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:

Everbridge, PO Box 92506, Las Vegas, NV 89193

Item:

Nixle 360 Annual Subscription

Total Price: \$2,935.50 Charged to: 3-01-190-273

Vendor:

All American Auto Old Bridge, 3698 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Item:

2022 Ford Transit Connect

Total Price: \$43,006.59

Charged to: G-03-585-202

B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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PURCHASING

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B. HANCE

WHEREAS, a recycling plan has been enacted by the Borough of Watchung for all recyclable materials as designated by the Somerset County Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung is desirous of retaining the services of Somerset County for said recycling services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that a contract be entered into with Somerset County to provide recycling services for Borough residences for the year 2023 at an annual rate of \$26.70 per household.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 this contract be issued without competitive bidding is awarded in accordance with law.

hristine B Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor

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AWARDS-CONTRACTS

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W. HANCE, ENG., COUNTY DPW

WHEREAS, Mayor Ronald Jubin has recommended the appointments of the individuals for the terms as listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the following appointments are hereby confirmed:

COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TERM

Carolyn Solon

Ending December 31, 2023

Cindy Homer

Ending December 31, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

TERM

Andrea Stout

Denise Soppas

Ending on December 31, 2025 Filling unexpired vacancy

Ending on December 31, 2025

Filling unexpired vacancy

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

TERM

Keli Leunes, Alternate #2

Ending on December 31, 2023

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor

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APPOINTMENTS

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ENV. COM.,

WHEREAS the following properties received a tax appeal judgment on their added and omitted assessment, thereby reducing the amount due on their accounts; and

WHEREAS, the judgments were not received by the tax office until January 17, 2023, and

WHEREAS, because of this time delay the properties were charged with delinquent interest and penalties, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the property owners should not pay delinquent interest or penalties on the amounts that have been reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is authorized to reimburse the properties below for the interest that was assessed for the added and omitted tax amounts included in the judgments:

Block 7302 Lot 11	40 Vail Lane	\$61.48
Block 3601 Lot 16	33 Lakeview Avenue	\$735.53
Block 3601 Lot 15	41 Lakeview Avenue	\$30.40
Block 1305 Lot 4	190 Washington Drive	\$1,811.11
Block 302 Lot 15	122 Sunlit Drive	\$14.43
Block 301 Lot 8	151 Sunlit Drive	\$1,399.95

Christine B. Fad, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung has received a Field and Facility Permit Application which has been reviewed by the Recreation Coordinator; 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 RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the use of Best Lake and/or Watchung Lake is authorized for the intended use as noted below and is hereby approved:

- 1. Mr. B's Sports Camp dba B-Active LLC, to hold Fishing Camp, from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M., Monday thru Friday, from June 19, 2023 through August 25, 2023.
- 2. All approvals are subject to having appropriate internal approvals, a complete application and insurance on file, if applicable.

Sonia Abi-Habib, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph. D., Mayor

ADOPTED:

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RECREATION

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LM, PD

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Commissioners, along with the Somerset County Department of Human Services, supports the designation of Stigma-Free Communities in every municipality; and

WHEREAS, at their September 26, 2017 meeting, the Somerset County Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution supporting the designation of Somerset County as a Stigma-Free Community; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County recognizes that one in five Americans has experienced mental health and substance use disorders, in a given year according to the National Institute of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems are more common than cancer and heart disease combined, affecting children and adults, including more than half of our Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans treated at Veteran's Administration hospitals; and

WHEREAS, given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions who need help; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated these conditions is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease; and

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Communities aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of mental health and substance use disorders and create a culture wherein residents feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed; and

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat mental health and substance use so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless; and

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Communities will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Borough of Watchung recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Somerset in designating Watchung as a Stigma-Free Community

Paolo Marano, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED:

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BOH, MISC.

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BOH

ACCEPTAING A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,400.00 UNDER THE FY2023 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NUMBER 23-1821, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUBGRANT AWARD, AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung was awarded funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request, and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Watchung for the purpose described in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that:

- As a matter of public policy the Borough of Watchung wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety and accepts this Safe & Secure Grant.
- 2. The Borough is authorized to accept a subaward grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$32,400, under the Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant # 23-1821, with a match and fringe benefits, for a total project cost of \$347,400.00.
- 3. The Mayor and Police Chief are authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to a subgrant award in connection with this grant, and all documents in connection with this grant.
- 4. The Borough of Watchung is accepting this grant of funds for the purpose described in the application.

- 5. The amount of the award is \$32,400 with a match of \$315,000 by the Borough.
- 6. The Subaward Number is 23-1821 and the period is from April 8, 2023 April 7, 2024.

Paglo Marano, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution finally adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung held on February 2, 2023 and duly recorded in my office; that all requirements of law pertaining to the conduct of said meeting and the passage of this resolution were observed; and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Edith G. Gil Municipal Clerk

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C: A. HART, B. HANCE

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CMS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REPAIRS TO VARIOUS STORM CULVERTS

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, sealed bids were opened on behalf of the Borough of Watchung for the Repairs to Various Storm Culvers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough opened eight (8) bids on February 1, 2023 in the following amounts:

	Bidder	Bid Base Amount
1.	CMS Construction Inc., 521 North Avenue	\$193,785.00
	Plainfield, NJ 07060	
2.	Messercola Excavating Co. Inc. 549 East Third Street Plainfield, NJ 07060	\$245,495.00
3.	Salmon Bros., Inc. P.O. Box 67 Netcong, NJ 07857	\$307,295.00
4.	Reivax Contracting Corp. 165 River Road Flemington, NJ 08822	\$372,450.90
5.	KDP Developers 424 Coventry Drive Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	\$455,985.00
	Samson Concrete & Masonry	\$480,175.00
LL	120 S. Main Street, Suite A Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	
7.	T. R. Weniger, Inc. 1900 New Brunswick Ave Piscataway, NJ 08854	\$590,706.00
8.	Montana Construction Corp. Inc. 80 Contant Avenue Lodi, New Jersey 07644	\$643,111.00

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers, the Borough's consulting engineer, reviewed all of the bid proposals and found that the lowest numerical bid submitted by CMS Construction Inc., was recommended for award by Remington & Vernick Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate Borough Officials have certified the sufficiency of funds for the award of contract for the 2023 Repairs to Various Storm Culverts Project, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Council of the Borough of Watchung has determined pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1, *et seq.*, CMS Construction Inc., is the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the 2023 Repairs to Various Storm Culverts Project with a total bid in the amount of \$193,785.00, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq CMS Construction Inc.. is the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the 2023 Repairs to Various Storm Culverts Project with a total bid in the amount of \$193,785.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that it hereby awards a contract for the 2023 Repairs to Various Storm Culverts Project to CMS Construction Inc., 521 North Ave, Plainfield, NJ 07060 in a total amount not to exceed \$193,785.00 subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and all Borough Officials and employees, to take all necessary action to effectuate the within Resolution, including but not limited to the Mayor and Borough Clerk's execution of the contract awarded herein and the implementation thereof consistent with the terms of this Resolution and executed contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of a fully executed contract, the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return the bid bonds of all unsuccessful bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available in accounts 2-01-610-201 and 3-01-610-201.

William J. Hance, CFO / QPA

Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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ROADS, AWARDS,

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B. HANCE, ENG.,

WHEREAS, due to the flooding caused by Hurricane Ida in 2021, various stormwater culverts throughout the Borough are in need of repair and/or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has applied for and obtained funding from FEMA to assist in the repair and/or replacement of various stormwater culverts throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, some of the culverts are located on private property; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the work on the stormwater culverts on the private properties through the FEMA funding, the Borough is required to access certain portions of the private properties, and the Borough does not have an easement for such access; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Grantee to obtain access to portions of the private properties to perform such work, and has requested temporary construction access licenses from the private property owners.

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 authorizes the acceptance of the temporary construction licenses from the private property owners for the completion of the repairs to the stormwater culvers through the FEMA funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Temporary Construction Access License Agreements, in substantially form attached hereto, on behalf of the Borough.

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 License Agreements for the completion of the project.

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

Christline B. Edd, Council Presider

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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