

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023- 7:30 P.M.

MAYOR’S STATEMENT: Mayor Ronald Jubin called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and stated the following *“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 Annual Meeting Notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, the Star Ledger, posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough’s website.”*

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

ROLL CALL

Ead [P] Dahl [P] Fischer [P] Marano [P] Abi- Habib [P] Gibbs [P]

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Jubin thanked the residents who consistently approach him to bring awareness to the many illnesses that affect us. He then proceeded to read the following proclamations onto the record.

- ❖ Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- ❖ Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

R1: Authorizing the Appointment of Patrol Officer Cindy Aldana

Councilman Marano read a short bio on Cindy Aldana and Council Members welcomed Ms. Aldana.

Motion to Adopt by Marano/ Second by Ead

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

R2: Authorizing the Appointment of Patrol Officer Edward James Roberts III

Councilman Marano read a short bio on James and Council Members welcomed Mr. Roberts.

Motion to Adopt by Marano/ Second by Dahl

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Mayor Jubin administered the Oaths of Office to each Patrol Officer and Council Members took turns congratulating and welcoming each Officer.

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one appearing

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Annual Audit	2022
Animal Control Solutions Monthly Report	August 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes	August 8, 2023
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Minutes	August 3, 2023
Planning Board Meeting Minutes	February 21, 2023 May 16, 2023
Police Department Activity Report	August 2023
Rescue Squad Monthly Report	September 2023

Motion to Accept above by EAD/ Second by Abi-Habib

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

CONSENT ITEMS

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

R3: Authorizing POs over Allowed Threshold – Glenco Supply, Inc (*Crosswalk Push Button System*)
Axon Enterprise, Inc (*Interview Room Cameras-PD*)

R4: Authorizing Municipal Youth Services Grant Applications 2023-2024

R5: Authorizing Bill List

Motion to Adopt above by Ead/ Second by Dahl

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

NON- CONSENT ITEMS

R6: Governing Body's Certification of Review of the 2022 Annual Audit

Motion to Adopt above by Fischer/ Second by Abi-Habib

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

R7: Approving the 2022 Corrective Action Plan

Motion to Adopt above by Fischer/ Second by Ead

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

R8: Awarding Bid Contract for 2023 Roadway Improvements Project to Reivax Contracting Corp

Motion to Adopt above by Ead/ Second by Fischer

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

Council President Ead mentioned the project could be disruptive for people who travel down Washington Rock Road but asked residents to please be patient. She assured all that once the project is completed everyone will appreciate the safer road conditions with less potholes.

R9: Authorizing the Appointment of Colleen Lange as Administrative Assistant

Motion to Adopt above by Fischer/ Second by Abi-Habib

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

R10: Authorizing the Temporary Appointment of Chris Czuba as Fire Official

Mayor Jubin expressed his thanks to Mr. Czuba for his continued help to the Borough

Motion to Adopt above by Fischer/ Second by Marano

RC: Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Y] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

- 1) Scott Hannon, provided comments on speeding issues on Valley Road. He explained that his pet was injured on this road and noted there were other accidents in the past. He urged Mayor and Council to do something to lower the speed limit.

Mayor Jubin thanked Mr. Hannon for coming in today and noted that the Administration would speak with our Police Department to conduct a traffic study.

Councilman Gibbs said this was reminder to all to be aware of our surroundings and to obey the speed limits.

On other matters: Councilman Dahl reminded residents of the upcoming Fishing Derby scheduled for September 30th and noted there would be someone there to assist all who were interested in participating. Councilwoman Abi-Habib advised residents that the Farmers Market would be ending on October 31st weather permitting. She encouraged all to dress up in costumes and advised there would be a pumpkin painting table. Councilman Gibbs wished all observing the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) an easy fast.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon there being no further business before Council, Mayor Jubin entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. by Council President Ead. The next meeting of the Mayor and Council will be Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edith G. Gil

Borough Clerk

Approved: October 5, 2023