

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R1**

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Municipal Budget was adopted on April 18, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey did not approve the budget in time for the Somerset County Tax Board to establish the 2024 Tax Rate in time for the August 1, 2024 due date as tax bills require payment twenty-five days after mailing of same.

**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 hereby authorized to extend the grace period for the third quarter tax payment of 2024 to September 3, 2024, as per NJ State Statute provisions, with the fourth quarter tax payment remaining due on the established date of November 1, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the normal 10-day grace period for payments received after the due date, does not apply, as the grace period is already being extended.

  
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

  
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Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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C: CFO, TAX CLERK

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R2**

***GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT***

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2023** has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Borough Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days (45) after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

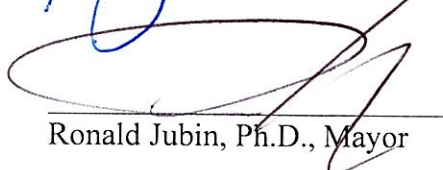
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**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

  
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Christine B. Each, Council President

  
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Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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C: DLGS, B. HANCE

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AT  
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 18, 2024.***

  
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EDITH G. GIL, RMC

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R3**

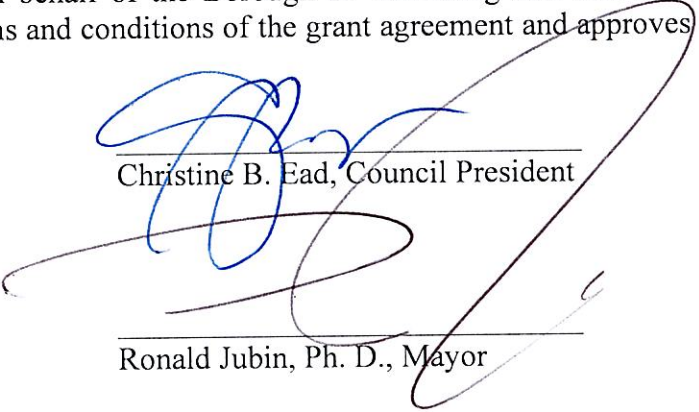
***APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT  
CONTRACT WITH NJDOT FOR FY 2025 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT***

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Watchung is in need of roadway restoration improvements along: Brookdale Road, Skyline Drive, & Anderson Road, the Borough wishes to apply for grant funding for roadways to be milled and/or repaired where necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the submission of the grant application for the FY 2025 Road Improvements Project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Engineer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-NJDOT Road Improvements FY25-00559 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Watchung.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Engineer, and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Watchung and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.


  
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

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Ronald Jubin, Ph. D., Mayor

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My signatures and the Seal of the Borough serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and  
AFFIX SEAL

  
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(Borough Clerk)

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MAYOR JUBIN  
(Presiding Officer)

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R4**

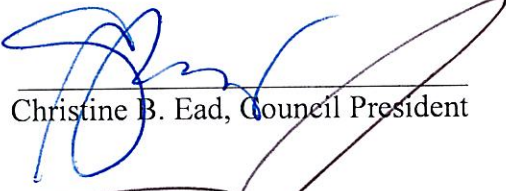
***AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SOMERSET COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION GRANT***

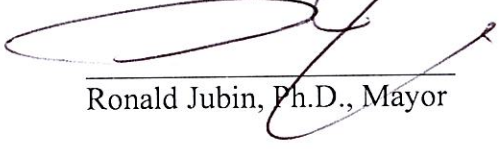
**WHEREAS**, the County of Somerset is offering Municipal Youth Services Commission 2024 – 2025 grant;

**WHEREAS**, this grant passes through to the Watchung Board of Education schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes the submission of the following Municipal Youth Services grant to the County of Somerset:

School District Pursuit of Excellence	\$6,000.00
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

  
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Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
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**WHEREAS** the following property paid their second quarter 2024 property taxes on time through the online payment process; and

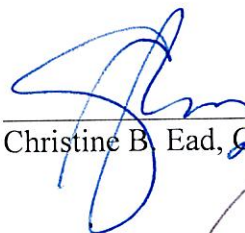
**WHEREAS**, due to the timing of the payment and the online payment procedure, the payment was not credited until after the tax grace period, and

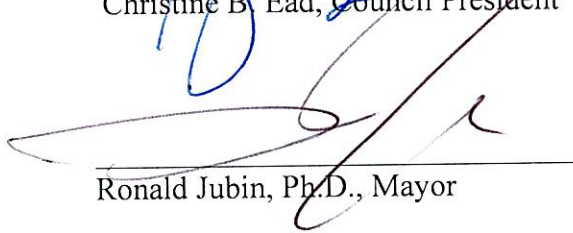
**WHEREAS**, this resulted in a delinquency of the second quarter and the account has accrued interest, and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the property owners should not pay delinquent interest or penalties on the amount due to this issue.

**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 credit the property below for the interest that was assessed.

Block 203 Lot 16	55 Glen Eagles Drive	\$27.56
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

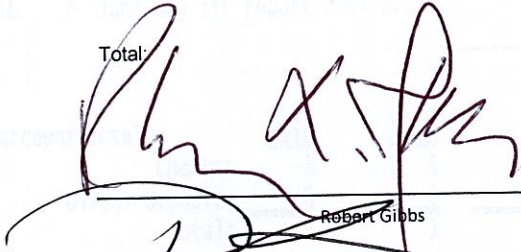
  
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Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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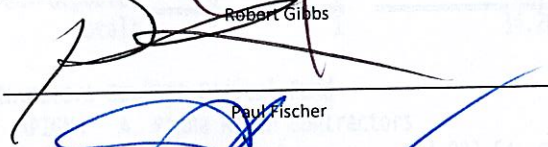
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION

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 \$3,150,261.65  
per the attached bill list. The expenditures can be broken down into the following categories:

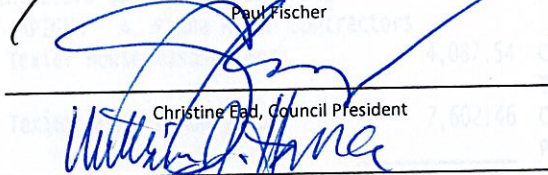
Affordable Housing Trust	\$	668.50
Animal Control	\$	34.20
Watchung Community Foundation	\$	-
Developer Escrow	\$	51,880.37
Other Escrow	\$	57,014.57
Somerset County Taxes	\$	-
Capital Fund	\$	61,414.06
Grant Fund	\$	250.00
Watchung Borough Board of Education	\$	798,706.00
Watchung Hills Regional High School	\$	5,000.00
Current Fund	\$	2,175,293.95
Total:	\$	3,150,261.65



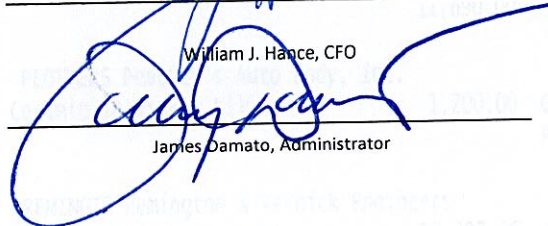
Robert Gibbs



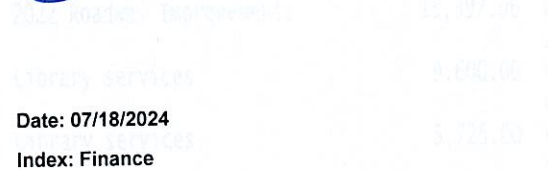
Paul Fischer



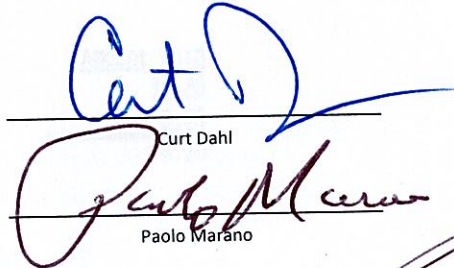
Christine Ead, Council President



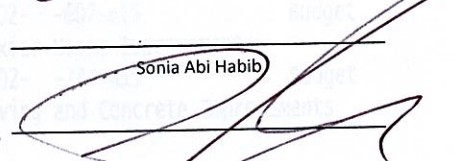
William J. Hance, CFO



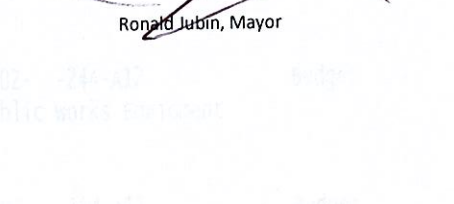
James Damato, Administrator




Curt Dahl



Paolo Marano



Sonia Abi Habib



Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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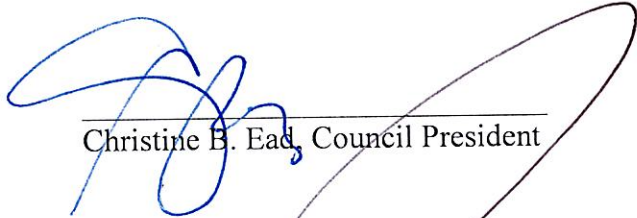
**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R7**

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Senatus, the owner of 105 Scott Drive, also known as Block 1604 Lot 4, filed an application with the Tax Assessor for a 100% disabled veteran tax exemption on July 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor granted the exemption under NJSA 54:4-3.6 with an effective date of June 20, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that 105 Scott Drive be granted 100% tax exemption status effective with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2024 taxes and that the following amount be refunded for the second half of 2023 and first half of 2024 taxes.

Daniel Senatus  
105 Scott Drive  
Watchung, NJ 07069  
\$18,586.71



Christine B. Ead, Council President



Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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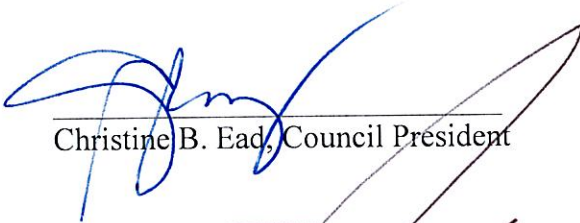
**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R8**


**WHEREAS**, the Borough has received a Field and Facility Permit application and the Borough's Recreation Coordinator has reviewed the completed application as submitted and hereby recommends its approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey wishes to authorize the request to use the Watchung Lake Gazebo.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset that the use of the Watchung Lake Gazebo is hereby authorized for the intended use as noted below:

1. Chai Center for Jewish Life, use of Watchung Lake Gazebo for a holiday ritual ceremony, from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM, on Thursday, October 3, 2024.

  
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

  
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Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R9**

**WHEREAS**, Watchung Crest, LLC, is the current owner of the property located at Block 43.04, Lot 17.11 in the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, located at 23 Blue Wolf Trail (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has an existing 20' Wide Sanitary Sewer Easement traversing a portion of the Property (the "Easement"); and

**WHEREAS**, Watchung Crest, LLC, requested a revocable license from the Borough to allow for the construction and location of a proposed fence across the Borough's Easement at two (2) locations on the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the Watchung Crest, LLC's request and recommends that the Borough authorize this request conditioned upon the full execution of a Revocable License; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and Watchung Crest, LLC, negotiated and agreed upon a Revocable License, which shall be recorded with the Somerset County Clerk's Office, be binding on all successors of title to the Property, and run with the land; and


**WHEREAS**, the Borough finds it reasonable and appropriate to grant this Revocable License to the Watchung Crest, LLC, to allow for the location of the proposed fence across and within the Borough's Easement on the Property.

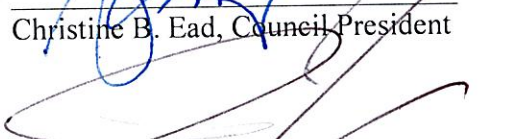
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough hereby authorizes the granting of the Revocable License to Watchung Crest, LLC, to allow for the location of the proposed fence across and within the Borough's Easement on the Property.

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

**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 Revocable License.

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

  
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

  
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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

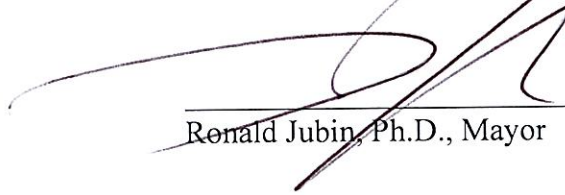
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R10**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the appointment of **Brittany Statuto** as **Part-time Administrative Assistant** at an hourly rate of \$22 per hour, effective August 1, 2024, is hereby confirmed.



Paul Fischer, Council Member



Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R11**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,150.00 UNDER THE FY2024 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NUMBER 24-1821, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF, TO EXECUTE AND THE BOROUGH CLERK, TO ATTEST TO 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

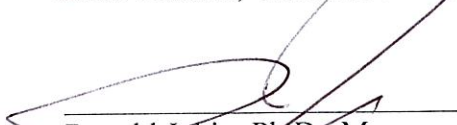
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request, and

**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:

1. 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 \$45,150.00, under the Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant # 24-1821, with a match and fringe benefits, for a total project cost of \$334,344.00.
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 \$45,150 with a match of \$289,194 by the Borough.
6. The Subaward Number is 24-1821 and the period is from April 8, 2024 – April 7, 2025.


  
Paolo Marano, Council Member

  
Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R11**

**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 July 18, 2024 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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CC: S. ANDERLE, B. HANCE

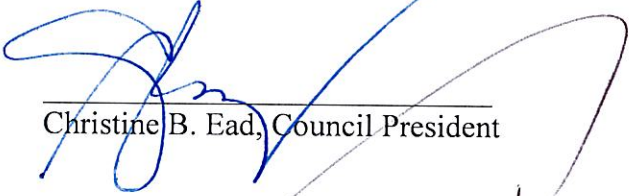
**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R12**

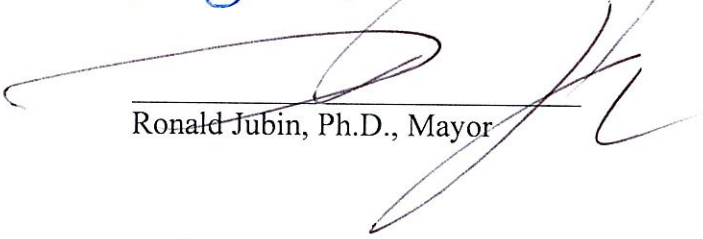
**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**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 July 18, 2024.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:
  - a. Contract negotiations regarding Beechwood Avenue Culvert
  - b. Contract negotiations regarding Swim Club
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.

  
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Christine B. Ead, Council President

  
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Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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