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: Round Top Swim & Tennis Club, 106 Mount Horeb Road, Warren, NJ 070598

Item: 2022 Summer Camp Registration Fees (2nd Payment)

Total Price: \$5,000.00 Charged to: 2-01-245-202

Vendor: Round Top Swim & Tennis Club, 106 Mount Horeb Road, Warren, NJ 070598

Item: 2022 Summer Camp (Final Installment & Lunches)

Total Price: \$7,802.00 Charged to: 2-01-245-202

Vendor: Messercola Excavting, 549 E. 3rd Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060

Item: 911 Memorial Landscape

Total Price: \$3,000.00 Charged to 2-01-155-381

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

INDEX: PURCHASING C: B. HANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung received proposals for online tax sale hosting services; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received from Realauction.com, LLC in the amount if \$15 per certificate advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available in line item 2-01-140-255.

William J. Hance, Chief Financial Officer

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 authorized to award the online tax sale hosting service contract to Realauction.com, LLC for \$15 per certificate advertised for a total anticipated amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

FINANCE-MISC, AWARDS,

B. HANCE,

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED COST INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SHBP plans are self-funded meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from a SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHPB, the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials and union representatives, annually consider the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary rate increase for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group is 22.8%, which includes a 21.6% increase for Active, a 13% increase in Early Retiree, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare Retiree; and

WHEREAS, subsequent news accounts has Department of Treasury noting "rates for active members and early retirees would likely be increase between 12-20% across the various plans for the upcoming year"; and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation, and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset call up the State Health Benefit Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the governing body of the Borough of Watchung urge the legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county government management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Jon M. Bramnick, Assembly Representatives Michele Matsikoudis and Nancy F. Munoz, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED:

AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

MISC.

C:

NJ LEGISLATURE, NJLM

WHEREAS, Providence Healthcare Diagnostics recently opened a facility in Watchung and applied for three (3) one-day mobile food handler licenses and the respective fire permits for their grand opening; and

WHEREAS, Providence Healthcare Diagnostics inadvertently overpaid in borough fee applications as a result of applying for seasonal mobile food handler licenses 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 \$396.00 to Providence Healthcare Diagnostics, for overpayment of borough one-day mobile food handler licenses and respective fire permit fees.

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED:

AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

FINANCE-MISC., MISC.

C:

B HANCE

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 per the attached bill list. The expenditures can be broken down into the following categories:

Affordable Housing Trust	\$ 24,998.19
Animal Control	\$ 9.00
Grant Fund	\$
Capital Fund	\$ 8,612.76
Developer's Escrow	\$ 7,423.54
Other Escrow	\$ 77,304.25
Somerset County Taxes	\$ 1,467,104.46
Somerset County Open Space Taxes	\$ 146,585.48
Somerset County Library Taxes	\$ 206,996.79
Watchung Board of Education Taxes	\$ 1,175,137.00
Watchung Hills Regional High School Taxes	\$ 703,580.00
Current Fund	\$ 2,723,830.47
Total Expenditures:	\$ 6,541,581.94

Ronald Jubin

Wendy Robinson

Rietro Martino

William . Hance, CFO

Curt Dahl

Freddie Hayeck

Keith Balla, Mayo

James Damato, Administrator

Date: August 18, 2022 Index: Finance

C: Finance

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:

ASL Group, LLC, 21 Eaton Road, Watchung, NJ 07069

Item:

DPW - Retaining Wall Repair for 55 Johnston Drive

Total Price: \$3,800.00 Charged to: 2-01-155-273

Vendor:

El Coronado, 8501 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Item:

Fire Department Annual Convention

Total Price: \$2,150.00 Charged to: 2-01-185-276

Vendor:

NJ Fire Equipment Co., 119-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812

Item:

FD - firefighter protective clothes

Total Price: \$19,031.80 Charged to: 2-01-610-205

Vendor:

Pinto Brothers, PO Box 528, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Item:

DPW - 2022 Bulk Pick Up

Total Price: \$7,029.23 Charged to: 2-01-155-381

Vendor:

Motorola Solutions, Inc. PO Box 29, Chester, NJ 07930-0029

Item:

FD - 3 XPR Mobile Radios and Switch Cables

Total Price: \$2,531.60 Charged to: 2-01-185-224

Vendor:

Quarry Tex Inc., 1998 US Hwy 22, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-1014

Item:

Custom Carved Sign, 3x10 x 3/4, non-installation

Total Price: \$3,575.00 Charged to: T-93-100-110

Vendor:

ESO Solutions, Inc., PO Box 679449, Dallas, TX 75267

Item:

CAD Integration & Fire Package

Total Price: \$2,566.80 Charged to: 2-01-185-246

Vendor:

Gen-El Safety & Industrial Pro, 961 Route 10 East, Randolph, NJ 07869

Item:

FD - Cradle for QRAE3

Total Price: \$2,128.95

Charged to: 2-01-185-271

Vendor:

Somerset County Road Division, PO Box 3000, Somerville NJ 08876

Item:

DPW-Street Sweeping

Total Price: \$8,162.16 Charged to: 2-01-205-273

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

PURCHASING

C:

B. HANCE

WHEREAS, Carolyn Taylor is presently the Borough's Zoning Officer and Technical Assistant to the Construction Official and the Borough Council wishes to appoint her as Office Manager of the Building Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the salary of **Carolyn Taylor**, is hereby adjusted as a result of her appointment as **Office Manager** of the Building Department and her expanded duties as Administrative Assistant and Zoning Official and her salary is hereby adjusted as follows:

1) Technical Assistant to Construction Official/ Office Manager

\$64,654.00

2) Zoning Official

\$20,000.00

All adjustments are within the approved salary ordinance for 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is hereby ratified to authorize the

appointment and salary adjustment effective August 1, 2022.

Ronald Jubin, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED:

AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

PERSONNEL, FINANCE-MISC.,

C:

B. HANCE, E. HORSFALL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey wishes to authorize a salary adjustment effective January 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the salary of Administrative Assistant, JoAnn Estrella, is hereby adjusted to receive an increase of \$2,500.00 as OPRA Coordinator for the Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is hereby ratified to authorize the salary adjustment effective January 1, 2022.

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

APPOINTMENTS, SALARIES

C:

FINANCE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play" law, Public Law 2004, Chapter 19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq), the Borough of Watchung solicited proposals for the professional services of an Engineer for the year 2022 and were opened on November 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously awarded a contract on January 6, 2022 to Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Chery Hill, NJ 08003 to perform the duties of Professional Engineer for the Borough including special assignments that may arise during the course of performing these duties; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers as part of its services to the Borough during 2022 can provide the much-needed Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study Services of the sanitary sewer system for the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Watchung has certified that funds are available from the following bond ordinance: OR 21/04

William J. Hance, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung that Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to provide Infiltration and Inflow Analysis of the sanitary sewer system as listed on the attached proposal, dated August 1, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

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

Christine B. Eag, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED:

AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

AWARDS, ROADS, FINANCE-MISC,

C:

W. HANCE, ENG.,

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC. TO PERFORM APPRAISAL INSPECTIONS AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2023 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 2023 Borough wide reassessment program; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Watchung solicited proposals from three (3) companies for the provision of appraisal inspections and related services in connection with the 2023 Borough wide reassessment program and received only one (1) proposal 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

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.).

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

AWARDS

C:

B. HANCE, E. KERWIN

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER
DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE DETERMINATION
OF OTHER TERMS OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,782,950
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE BOROUGH
OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW
JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE
SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS (not ess than 2/3 of all members thereof affirmatively concurring):

Section 1. The General Improvement Bonds of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Borough"), referred to and described in a resolution of the Borough adopted on August 18, 2022 and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$5,782,950 in Principal Amount" and in the bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law, shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds" (the "Bonds"), with such further designations as set forth in Section 4 hereof.

Section 2. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to the Somerset County

Improvement Authority (the "Authority") at a purchase price determined in accordance with

the parameters set forth below and otherwise consistent with the terms included in the application submitted by the Authority to the Local Finance Board in the Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Local Finance Board"), and reviewed favorably by the Local Finance Board on August 10, 2022 (the "Application"):

(a) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$5,782,950;

the Borough to issue the Bonds to the Authority and achieve the economic benefit (consisting of the AAA guaranty from the County of Somerset, which is a higher credit rating than the current credit rating of the Borough) of financing through the Authority versus financing on its own;

c)the maturity structure or weighted average maturity for the Bonds shall be substantially similar to the structure submitted to and approved by the Local Finance Board, subject to any adjustments recommended by the Authority's Underwriter or the Authority on the sale date designed to reduce the total costs of the borrowing of the Borough; and

- (d) all conditions described in the Application as submitted to the Local Finance Board for the sale of the Bonds shall be satisfied.
- Section 3. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold and issued to the Authority in accordance with the terms of a bond purchase agreement to be entered into by and between the Authority and the Borough (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"). The Bonds may be issued in one or more series. The purchase price for the Bonds shall be as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized and directed, without further authorization, to enter into and execute the Bond Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Borough in the form satisfactory to McManimon, Scotland &

Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Borough ("Bond Counsel"), upon the terms consistent with the parameters set forth in this resolution. Upon execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement, the signature of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer shall be conclusively presumed to evidence any necessary approvals for the sale and issuance of the Bonds. If the Chief Financial Officer, after consultation with the Authority, determines that the above parameters cannot be satisfied in the present market, the Bonds shall not be sold until such time as said parameters may be amended, in whole or in part, or a sale on different terms is otherwise approved by resolution of this Borough Council.

- section 4. (a) The Bonds shall be dated and shall bear interest at the interest rates per annum as the Chief Financial Officer shall determine.
- (b) The Bonds shall be numbered and have such prefix as determined necessary by the Chief Financial Officer or as required by the Bond Purchase Agreement and shall be sold and issued with such serial maturities or with such term bond maturities payable from mandatory sinking fund payments made by the Borough as determined in the Bond Purchase Agreement.
- (c) The Bonds shall mature in the years 2023 through 2032 or such other years as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and in the principal amounts as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and shall bear interest on the dates as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.
- (d) The Bonds shall be sold at such price or prices as the Chief Financial Officer shall determine.
- (e) The Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.

- One certificate shall be issued for the entire principal amount of the Bonds being issued by the Borough unless otherwise required by the Authority pursuant to the Bond Purchase Agreement and shall be numbered GIB-1. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. The certificate will be registered in the name of the "Somerset County Improvement Authority" unless otherwise specified in the Bond Purchase Agreement.
- (g) Any other details that may need to be determined in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds shall be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.
- Section 5. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to conform the Bonds to the requirements of the Bond Purchase Agreement:

REGISTERED

MEOD LEWEL	REGIS	TER	EE
------------	-------	-----	----

NUMBER GIB-1

\$			

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF SOMERSET

ROPOLICH OF WATCHING

DOROUGH OF WATCHONG
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND
DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE:, 2022
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (the "Borough"), hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to the:
SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (the "Authority"), c/o (the "Trustee")
the principal sums on the dates and in the amounts set forth on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof and to pay interest on such sum from the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE of this bond until payment in full at the interest rates per annum and in the amounts shown on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof. Interest is payable to the Authority at the corporate trust office of the Trustee on each and, respectively, commencing, 202_, in an amount equal to the interest accruing to each and This bond as to principal will be payable on at the corporate trust office of the Trustee.
This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the Borough adopted on August 18, 2022 and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$5,782,950 in Principal Amount" and the bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.
The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Borough, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of its Mayor and its Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Borough Clerk, and this bond to be dated the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE as specified above.

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

[SEAL]

By: Cold Salla, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Control By: Edith G. Gil, Borough Clerk

By: William Hance Chief Financial Officer

Section 6. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) of the Borough affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Borough Clerk.

Section 7. The Bonds shall have printed thereon a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by Bond Counsel, complete except for omission of its date. The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in the Borough Clerk's office. Alternatively, each Bond may be accompanied by the signed legal opinion or copy thereof.

Section 8. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds. The proper officials of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Bonds and to deliver them to the Authority upon receipt of payment therefor, including accrued interest from their date to the date of delivery, if any.

Section 9. The Chief Financial Officer is also hereby authorized to pay the costs of issuance at or after the time of closing to the various participants regarding the sale and issuance of the Bonds. In the alternative, the Authority is hereby authorized to pay such costs of issuance on behalf of the Borough.

Section 10. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate representatives of the Borough are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to provide for the issuance of the Bonds, including preparing and executing all such agreements, documents, certificates and other instruments on behalf of the Borough, and to take all steps necessary or desirable to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 11. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to prepare any financial statements, demographic information or operating data required by the Authority for inclusion in the Authority's Preliminary and Final Official Statements.

Section 12. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized and directed, without further authorization, to enter into and execute a continuing disclosure agreement or such other agreement as may be required by the Authority for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time, in a form satisfactory to Bond Counsel.

Section 13. The Borough hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds, if necessary.

Section 14. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED:

AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

FINANCE, B. HANCE,

C:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$5,782,950 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Borough"), authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Borough heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of general improvement bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,782,950 (the "Bonds").

Section 2. The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

Section 3.

Bond Ordinance Number	linance Amount of Description of Improvement and		Useful Life
16/04	\$380,000	Various public improvements, finally adopted April 21, 2016.	10.24 years
16/07	\$372,000	Various public improvements, finally adopted June 16, 2016.	9.73 years
17/02	\$400,000	Various public improvements, finally adopted February 16, 2017.	11.05 years
17/08	\$107,050	2017 road resurfacing program, finally adopted June 22, 2017.	10 years
18/12	\$856,000	Various public improvements, finally adopted June 7, 2018.	9.55 years
18/15	\$1,220,000	Various public improvements, finally adopted October 4, 2018.	11.66 years
19/15	\$1,159,500	Various public improvements, finally adopted July 18, 2019.	9.76 years
21/04	\$1,100,000	Improvements to various roadways, finally adopted May 20, 2021.	10 years
21/11	\$188,400	2021 capital acquisitions and improvements, finally adopted October 21, 2021.	8.13 years
TOTAL	\$5,782,950		10.24 years

Section 4. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

- a. The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 10.24 years.
- b. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.
- c. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and, accordingly, may be sold with other issues of bonds.

Section 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

a. None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2 hereof.

b. The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately,

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: INDEX:

AUGUST 18, 2022 FINANCE-BONDS,

C:

B. HANCE,

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 Borough Property located at 15 Mountain Blvd is authorized for the intended use as noted below and is hereby approved:

 Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 143 to hold a Flag Raising Ceremony on Thursday, August 25th at 3:00 P.M.

Freddie Hayeck, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: INDEX:

AUGUST 18, 2022 RECREATION, PD

C:

LM

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO J.A. ALEXANDER INC. FOR THE 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, sealed bids were opened on behalf of the Borough of Watchung for the 2022 Roadway Improvements (Scott Drive and Johnston Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough opened four (4) bids on August 16, 2022 in the following amounts:

 ■ 1. 1 Table 2017 To 1. 2 Table 2018 To 1. 1 Table 2018 Table 2018 Table 2017 Table 2	2022 Roadway Improvements	Total Bid Amount
J.A. Alexander, Inc.	\$527,903.70	\$527,903.70
Riverview Paving	\$553,508.84	\$553,508.84
Reivax Contracting, Inc.	\$560,711.54	\$560,711.54
Top Line Construction Corp.	\$587,500.16	\$587,500.16

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

WHEREAS, the appropriate Borough Official have certified the sufficiency of funds for the award of contract for the 2022 Roadway Improvements 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.*, J.A. Alexander, Inc. is the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the 2022 Roadway Improvements Project with a total bid in the amount of \$527,903.70, 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.*, J. A. Alexander, Inc. is the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the 2022 Roadway Improvements Project with a total bid in the amount of \$527,903.70; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that it hereby awards a contract for the 2022 Roadway Improvements Project to J.A. Alexander, Inc., 130 Jon F. Kennedy Drive, Bloomfield NJ 07003 in a total amount not to exceed \$527,903.70 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 account 2-01-610-201.

William J. Hance, CFO QPA

Christine B Ead, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022 INDEX: ROADS, AWARDS,

C: B. HANCE, ENG.,

WHEREAS, there exists a pedestrian sidewalk along Stirling Road and around the Watchung Circle, which sidewalk terminates and ends at the intersection with Valley Road; and

WHEREAS, there is gap in the sidewalk along Valley Road until it begins again at the properties owned by the Borough identified as Block 4401, Lots 7, 8.01 and 8.02, pedestrian sidewalk on Valley Road (the "Borough Property"); and

WHEREAS, the area where the sidewalk is missing is located adjacent to the property identified as Block 4401, Lot 6, 20 Stirling Road, which is owned by Maha at Watchung, LLC ("Maha") (the "Maha Property"); and

WHEREAS, within this area the public right-of-way is not wide enough for the Borough to construct the sidewalk extension without obtaining an easement from Maha; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Maha negotiated and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 2022, providing for the Grantor's granting of a sidewalk and access easement on the Maha Property in exchange for the Borough's transferring ownership of an approximate 1,092± square foot portion of Lot 7 of the Borough Property that contains the existing garage/shed structure, along with related reciprocal overflow parking, landscaping and maintenance easements affecting the properties; and

WHREEAS, the Borough has accepted the donation of the paving of the existing parking area and related improvements on the Borough Property, as contemplated in the Memorandum of Understanding and included in this transaction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has continued its investigation into this potential transfer of property interests with Maha and desires to further the transaction by entering into a contract with Maha to finalize the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, Borough and Maha negotiated a Contract for Transfer of Real Property and Easements for the transfer of a portion of the Borough Property, along with the exchange of easements on the Maha Property and the Borough Property subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, along with the Borough's adoption of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of real property under the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it in the best interest of the Borough to authorize the Borough to enter into and execute the Contract for Transfer of Real Property and Easements with Maha, formalizing the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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 Borough to enter into and execute the Contract for Transfer of Real Property and Easements with Maha at Watchung, LLC, for the transfer of property interests; subject to the Borough's adoption of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of real property.

1336239 {A1482285.1}

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Contract 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 Contract, including, without limitation, the obtaining of appraisals of the various property interests to be exchanged.

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

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX:

C:

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 August 18, 2022.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Contract Negotiations

- 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.

Ronald Jubin, Council President

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022

INDEX: MISC.

C:

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 Borough Property located at 12 Stirling Road is authorized for the intended use as noted below and is hereby approved:

- 1. Friends of the Watchung Library, 12 Stirling Road, "Sweet Start" Free Ice Cream event on Tuesday, August 30th from 1:30 P.M. - 4 P.M.
- 2. This authorization is subject to all approvals from the Borough's Health Officer, if applicable.

Freddie Hayeck, Council Member

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

INDEX:

ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2022 RECREATION, PD

C:

LM