

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, July 9th, 2026
7:30pm

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
Adopted on: 08.13.2026
ROLL CALL**

Mr. Daniel Cronheim - Absent	Mr. DJ Hunsinger Chairman, - Present
Mr. PJ Panzarella, Vice Chair – Absent	Mr. Alex Xie – Present
Mr. Mitchell Taraschi- Absent	David A. Stires, PE, PP, Board Engineer –Present
Mr. Anthony Terrezza - Absent	Ms. Kelly Carey Esq – Present
Mr. George Sopko - Present	Mr. Graeme Birrell - Absent
Mr. John Van De Castle – Present	Catherine Furlan, Board Clerk -Present

Chairman Hunsinger called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and read the Open Meetings Act statement as required by law. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Next, Chairman Hunsinger asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12th, 2026 for the Regular Meeting. On motion by Mr. Van de Castle and seconded by Mr. Sopko.

Mr. Daniel Cronheim - Absent	Mr. DJ Hunsinger Chairman, - Aye
Mr. PJ Panzarella, Vice Chair – Absent	Mr. Alex Xie – Abstain
Mr. Mitchell Taraschi- Absent	Mr. George Sopko - Aye
Mr. Anthony Terrezza - Absent	Mr. John Van De Castle – Aye
	Mr. Graeme Birrell - Absent

NEW APPLICATIONS:

CASE No.: BA 26-01; Shrivastava
20 Glen Eagle Drive
Block 201 Lot 5
ZONE: RR
Expiration: Friday, September 25th, 2026

[Click Here for Plans:](#) The subject property is located on the south side of Glenn Eagle Drive approximately 200 feet east of the JCPL Power Line easement crossing. The site contains an existing single-family dwelling and associated site improvements including a loop driveway and deck on the rear of the dwelling. The property slopes downward from south to north and there are some steep slopes on the property as defined by the LDO. The property is in the R-R Residential zoning district.

The applicant is proposing to install a two-story addition including a three-car garage attached to the existing dwelling and within the front yard. A variance will be required at the structure is 34.38 feet from the front property line and 50.00 feet is the required minimum. The improvements to the site include closing off the existing garage on the east side of the dwelling and due to poor drainage, that apparently has caused flooding of the garage during significant storm events in the recent past.

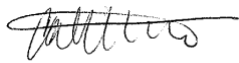
The Applicant approached the podium and was sworn in, Shrivastava, Akhilesh and Michael Shatner the contractor for the project. Mr. Shrivastava gave background on the application and the variances needed for the front yard setback. Mr. Shatner referred to the colored collage pictures that were submitted with the application that showed flooding and reviewed the damage done. Applicant reviewed what work would be done.

It was opened to the public. Keith Balla 45 Shawnee Drive approached the podium and was sworn in. He objected to the case and said the application does not have jurisdiction due to an inaccurate notice. Kelly Carey reviewed the notice again and it was determined the board did not have jurisdiction to hear the case and they would have to re-notice for August.

The board concluded the meeting 8:02pm. The next meeting will be **Thursday, August 13th, 2026 at 7:30pm.**

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Respectfully Submitted,



Catherine Furlan
Board Clerk