

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 19, 2023

MAYOR’S STATEMENT: Mayor Jubin called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and stated the following: *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, Echoes Sentinel, the Star Ledger, posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough’s website. No public comment shall be allowed to be made virtually or accepted in writing and read into the record. All writings received shall be acknowledged and accepted by the Council as regular correspondence. The Borough may broadcast its meetings virtually for public viewing as a courtesy.*

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD

ROLL CALL

Ead [P] Hayeck [P] Dahl [P] Fischer [P] Marano [P] Abi- Habib [P]

Mayor Jubin advised that Mayor-Office hours would commence and they would on the Wednesdays of the week before each council meeting from 6pm to 7pm. He encouraged Council to consider implementing the same.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Jubin read the following proclamations:

- ❖ Radon Awareness Month
- ❖ Black History Month

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- No one appearing

DISCUSSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Construction Code Department Monthly Report	December 2022
Historical Committee Meeting Minutes	September 21, 2022

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Mayor and Council Executive Session Minutes	December 8, 2022 December 22, 2022
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting Minutes	December 22, 2022 January 5, 2023
Police Activity Monthly Report	December 2022
Rescue Squad Monthly Report	December 2022

Council President Ead motioned to accept the above, second by Hayeck

Roll Call Ead [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y]

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

*R1: Repealing Resolution R15 Adopted on November 5, 2020 to Rescind Public Meeting Procedures and Procedures for Public Comment Originally Established During a Public Health Emergency

R2: Authorizing Purchase Orders over \$2,000 –Messercola Excavating (*2023 snow plowing*)
Penyak Roofing Co., (*DPW- roof at borough hall*)

R3: Authorizing Grant Application to NJDEP's Radon Awareness Program

R4: Authorizing Refund of \$4.00 for Overpayment of Dog License Renewal

R5: Authorizing Raffle Licenses #670 and #671 to the Watchung Parent Teacher Organization for Activities on March 17, 2023

R6: Authorizing Raffle License #672 to Mercy Guild of Mount St. Mary Academy for Activities on March 24, 2023

Council President Ead motioned to Adopt the above, second by Hayeck

Roll Call Ead [Y] *Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y]

*Hayeck [N]

*Council Member Hayeck provided comment on his vote for R1

R7: Authorizing Bill List

Council Member Abi-Habib motioned to Adopt the above, second by Hayeck

Roll Call Ead [Abstain] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y]

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NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

R8: Authorizing Volunteer Appointments to Historical Committee and Recreation Commission

Council Member Fischer motioned to Adopt the above, second by Ead

Roll Call Ead [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y]

R9: Authorizing Bingo License BL-4 to the Watchung Parent Teacher Organization for Activities on March 17, 2023

Council President Ead motioned to Adopt the above, second by Hayeck

Roll Call Ead [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y]

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

- 1) Ron Cynthian, paving and milling of Johnston Drive, enjoyed driving and then it was dug up by PSE&G. Mayor Jubin asked Administrator to comment. Mr. Damato advised that there was a fire hydrant that was damaged shortly after and the water company had to dig through and fix the hydrant. He noted the borough was also not pleased with this and meetings were held with Officials of the water company to express all the concerns received.

In closing, Mayor Jubin commented he was eager to move the Mayors Wellness Campaign forward, Council Member Marano solicited public input and encouraged residents to email him with ideas on what they wanted to see. Council President Ead said they were looking forward to the changes coming to Mobus Field and noted that more would be reported at the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon there being no further business, the meeting ended to the Call of the Chair at 7:57 P.M. The next meeting of the Mayor and Council will be Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith G. Gil
Borough Clerk
Approved: February 2, 2023