



# Borough of Watchung

15 Mountain Boulevard  
Watchung, New Jersey 07069

## RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 5, 2023

6:30 P.M.

### MAYOR

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D.

### COUNCIL

Freddie Hayeck

Curt S. Dahl

Christine B. Ead

Paul Fischer

Paolo Marano

James J. Damato  
**Business Administrator**

Edith G. Gil  
**Borough Clerk**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AND BROADCASTED LIVE VIA ZOOM. PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN-PERSON, THROUGH ZOOM OR VIA EMAIL TO THE BOROUGH CLERK. BELOW ARE INSTRUCTIONS:**

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA**

**JANUARY 6, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.**

**MAYOR’S STATEMENT:** 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 2022 Annual Meeting Notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, the Star Ledger, posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough’s website. Public Comments will be accepted in-person, through zoom or by email to the Borough Clerk. For those joining through Zoom, please note that upon arrival you are automatically muted.

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

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OFFICE**

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D.	Mayor
Paul Fischer	Council Member
Paolo Marano	Council Member

**INVOCATION** – Reverend Monsignor William Benwell, St. Mary’s – Stony Hill Church

**ROLL CALL**

Hayeck [ ] Dahl [ ] Ead [ ] Fischer [ ] Marano [ ]

**NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**RESOLUTION**

R1: Authorizing Appointment of Council Member to Fill Vacancy

**APPOINTMENTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

*The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.*

R2: Designation of Official Newspapers – Echoes Sentinel, Courier News, Star Ledger, and  
TAP into Watchung (Electronic News Source)

R3: Adoption of Annual Calendar of Meeting Dates

R4: Designation of Depositories – Investors Bank and Citizens Bank

R5: Re-establish Petty Cash Funds – Borough Clerk, Police Chief

R6: Adoption of 2023 Temporary Budget

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
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R7: Payment of Property Taxes and Establishing Payment Procedures

R8: Appointment of JIF Commissioner

R9: Appointment of Fire Chief and Assistant Chief

**OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE AND OFFICE**

Matthew King          Rescue Squad Captain

Jeiner Betancourt      Rescue Squad First Lieutenant

Charles Pivnichny      Fire Chief

Albert DeSandolo      Assistant Fire Chief

**NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

R10: Awarding Professional Services Contract – Tax Appeal Attorney, DiFrancesco Bateman  
Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.

R11: Awarding Professional Services Contract – Prosecutor, DiFrancesco Bateman  
Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.

R12: Awarding Professional Services Contract – Labor Counsel, Ruderman & Roth, LLC

R13: Awarding Professional Services Contract - Borough Attorney, DiFrancesco Bateman, Kunzman,  
Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.

R14: Awarding Professional Services Contract – Professional Engineers, Remington & Vernick  
Engineers

R15: Awarding Professional Services Contract – Bond Counsel, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann,  
LLC

R16: Awarding Professional Services Contract – Auditor, Suplee, Clooney & Company

R17: Awarding Professional Services Contract – IT Consultant, Marmic Associates

R18: Awarding Professional Services Contract – Risk Manager, Meeker Sharkey & Hurley

R19: Appointments of Volunteers to Boards, Committees, Commissions

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA**

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**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE SERVICES**

10 Years:      Robert Tucker, Fire Department

5 Years:        Jonathan Christian, Fire Department  
                     Joanne Bowden, Construction Code Department  
                     Leonard W. Young, Construction Code Department  
                     Elvia Horsfall, Finance Department  
                     Regina Angelo, Administration/ Clerk's Office

**MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

**COUNCIL'S ADDRESS**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

*Individuals commenting are limited to **3 minutes** per person, and will not be permitted to speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. For those joining us through Zoom, you will need to click on the "Raise your hand" feature. For those joining us through the conference call line, you will need to press \*9 to raise your hand, when prompted press \*6 to unmute yourself. If a group is represented by an attorney, the attorney will be given 5 minutes to make the presentation for the group.*

**BENEDICTION** - Reverend Monsignor William Benwell, St. Mary's – Stony Hill Church

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on January 19, 2023

*EXPLANATION: A Resolution filling the vacancy of the former Council Member Ronald Jubin in the Borough Council for his unexpired term.*

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION R:1\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, at the November 2020 general election Ronald Jubin was elected to the office of Council Member for a three (3) year term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, by correspondence to the Borough Clerk dated December 30, 2022, Council Member Jubin announced his resignation from his seat on the Borough Council effective as of 12:59 p.m. on December 31, 2022, which seat thereafter became vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, the vacancy in the Borough Council follows the procedures established pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Vacancy Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 16-1 *et seq.*, specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11(a); and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Jubin, being a nominee of the Borough's Republican Committee, a municipal political committee, the Watchung Republican Committee by correspondence dated January 3, 2023, submitted three (3) names of proposed nominees to fill the vacancy for Mr. Jubin's unexpired term of office ending on December 31, 2023, within the statutorily prescribed time-frames as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11; and

**WHEREAS**, after review and consideration of the three (3) nominees provided, the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung desire to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, who is qualified pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-10, to fill the vacancy in the office of Council Member held by Ronald Jubin, which term will end on December 31, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of Council Member formerly held by Ronald Jubin for the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends on December 31, 2023.
2. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution and they shall remain in full force and effect.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

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Council President

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
INDEX: MISC.  
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R2**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Echoes Sentinel, Star Ledger, and Courier News be and are hereby designated as the official newspapers for the year 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that TAPinto Watchung be designated as an official electronic newspaper for the year 2023.

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Council President

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
INDEX: MISC.  
C: T. SNYDER, R. ANGELO,

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R3**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the following schedule of meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year, including the 2024 Re-Organization Meeting, are hereby confirmed.

- January 19
  - February 2, 16
  - March 2, 16
  - April 6, 20
  - May 4, 18
  - June 1, 15
  - July 13
  - August 10
  - September 7, 21
  - October 5, 19
  - November 2, 20\*
  - December 7, 21
- January 4, 2024 (Re-Organization Meeting) to be held at 6:30 P.M.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that while in-person council meetings can safely be held, following all State and CDC recommendations, they shall be held at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, New Jersey.

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R4**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the following be designated as depositories for the year 2023:

Investors Bank  
Citizens Bank

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that checks issued by the Borough of Watchung be signed by three authorized officers as noted below, except payroll checks, which only require the signature of the Chief Financial Officer or Deputy Treasurer.

One signature from the Mayor:	Mayor or Chair of Administration & Finance Committee
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One signature from the Finance Department:	Chief Financial Officer or Deputy Treasurer
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One signature from the Borough Clerk's Office:	Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that checks issued by the Borough of Watchung Municipal Court be signed as noted below:

One signature from The Municipal Court's Office:	Court Administrator
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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R5**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that based on prior approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Petty Cash Accounts be re-established as follows:

Chief of Police	\$300.00
Borough Clerk	\$100.00

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Council President

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
INDEX: MISC., FINANCE-BUDGET  
C: B. HANCE

## RESOLUTION: R6

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the following appropriations shall constitute the temporary budget for the year 2023: with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Law which provides that the total of \$5,185,000.00 shall not exceed the temporary appropriations to provide for the period temporary appropriations to provide for the period between January 1, 2023 and the adoption of the budget.

	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
Borough Council	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00
Administrative & Executive	\$34,000.00	\$15,000.00
Borough Clerk	\$51,000.00	\$15,000.00
Elections		\$500.00
Financial Administration	\$38,000.00	\$9,000.00
Auditor		\$15,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$23,000.00	\$10,000.00
Collection of Taxes	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00
Legal Services & Costs		\$30,000.00
Engineering Services & Costs	\$29,000.00	\$30,000.00
Public Buildings	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
Bulk Pickup		\$500.00
Planning Board	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
Recycling		\$15,000.00
Insurance:		
Group Insurance for Employees		\$300,000.00
Workers Compensation		\$45,000.00
Other Insured Premiums		\$50,000.00
Fire		\$25,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00
Police	\$891,009.20	\$55,000.00
Construction Code		
Building Inspector	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00
Plumbing Inspector	\$6,000.00	
Fire Protection Official	\$6,500.00	
Electrical Inspector	\$6,000.00	
Emergency Management Services	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
First Aid Organization		\$500.00
Sewer System	\$12,000.00	\$5,000.00
Sewer Interlocal Agreements		\$100,000.00
Board of Health	\$500.00	\$25,000.00
Dog Regulation		\$2,000.00

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	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
Streets & Roads	\$205,000.00	\$50,000.00
Gas & Oil		\$45,000.00
Street Lighting		\$14,000.00
Traffic & Beautification		\$500.00
Environmental Commission		\$500.00
Historical Commission		\$500.00
Recreation Commission	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
County Library		\$12,000.00
Utilities		\$4,000.00
Public Defender	\$100.00	
Electricity		\$32,000.00
Public Employees Retirement System		\$140,000.00
Police & Fireman Retirement System		\$200,000.00
DCRP Employer Contribution		\$5,000.00
Contribution to Social Security System		\$120,000.00
Municipal Alliance Contribution		\$500.00
Municipal Court	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
Safe and Secure Communities-Local	\$10,000.00	
Water		\$3,000.00
Heating Fuel		\$10,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service		\$50,000.00
Telephone		\$15,000.00
Sub Total	\$1,434,609.20	\$1,521,000.00
Total		\$2,955,609.20
Capital Improvement Fund		\$10,000.00
Payment of Notes		\$200,000.00
Note Interest		\$50,000.00
Payment of Bond Principal		\$1,100,000.00
Interest on Bonds		\$700,000.00
EIT Loan:Principal & Interest		\$80,000.00

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	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
Green Trust Loan:Principal & Interest		\$30,455.60
Best Lake Dam Loan		\$46,637.40
EDA Principal & Interest		\$12,297.80
Sub Total		<u>\$2,229,390.80</u>
Grand Total		<u>\$5,185,000.00</u>

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Council President

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023

INDEX: FINANCE-MISC.

CC: W. HANCE

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**RESOLUTION: R7**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Taxes shall be collected quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2023.
2. Payment of taxes shall be remitted to the Tax Collector of the Borough of Watchung.
3. Interest shall be charged and calculated at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date the actual payment is received.
4. There shall be a 10-day grace period, after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest from the due date.
5. Redemption fee for Tax Sale Certificate to the Municipality as follows:
  - a. 2% on certificates \$200.00 to \$4,999.99
  - b. 4% on certificates \$5,000.00 to \$9,999.99
  - c. 6% on certificates of \$10,000.00 or more
6. Redemption amounts shall be obtained from the Tax Collector. The property owners shall be entitled to receive two redemption calculations free of charge per calendar year. Subsequent calculations and calculations for the lienholder shall be charged of \$50 per calculation.
  - a. Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate or Certificate of Redemption - \$100
  - b. In lieu of publication, notice of tax sale to be mailed - \$25 per mailing
7. A fee of \$20.00 shall be charged on each returned payment.
8. Duplicate bill fee of \$5.00 shall be charged upon request, excluding property owners.
9. The Tax Collector is authorized pursuant to P.L. 1979, Chapter 82, as amended by P.L. 1996, Chapter 113 (C.40A:9-154.1) to cancel a refund and/or balance of any municipal charge of less than \$10.00 without further action of the Governing Body.
10. Be it further resolved that a 6% year-end penalty be assessed on the last day of the fiscal year on delinquent accounts when in excess of \$10,000.
11. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of this resolution.

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Council President

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
INDEX: FINANCE-MISC.  
C: W. HANCE, TAX CLERK

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R8**

**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 Borough Administrator James J. Damato as Commissioner to the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) for 2023, be and is hereby confirmed.

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Council President

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Ronald Rubin, Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R9**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the following appointments are hereby confirmed for one-year terms, ending December 31, 2023:

**Fire Chief**

**Charles Pivnichny**

**Assistant Fire Chief**

**Albert DeSandolo**

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Council President

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**RESOLUTION: R10**

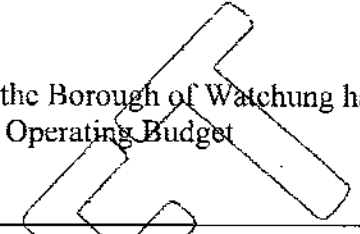
**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2023 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Mayor has recommended DiFrancesco Bateman Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. as the Borough's Tax Appal Attorney for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
William J. Hance, CFO

**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 Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute individual contracts for the services of the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposals submitted:

Award to: DiFrancesco Bateman Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.  
15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059

Amount: \$165.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts have been awarded upon recommendation by the Administration, after review and based on the merits and abilities of these professionals to provide the goods or services as described herein. These contracts are being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
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C: W. HANCE



**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**RESOLUTION: R11**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Mayor has recommended DiFrancesco Bateman Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. as the Borough's Prosecutor for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

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William J. Hance, CFO

**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 Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute individual contracts for the services of the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposals submitted:

Award to: DiFrancesco Bateman Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.  
15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059

Amount: Not to exceed \$39,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts have been awarded upon recommendation by the Administration, after review and based on the merits and abilities of these professionals to provide the goods or services as described herein. These contracts are being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
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C: W. HANCE

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R12**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator and CFO/QPA and the Council wishes to award a contract to Ruderman & Roth, LLC as the Borough's Labor Counsel for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00 and has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

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William J. Hance, CFO

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for Labor Counsel services for the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposal submitted:

Award to: Ruderman & Roth, LLC, 150 Morris Avenue, Suite 303, Springfield, NJ 07081  
Amount: \$165/hourly rate, Not to exceed \$25,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this contract is being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. for a month-to-month as-needed basis and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise the award of this contracts within ten days from the date hereof in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.).

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R13**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Council wishes to award a contract to DiFrancesco, Bateman Kuzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. as the Borough's Attorney for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00 and certifies that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

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William J. Hance, CFO

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for the services of Borough Attorney in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposal submitted:

Award to: DiFrancesco, Bateman Kuzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059

Amount: Rate of \$165/hour, Not to exceed \$60,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this contract is being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. for a month-to-month as-needed basis and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise the award of this contracts within ten days from the date hereof in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.).

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: JANUARY 5, 2023  
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C: W. HANCE

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**RESOLUTION: R14**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Council wishes to award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers as the Borough's Engineer for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

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William J. Hance, CFO

**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 Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute individual contracts for the services of the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposals submitted:

Award to: Remington & Vernick Engineers, 3 Jocama Boulevard, Suite 2, Old Bridge, NJ  
08857

Amount: \$175/hour, Not to exceed \$300,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts have been awarded after review and based on the merits and abilities of these professionals to provide the goods or services as described herein. These contracts are being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R15**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Council wishes to award a contract to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC as the Borough's Bond Counsel for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

  
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William J. Hance, CFO

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute individual contracts for the services of the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposals submitted:

Award to: McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, 75 Livingston Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor,  
Roseland, NJ 07068  
Amount: Not to exceed \$25,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts have been awarded after review and based on the merits and abilities of these professionals to provide the goods or services as described herein. These contracts are being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**RESOLUTION: R16**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Mayor has recommended Suplee, Clooney & Company as the Borough's Auditor for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

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William J. Hance, CFO

**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 Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for the services of the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposals submitted:

Award to: Suplee, Clooney & Company, 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090  
Amount: Not to exceed \$40,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts have been awarded upon recommendation by the Administration, after review and based on the merits and abilities of these professionals to provide the goods or services as described herein. These contracts are being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R17**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Mayor has recommended Marmic Associates as the Borough's IT Consultant for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

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William J. Hance, CFO

**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 Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for the services of the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposals submitted:

Award to: Marmic Associates, 13 Snicker Road, Warren, NJ 07059  
Amount: \$11,880.00 maintenance contract  
\$125.00/hr. for additional services at a rate not to exceed \$40,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts have been awarded upon recommendation by the Administration, after review and based on the merits and abilities of these professionals to provide the goods or services as described herein. These contracts are being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
RESOLUTION: R18**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. provides for the Borough of Watchung to solicit proposals through the fair and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received solicited proposals on November 29, 2022 and said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Administrator, and CFO/QPA and the Council wishes to award a contract to Meeker Sharkey & Hurley as the Borough's Risk Manager for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has determined that the value of the contracts may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available in the following account: General Operating Budget

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William J. Hance, CFO

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute individual contracts for the services of the following Professionals in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposals submitted:

Award to: Meeker Sharkey & Hurley, 645 Martinsville Road, Suite 310, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Amount: 6% of Annual JIF Assessment

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts have been awarded after review and based on the merits and abilities of these professionals to provide the goods or services as described herein. These contracts are being awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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

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Council Member

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Ronald Jubin, Mayor

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