WHEREAS, Section 2-25.13 of the Code of the Borough of Watchung requires that contracts for purchases or services involving more than two thousand dollars 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:

EvensonBest, PO Box 2311, New York, NY 10087

Item:

PD- Desk Replacement

Total Price: Charged to: \$7,424.30 2-01-190-221

Vendor:

General Code, PO Box 772512, Detroit, MI 48277

Item:

Code Analysis, Composition, Duplication of Supplement #2

Total Price:

\$2,407.73

Charged to:

1-01-120-258

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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B. HANCE

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 \$325,216.89 per the attached bill list. The expenditures can be broken down into the following categories:

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Affordable Housing Trust	\$	1,120.50
Grant Fund	\$	107.91
Capital Fund	\$	2,150.00
Developer's Escrow	\$	3,440.25
Other Escrow	\$	10,252.50
Current Fund	\$	308,145.73
Total Expenditures:	\$	325,216.89
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Christine Ead	Curt Dahl	
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Keith Balla, Mayor

James Damato, Administrator

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WHEREAS, the Watchung Rescue Squad has submitted the roster of Volunteers eligible for a stipend for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally approve the stipend amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial	Officer certifies that funds are available in the
2022 budget.	Within & House

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to pay the Watchung Rescue Squad 2021 stipends per the attached schedule.

Chief Financial Officer

Ronald Jubin, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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B. HANCE, RESCUE SQ

APPROVING THE PUBLISHING AGREEMENT WITH HOMETOWN PRESS FOR THE PUBLISHING OF THE BOROUGH NEWSLETTER, AND AWARDING THE CONCESSION TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING WITHIN THE NEWSLETTER.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung issues a periodic newsletter to the residents of the Borough to provide information on resources, events, news and to spotlight individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Borough incurs expense and employee time with regard to the preparation, publication and distribution of the newsletter; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has negotiated an agreement with Hometown Press to provide for the publication and distribution of the Borough's newsletter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Borough will only reimburse Hometown Press the mailing costs, not to exceed \$1,500.00, with Hometown Press' costs to be recuperated through commercial advertising in the newsletter; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will grant a concession, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4, to allow Hometown Press to allow for commercial advertising in the newsletter; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Watchung has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to authorize and approve the terms of the agreement with Hometown Press for the publication and distribution of the Borough newsletter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes and approves the Publishing Agreement with Hometown Press to publish and distribute the Borough newsletter, including the granting of a concession pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4 to allow for the commercial advertising therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that it hereby authorizes the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and other appropriate Borough official effectuate the authorizations in this Resolution, including the execution of the Publishing Agreement with Hometown Press, in substantial the form attached to this Resolution.

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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B. HANCE,

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MAHA AT WATCHUNG, LLC, WITH REGARD TO THE POTENTIAL SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT AT THE WATCHUNG CIRCLE

WHEREAS, there exists a pedestrian sidewalk along Stirling Road and around the Watchung Circle, which sidewalk terminates and ends at the intersection with Valley Road; and

WHEREAS, the Borough owns the property identified as Block 4401, Lot 7, located at 12 Stirling Road (the "Borough Property"), upon which the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's Watchung Library Branch (the "Library") is located; and

WHEREAS, also located on the Borough Property is a garage/shed structure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is investigating the potential extension of the sidewalk along Stirling Road, along Valley Road, to connect same to existing sidewalk along Valley Road in the area of the Borough-owned Best Lake property; and

WHEREAS, within this area the public right-of-way is not wide enough for the Borough to construct the sidewalk extension without obtaining and easement from the adjacent property owner; and

WHEREAS, Maha at Watchung, LLC, is the record title owner of the property identified as Block 4401, Lot 6, 75 and 20 Stirling Road, in the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Maha Property"), which has frontage along Stirling Road and Valley Road at the location of the Borough's potential sidewalk extension project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has engaged in discussions with representatives of Maha at Watchung, LLC, with regard to the granting of the requisite easements to the Borough to allow for the Borough's potential sidewalk extension project, and have agreed upon the general terms of same, which have been memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the MOU sets forth the general understandings of the parties, including the granting of easements, the granting of ownership of the garage/shed structure, and the paving of the parking lot on the Borough Property; all of which is subject to due diligence investigation, including surveys, engineering review and appraisals of the subject properties, as set forth therein, with more specific and final terms and conditions of same to be further negotiated and agreed to in additional written agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Watchung has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to authorize and approve the MOU, subject to satisfactory completion of its due diligence investigations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Borough of Watchung that it hereby authorizes and approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Maha at Watchung, LLC, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that it hereby authorizes the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, and other appropriate Borough official to effectuate the authorizations in this Resolution, including the execution of the MOU, in substantial the form attached to this Resolution.

Christin B. Ead, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 3, 2022

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### AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE HOMETOWN HERO BANNER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung recognizes and honors veterans and active-duty members of the United States armed services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to participate in the Hometown Heroes Banner Program (the "Program") to display banners honoring current and former residents of the Borough, current and former employees of the Borough, and current and former volunteers in the Borough, who are veterans or active-duty members of the armed services, and

WHEREAS, the costs for the Program shall be funded by donations to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the implementation of the Program through Clear Point Designs, New Providence, New Jersey, which entity has provided similar services in numerous neighboring municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Program is expected to rollout by Memorial Day, May 30, 2022. With all forms/submissions required to be received by Monday, April 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Watchung has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to authorize and approve the establishment of the Hometown Hero Banner Program in the Borough.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes, approves and supports the Hometown Hero Banner Program ("Program") in the Borough, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The Banners are to be displayed twice per year, on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. Banners will be installed approximately two (2) weeks prior to the holiday; and taken down approximately two (2) weeks after the holiday.
- 2. The Banners are to be installed on the existing thirty-two (32) lamp posts and other poles located on both sides of Somerset Street.
- 3. All forms/submissions must be received by the Borough by Monday, April 4, 2022. Any submission received after April 4<sup>th</sup> will be produced for the following year. All forms must be submitted with the name of the submitter and authorized signature for approval to display
- 4. A map of the location of the Banners on Somerset Street shall be made available to the public. The installation of the Banners on any poles owned by a public utility shall be subject to written approval from such public utility. The locations of the Banners shall remain the same for subsequent displays as reasonably permitted.

- 5. The Banners are to be installed by the Borough Department of Public Works, subject to applicable rules and regulations by the County of Somerset.
- 6. The costs associated with the Hometown Hero Banner Program shall be funded through donations, which the Borough shall hold in trust on behalf of the Program
- 7. The costs associated with the Hometown Hero Banner Program shall be billed by Clear Point Designs, which shall be subject to final agreement and/or approval of invoices from Clear Point Designs, upon agreed upon costs and fees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that it hereby authorizes the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and other appropriate Borough official effectuate the authorizations in this Resolution, including the execution of any required agreement with Clear Point Designs for the implementation of the Program and creation of the banners consistent with the authorizations of this Resolution.

Christine B. Ead Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED:

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