
Published:
Adopted:

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Colleen Lange, Borough Clerk

By: _____
Ronald Jubin, Mayor

1st READING

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R7**

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 May 21, 2026.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:
 - Attorney-Client Privilege/Potential Litigation – 31 Tuttle Road
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.

Curt S. Dahl, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2026
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