

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

DECEMBER 21, 2023

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: Mayor Ronald Jubin called the meeting to order at 7:30pm 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 [Absent] Marano [P] Abi- Habib [P] Gibbs [P]

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS

- No one appeared

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Animal Control Solutions Monthly Report	November 2023
Engineers Monthly Report	November 2023
Environmental Commission Minutes	October 23, 2023
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes	December 6, 2023
Recreation Commission Minutes	October 11, 2023
Rescue Squad Monthly Report	December 2023

#26: Notice of Retirement from Sergeant Brad Sporer, recv'd 12/18/23, cc: M&C, JD, EH

Councilman Gibbs acknowledged the retirement of Sergeant Sporer and wished him well.

Motion to Accept above by Ead/ Second by Marano

Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Absent] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]

CONSENT ITEMS

R1: Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien #23-00017

R2: Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien #23-00015

R3: Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien #23-00012

R4: Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien #23-00018

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R5: Authorizing POs over Allowed Threshold – Communication Specialists (*light installation for vehicles*)
Emergency Accessories\Installs (*emergency lighting for vehicles*)

R6: Authorizing Refund for Overpayment of Board of Health Permit Fee – 6 Ridge Road

R7: Authorize Clerk to Issue Raffle License #675 – Watchung PTO

R8: Authorize Clerk to Issue Bingo License #BL-5 - Watchung PTO

R9: Authorizing Bill List

R10: Authorizing Refund for Payment of Dog License Fee

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

Ead [Y] Dahl [Y] Fischer [Absent] Marano [Y] Abi- Habib [Y] Gibbs [Y]]

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

- No one appeared

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jubin thanked all volunteers, residents, and employees for their hard work this year and noted that the work to improve continues next year and this was something to look forward to.

Councilman Gibbs commented on the Hillcrest truck violations. He informed all that he and Councilman Fischer had reached out to the NJDOT Deputy Commissioner who has committed to addressing the situation by looking into other solutions. Mayor and Council discussed suggested changes that could be done to address the over 400 violations that have occurred.

Council President Ead commented on the PSEG roadwork on Meadowlark Road off Valley Road. PSE&G has come across some obstacles in conducting their work, there are other lines that were uncovered that need correction, some may require the water company to come in and perform work; overall everyone is working together to move as fast as possible and asked residents to be understanding.

Upon there being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M. to the Call of the Chair. The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is the Re-Organization Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edith G. Gil
Borough Clerk

Approved: January 19, 2024