

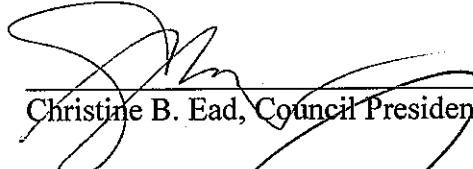
**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R1**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung has received a Field and Facility Permit Application which has been reviewed by Borough Officials; and

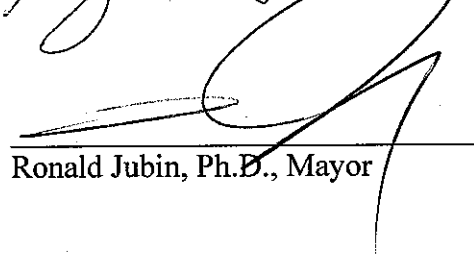
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey wishes to authorize said application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY 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 Fishing Camp dba B-Active LLC, to host a Fishing Camp, from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M., Monday thru Friday, starting on June 17, 2024 through August 23, 2024.
2. All approvals are subject to having appropriate insurance coverage, applicable departmental approvals, and receipt of appropriate fees.



Christine B. Ead, Council President



Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 21, 2024
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R2**

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

1. The Garden Club, to hold plant sale, from 7 A.M. to 1 P.M., on May 11, 2024 (Rain Date: May 12)
2. All approvals are subject to having appropriate insurance coverage, applicable departmental approvals, and receipt of appropriate fees.



Christine B. Ead, Council President



Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 21, 2024
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**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R3**

WHEREAS, applicant, My Deck, LLC., applied for a building permit (Permit #24-0078) and overpaid an additional \$5.00 and is now due a refund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund \$5.00 to My Deck, LLC, 8 Highway 31, Flemington, NJ 08822, for overpayment of construction permit #24-0078.



Christine B. Ead, Council President

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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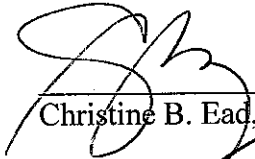
**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R4**

**CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION'S 'ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST
AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964'**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.


Christine B. Ead, Council President


Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 21, 2024
INDEX: BUDGET-MISC
C: B. HANCE, DLGS

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the resolution passed at the Watchung Borough Council meeting held on March 21, 2024.


Edith G. Gil, RMC

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R5

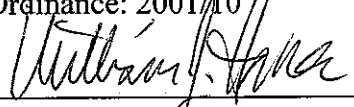
WHEREAS, it is necessary to retain the services of the Professional listed below for the year 2024; and

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 proposal on January 8, 2024 and said proposal was reviewed by the Mayor and Administrator, and Council wishes to award a contract to Potter Architects for Proposed Design Development services (Phase 2) in connection with the rehabilitation of the Watchung Library; 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: Capital Ordinance: 2001/10



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 Borough Officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for the services of the following Professional in their area(s) of expertise, in accordance with the proposal submitted:


Award to: Potter Architects, LLC, 410 Colonial Avenue, Union, NJ 07083
Amount: Not to exceed \$100,000

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.).



Paul Fischer, Council Member




Ronald Jubin, Mayor

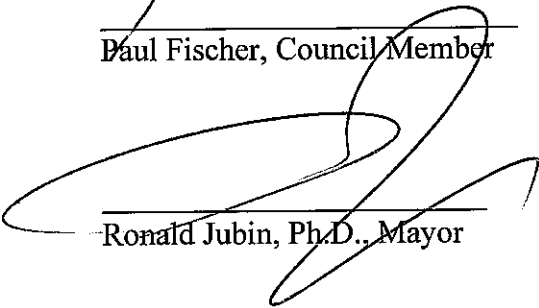
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INDEX: AWARDS - PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS
C: W. HANCE

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R6**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorize the appointment of **Catherine Furlan** as **Part-Time Land Use Board Clerk** to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board at an hourly rate of \$29.00 for a maximum of 25 hours a week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Clerk shall also provide assistance to the Construction Office, under the direction of the Zoning Official, and upon obtaining the Planning/Zoning Board Secretary Certificate, her salary shall be adjusted and that this resolution is hereby ratified to March 14, 2024.



Paul Fischer, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 21, 2024
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C: FINANCE, ZONING,

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R7**

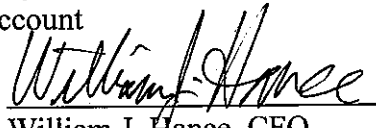
***AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC. TO
PERFORM APPRAISAL INSPECTIONS AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION
WITH THE 2025 BOROUGH WIDE REASSESSMENT PROGRAM***

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung desires to engage a Certified Appraiser to furnish professional appraisal inspections and related services in connection with the 2025 Borough wide reassessment program; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Watchung solicited proposals for the provision of appraisal inspections and related services in connection with the 2025 Borough wide reassessment program and recommends the proposal received from Appraisal Systems, Inc. 264 South Street Building 2, Suite 1B, Morristown, NJ 07960 in the amount of \$24.50 per inspection and \$50.00 per inspection for any required added assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has reviewed the proposal and based upon 450 proposed inspections and the possible inspections required for added assessments determined the costs associated therewith to be reasonable and appropriate, and has recommended and requested an award of contract to Appraisal Systems, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$11,500.00; and

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


William J. Hance, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Borough of Watchung that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement, in a form acceptable to the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Assessor and Borough Legal Counsel with:

Award to: Appraisal Systems, Inc. 264 South Street Building 2, Suite 1B, Morristown, NJ 07960
Amount: Not to exceed \$11,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that it hereby authorizes all Borough officials and employees to take all necessary action to effectuate the within Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER 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.).


Paul Fischer, Council Member


Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 21, 2024
INDEX: AWARDS
C: B. HANCE, E. KERWIN

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the BOROUGH of WATCHUNG, County of SOMERSET for the Fiscal Year 2024

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2024;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Echoes- Sentinel
in the issue of March 28, 2024

The Governing Body of the BOROUGH of WATCHUNG does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2024:

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert Last Name)

Ayes

EAD

FISCHER

MARANO

GIBBS

Nays

Abstained

Absent

DAHL

ABI-HABIB

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the BOROUGH
of WATCHUNG, County of SOMERSET, on March 21, 2024.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Watchung Municipal Building, on April 18, 2024 at
7:30 PM o'clock at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other
interested persons.

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R9**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5 the Borough of Watchung has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 budget year, so now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a and b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - A. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - B. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - C. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - D. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - E. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - F. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitations on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (complies with the "CAP" law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - A. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated
 - B. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - C. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

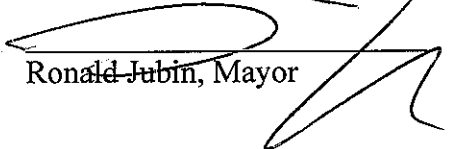
**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R9**

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.



Paul Fischer, Council Member



Ronald Rubin, Mayor

ADOPTED: MARCH 21, 2024
INDEX: FIN., BUDGET
C: W. HANCE
DLGS

I, Edith Gil, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct and true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at a meeting held on March 21, 2024.



Edith Gil, RMC

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
ORDINANCE: 24/04

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR CY 2024

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. A. 40A:4-45.1 *et seq.*, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% or the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), whichever is less, over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 provides that a municipality may, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.5% increase its final appropriations by a percentage greater than the COLA, but not to exceed the 3.5% rate as specified in the law, when authorized by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the COLA for 2024 has been certified by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs as 2.5% and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.5%, may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2024 budget by more than 2.50% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$127,434.20 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove

that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Watchung shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N. J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$446,019.70 and that the 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Watchung be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

INTRODUCED BY: FISCHER
PASSED: MARCH 21, 2024
PUBLISHED: MARCH 28, 2024
ADOPTED:
C: B.HANCE, DLGS

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Edith G. Gil, Borough Clerk

By: _____
Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor