

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Amended Ordinance **OR:20/03** entitled: "AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXVIII, ENTITLED, "LAND DEVELOPMENT", SECTION 28-502, ENTITLED "FENCES AND WALLS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG" has been adopted after public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to publish notice of adoption, in accordance with law. This ordinance shall become effective after final passage, adoption and publication, in accordance with law.



Eisenberg Knechten, Council Member



Keith S. Balla, Mayor

Date: June 18, 2020

Index: Code

C: Court Administrator

Zoning 6/24/20

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ORDINANCE OR:20/03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXVIII, ENTITLED, "LAND DEVELOPMENT", SECTION 28-502, ENTITLED "FENCES" OF THE REVISED GERNERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents to amend Chapter XXVIII, entitled, "Land Development", Section 28-502, entitled "Fences and Walls" to allow and provide for a six (6) foot fence above the ground to enclose the rear and side yards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Chapter XXVIII, entitled, "Land Development", Section 28-502(A)(1) is hereby amended to state as follows:

§ 28 – 502 Fences and Walls

Fences and walls may be erected on a lot, subject to the following provisions:

A. General Requirements.

1. In a residential district, a fence or wall may be erected to a total height of four (4) feet above the ground, except that the supporting post may extend to a height of four and one-half (4 1/2) feet above the ground. However:

(a) Fences shall be no more than fifty (50%) percent solid;

(b) An estate fence may be erected to a height of six (6) feet above the ground, except that the supporting post may extend to a height of six and one-half (6 1/2) feet above the ground.

(c) Fences may be erected from the front edge of a residence and may extend into the side and rear yards to enclose an area ending at an edge perpendicular to the front of the residence at a height of six (6) feet above the ground, except that the supporting post may extend to a height of six and one half (6 ½) feet above ground. Fences erected pursuant to the within subsection are not required to comply with subsection (a) above.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that all prior ordinances, or sections of ordinances, inconsistent with the within ordinance are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that all remaining sections of Chapter XXVIII, Section 28-502 not amended herein or inconsistent with the within ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that this ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and publication according to law.

INTRODUCED BY: Eisenberg Knegten

PASSED: June 4, 2020

PUBLISHED: June 11, 2020

ADOPTED: June 18, 2020

Roll Call								
Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Abstain	Absent
Robinson		x	x					
Black			x					
Goodloe			x					
Eisenberg Knegten	x		x					
Jubin				x				
Martino			x					

ATTEST:



Edith G. Gil, Borough Clerk



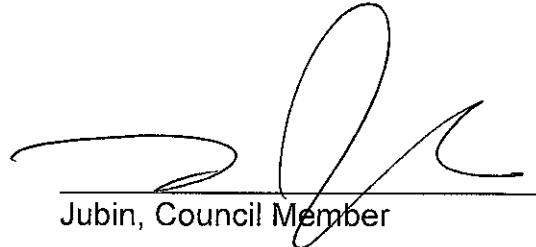
Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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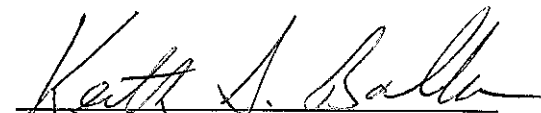
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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Watchung hereby declare that the conditions concerning the public hearing of the municipal budget set forth in subsection 1.a and 1.b of N.J.S.A.40A:4-8 have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by not less than a majority of the full membership of the Governing Body, that the 2020 Municipal Budget shall be adopted in accordance with law on June 18, 2020



Jubin, Council Member



Keith S. Balla, Mayor

Date: June 18, 2020

INDEX: Fin. Budget
C: W. Hance

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2020

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the BOROUGH
of WATCHUNG, County of SOMERSET that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby
adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 11,335,308.00 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
(b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
(c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of
the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
(d) \$ 363,133.26 (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
(e) \$ - (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert last name)

Ayes	Robinson	Nays	Abstained
	Black		
	Goodloe		
	Eisenberg Knegten		
	Jubin		
	Martino		Absent

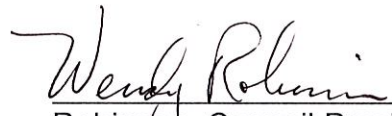
1. General Revenues				SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
Surplus Anticipated				08-100	\$	1,070,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated				13-099	\$	3,262,992.00	
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes				15-499	\$	150,000.00	
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSED (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)				07-190	\$	11,335,308.00	
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:							
Item 6, Sheet 42				07-195	\$	-	
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)				07-191	\$	-	
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY					\$	-	
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:							
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)				07-191			
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX				07-192	\$	-	
Total Revenues				13-299	\$	15,818,300.00	

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Watchung that the following Officers have completed their probationary year and Chief Cina is recommending that they be removed from probationary status and retained as first year patrolmen:

Officer Sage Kaneshige (effective June 1, 2020)

Officer Dan Peltack (effective June 15, 2020)


Robinson, Council President


Keith S. Balla, Mayor

Date: June 18, 2020

INDEX: Appointments, Police

C: B. Hance
E. Horsfall 6/24/20
J. Cina

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung wishes to submit a grant application to the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Municipal Aid for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to have the Borough's Consulting Engineer, CME Associates, prepare the necessary application for said grant application.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset and the State of New Jersey that CME Associates is authorized to prepare the NJDOT grant application for Municipal Aid for Fiscal Year 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$2,410.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough certifies that funds in the amount of \$2,410.00 are available in the 2020 municipal budget under budget code 0-01-150-281.



Black, Council Member



Keith S. Balla, Mayor

DATE: June 18, 2020

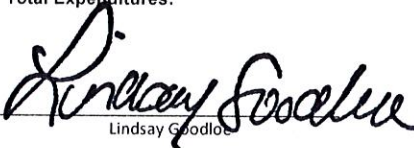
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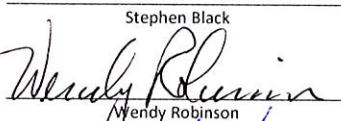
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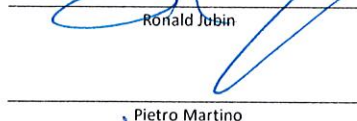
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung,
that the Borough Treasurer be, and is hereby directed to pay bills in the amount of
\$2,872,720.70 per the attached bill list. The expenditures can be broken down into
the following categories:

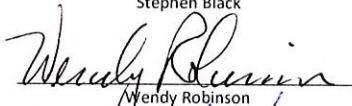
Affordable Housing Trust	\$	-
Animal Control	\$	4,209.75
Assessment Trust Fund	\$	-
Capital Fund	\$	309,067.12
Developer's Escrow	\$	-
Other Escrow	\$	34,720.00
Watchung Board of Education Taxes	\$	669,615.00
Watchung Hills Regional High School Taxes	\$	763,227.00
Somerset County Taxes	\$	-
Somerset County Library Tax	\$	-
Somerset County Open Space Tax	\$	-
Current Fund	\$	1,081,201.83
Grant Fund	\$	8,680.00
Watchung Community Foundation	\$	2,000.00
Total Expenditures:	\$	2,872,720.70

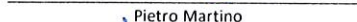

Lindsay Goodloe


Daryl Eisenberg Kregten

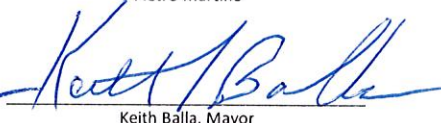

Stephen Black

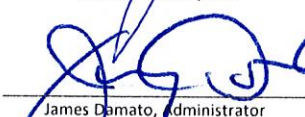

Ronald Rubin


Wendy Robinson


Pietro Martino


William J. Hance, CFO


Keith Balla, Mayor


James Damato, Administrator

Date: June 18, 2020

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WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence defined the United States of America as a democracy based on the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by the consent of the people; and

WHEREAS, the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law to all Americans and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, and national origin; and

WHEREAS, in the 21st Century, Black people in America continue to live in fear of losing their lives at the hands of errant law enforcement, racists, or members of white supremacist groups; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old father of two, pleaded for his life while handcuffed and on the ground as a Minneapolis police officer pushed his knee into Floyd's throat for nearly nine minutes, ultimately killing George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, racism and related preventable deaths and other injustices continue to plague residents of our country despite many pleas for change;

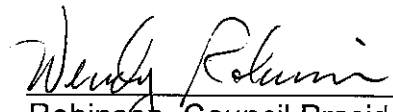
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung condemn the killing of George Floyd and any and all acts of racism and discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of George Floyd and to all who have suffered loss of life and have been hurt by acts committed by individuals who disrespect Black lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council support peaceful protests that call for meaningful and lasting change to treat all people equally with honor, respect, love, and dignity as black lives matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council aim to make the Borough of Watchung an even more welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for all who live, work, and visit here regardless of their national origin, color, race, religion, age, physical or mental abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic status or political opinion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will further constructive dialogue and intentional policies to address diversity, equality, inclusion, and justice and will continue to forge a bond among our citizens to work together in unity for the betterment of all.



Robinson, Council President



Keith S. Balla, Mayor

Date: June 18, 2020

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**RESOLUTION
PLAN OF ACTION FOR
DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, INCLUSION, AND JUSTICE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that diversity, equality, inclusion, and justice are vital to a better understanding of our citizens' various perspectives as well as the performance of public service to the residents and businesses of Watchung; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council understand that representation from a wide range of groups is an essential element in staffing Borough departments that serve Watchung residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are committed to garnering participation of all groups within Municipal operations by seeking to recruit, hire, and retain employees from the various groups that reflect the diversity of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are dedicated to learning how real, systemic, and transformational change may be necessary to rid our government, police, economy, and all other aspects of our culture of the racism that daily harms so many in our society; and

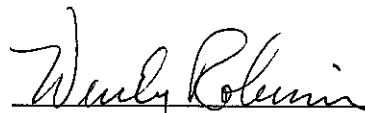
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the commitment to diversity, equality, inclusion, and justice requires continuous efforts and actions over the long term;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung through its Ad Hoc Committee on Investigating Diversity ("Ad Hoc Committee"), will conduct a review of all policies, procedures, complaints, and other records to ensure that they protect the rights of minorities and are not biased towards a select segment of the population, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Council will:

- 1) Conduct one meeting for each of the Borough's five voting Districts within the guidelines of social distancing to enlist residents' input on issues of justice, equality, diversity, and inclusion; and
- 2) Moderate each meeting with the objective of listening to the concerns and issues expressed by the residents and their recommendations for solutions for improvement from the community. Each meeting will be moderated by the Mayor and two Council members; and
- 3) Consolidate district meeting outcomes to review all issues, concerns, and recommendations;

- 4) Coordinate meeting results with reporting from the Ad Hoc Committee; and
- 5) Consult with professionals regarding best practices for conducting district meetings, establishing a public-input committee, and implementing solutions;


Robinson, Council President


Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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WHEREAS, Michelle DeRocco retired effective May 31, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, Michelle has accumulated 356.25 hours of vacation, 15 hours of personal and 821 hours of sick time to be paid at her current hourly rate of pay.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Watchung that Michelle DeRocco receive payment for accumulated employee benefits as follows:

Vacation Time 356.25 hours x \$55.00	\$19,593.75
Sick Time 821 hours /2 = 410.50 hours x \$55.00	\$22,577.50
Personal Time 15 hours x \$55.00	\$825.00
Total:	\$42,996.25



Jubin, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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Personnel 6/24/20