

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RevolutionNJ

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, and Watchung; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Borough of Watchung hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.



# **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

- 1. The Borough of Watchung commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
- 2. The Borough of Watchung authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
- 3. The Borough of Watchung further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

Christine B, Had, Council President Ronald Jubin, Phys., Mayor

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WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Watchung requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of this item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues: Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

FY 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant \$75,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations: (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS": Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

FY 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Adopted: Attest: Ronald Jubin, Mayor

\$75,000.00

Edith Gil, Clerk

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WHEREAS, the costs for the operation and maintenance of the Watchung sewer system have been reviewed for the calendar year 2023 and the unit charge has been determined based upon the provision set forth in Chapter 18 of the Code of the Borough of Watchung.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung that the unit cost in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 18-10c is established at the following for calendar year 2023:

\$465.00 per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)

Residential Dwellings (Single family home, duplex units, townhouses, condominiums, apartments)

3 Bedroom unit or larger	\$465.00
2 Bedroom unit	\$348.75
1 Bedroom unit	\$232.50

<u>Residential Dwellings (Age and occupancy restricted developments of single-family homes, apartments, mobile homes, etc.)</u>

3 Bedroom unit or larger	\$348.75
2 Bedroom unit	\$263.50
1 Bedroom unit	\$170.50

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Chapter 18-10b(3) Senior Citizens eligible for an annual property tax deduction, as defined in N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.40 et seq., and who have filed required forms to be eligible for the annual property tax deduction, shall be charged at a rate of one-half (1/2) of what their annual sewer usage charge would have been per the above chart.

d. Council President Christine B. Ronald Jubin, PK,D ., Mayor

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby appoint Desiree Somerville as Summer Camp Program Director for the 2023 season; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Summer Camp Program Director will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$29.00 for authorized tasks necessary for the preparation and administration of the Program and that the following temporary appointments of Camp Counselors at the respective hourly rates are also hereby approved.

	Hourly Rate
Camp Counselor: Noah Baitel	\$15.00
Camp Counselor: Tanguy Lesegretain	\$15.00
Camp Counselor: Justin Drews	\$15.00
Camp Counselor: Alyssa Steinhart	\$15.00
Camp Counselor: Veronica Kolacz	\$15.00
Camp Counselor: James Rhyner	\$15.00
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Ead, Council President Christine

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor

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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 May 4, 2023.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are Contract Negotiations involving 18 Drift Road.
- 3. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.
- 4. The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

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