



Borough of Watchung Board of Health
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
March 25, 2024 – 6:30 PM

This Special Meeting was held via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89438385881> Meeting ID: 894 3838 5881

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq., notice of time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the official newspapers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bruce Ruck - President, Diane Logan, Marybeth Lijo, Deepika Garg, Francesca Escaleira and Kimberly Brown

Absent: Robert Riedinger – Vice President and Charlene Virgilio,

Also present: Council Liaison Sonia Abi-Habib and Health Officer Kevin Sumner

INTRODUCTION OF BOH:OR24/01

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, AMENDING SECTIONS OF BH15, TITLED “BOARD OF HEALTH FEES”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, 2014, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY.”

Discussion was held on the increase of certain fees and the waiving of fees for non-profit, not-for-profit and/or non-nonprofit organizations specifically the PTO Food Truck event and the Borough’s Farmers Market. Councilwoman Sonia Abi-Habib stated that the Farmers Market fees were waived because the intent was to provide a service to residents and further to grow the market each year.

It was decided that an amendment would be considered at a future date to update the waiving of fees language in this ordinance. Bruce Ruck requested Kevin Sumner to provide BOH Secretary Damaris Gray with the written amendment regarding waiving of fees prior to the next regular meeting. Further Kevin Sumner recommended to adopt a resolution to waive the fees at the next meeting of May 15, 2024.

Bruce Ruck introduced, moved and Diane Logan seconded, the adoption of Ordinance BOH:OR24/01 on first reading and authorize and direct the Board of Health Secretary to advertise a public hearing in accordance with law. All were in favor with the following exceptions:

ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Ruck moved and Kimberly Brown seconded, a motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm. All in favor with the following exceptions:

Absent: Robert Riedinger and Charlene Virgilio,

The next Special Meeting of the BOH is scheduled to be held April 8, 2024 at 7:30pm, via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89438385881> Meeting ID: 894 3838 5881

Respectfully submitted,

Dámaris Quñones-Gray

Secretary, Board of Health

Accepted: April 8, 2024