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:

Foveonics Document Solutions,

999 Willow Grove St. Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Item:

Document Imaging Project

Total Price:

\$40,000.00

Charged to:

0-01-610-204

Vendor:

Communications Specialists, 11c Hart Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Item:

Annual Radio Maintenance

Total Price:

\$9,844.80

Charged to:

0-01-190-268

Vendor:

Treasurer-State of New Jersey, P.O. Box 417, Trenton NJ 08646

Item:

DEP Discharge Permit

Total Price:

\$2,000.00

Charged to:

0-01-150-281

Wendy Robinson, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung advertised for bids to be received on September 10, 2020 for Online Tax Sale Hosting services; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received from Realauction.com LLC in the amount of \$15 per certificate advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available in line item 0-01-140-255.

William J. Hance, Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to award the online tax sale hosting service contract to Realauction.com, LLC for \$15 per certificate advertised for a total anticipated amount not to exceed \$600.00.

Ronald Jubin, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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WHEREAS, due to a conflict of interest of the Borough Attorney, there is a need to appoint Special Counsel to represent the Borough of Watchung regarding an investigation; and

WHEREAS, a proposal dated September 11, 2020 to represent the Borough in this matter was submitted to the Borough Administrator by Calvin W. Sounder, Esq. from the firm of Souder, Shabazz & Woolridge Law Group and the Borough Administrator recommends the award of a contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that

funds are available in line item 0-01-145-279

William J. Hance, Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for professional services to Calvin W. Sounder, Esq. from the firm of Souder, Shabazz & Woolridge Law Group; 17 Academy Street, Suite 1200, Newark, NJ 07102, at an hourly rate of \$250, total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract was not awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. but has been awarded based on the merit and ability of Calvin W. Sounder, Esq. to provide the services described herein. As herewith attached, Calvin W. Sounder, Esq. and Souder, Shabazz & Woolridge Law Group attests that their subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made a contribution that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any State, county or municipal committee of a political party; any legislative leadership committee; any continuing political committee; any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office, when the contract is awarded.

BE IT FURTER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise the award of this contract within ten days from the date hereof in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.)

Wendy Robinson, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the appointments of Denise Fichner, Nicole DiTota and Debra Chiu as Members of the Watchung Municipal Youth Services Commission to fill one-year unexpired terms ending December 31, 2020, be and are hereby confirmed.

Wendy Robinson, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 APPOINTMENTS

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WHEREAS, Joseph R. Cina has been a long time Member of the Watchung Police Department, beginning his career in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Cina has served as a Patrol Officer, a Field Training Officer, a Detective, a DARE Officer, a Sargent in Patrol and Administration, a Lieutenant and Acting Chief all prior to 2014; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Cina was appointed to Chief of the Police Department as of January 2014 and has been instrumental in overseeing the progression of the Watchung Police Department, made up of dedicated men and women who are responsible for the safety and security of all of our residents and guests; and

WHEREAS, Chief Cina has made a decision to retire as of October 1, 2020, providing him more time to enjoy his family and life's blessings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey and on behalf of the residents of the Borough, commend and thank Chief Joseph R. Cina for his years of leadership and commitment to the community, and extend best wishes for a very healthy, happy and rewarding retirement from local government!



Wendy Robinson, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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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 \$2,856,875.65 per the attached bill list. The expenditures can be broken down into the following categories:

Affordable Housing Trust	\$ •
Animal Control	\$ -
Capital Fund	\$ 43,231.50
Developer's Escrow	\$ 10,921.53
Other Escrow	\$ 77,092.13
Watchung Board of Education Taxes	\$ 1,129,505.00
Watchung Hills Regional High School Taxes	\$ 674,719.00
Current Fund	\$ 921,406.49
Grant Fund	\$
Watchung Community Foundation	\$ w.
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,856,875.65

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Daryl Eisenberg Knegten

Ronald Jubin

Keith Balla, Mayor

Stephen Black

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James Damato, Administrator

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey has received a Field and Permit application for the use of Blackadar Field; and

WHEREAS, the application on file is deemed a complete application and has been reviewed by the Recreation Coordinator for use on the dates noted below and is therefore being recommended to Council for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the use of Blackadar Field is authorized for the intended use listed on the application on file with the Borough and as noted below:

- 1. Mr. B's Volleyball Sports Camp / B-Actice, LLC from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on September 28th, October 1st, 2nd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 29th, 30th
- 2. All approvals are subject to having a complete application on file and after having been approved by the Office of Emergency Management and the Board of Health

Wendy Robinson, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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September 17, 2020 Recreation, Permits

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung has received a Field and Permit application for the use of the Gazebo for a Wedding Ceremony at Watchung Lake filed by Noreen Scuderi, a non-resident; and

WHEREAS, the application on file is deemed a complete application, pending only a certificate of insurance which will be obtained by the applicant if approved by Council, and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Coordinator has reviewed the application and hereby recommends to Council for approval of the Gazebo for use on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Gazebo at Watchung Lake may be rented out to Noreen Scuderi, a non-resident of Watchung in the amount of \$100.00 for use on October 17, 2020 for the intended use listed on the application on file with the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all approvals are contingent upon having a Certificate of Insurance and payment of all applicable fees.

Wendy Robinson, Council Presiden

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 RECREATION, PERMITS

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung originally adopted Resolution R10 at its June 4, 2020 municipal council meeting which temporarily relaxed the prohibition of outdoor dining until July 17, 2020 in order to provide assistance to local retail businesses during the current public health pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body also adopted Resolution R10 on July 16, 2020 and R11 on August 20, 2020 further extending the original resolution until September 18, 2020, unless extended further by way of formal resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to continue to temporarily allow outdoor dining under the current social distancing restrictions to its local retail businesses and wish to allow such extension until October 16, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Resolution R10 adopted on June 4, 2020 is hereby further extended until October 16, 2020, unless again further extended by formal resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all other sections of Resolution R10 adopted on June 4, 2020 remain unchanged and in effect.

Ronald Jubin, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung greatly appreciates the many volunteers who donate their time for the good and well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is aware that volunteerism is becoming rarer as people try to juggle many activities in their busy lives; and

WHEREAS, this is especially true when the position one is volunteering their time for is a dangerous one, where in a moments' notice their life can be put on the line for the safety of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the appointments of the following individuals, as Members of the Watchung Fire Department are hereby proudly approved.

Christopher L. Monrroy

Anthony J. Hayeck

Matthew R. King

Raymond M. King

Kevin J. Lauerman

Andrew Sarna

Frederick J. Hayeck

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of Watchung hereby commends these volunteers for serving our community in this capacity.

Pietro Martino, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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FIRE DEPT., FINANCE,

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 September 17, 2020.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Anticipated Litigation Personnel Matters

- 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.
- 4. The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.
- 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Wendy Robinson, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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