

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 28, 2009 6:30 P.M.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and made the following statement: 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 special notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, Messenger-Gazette and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG, SILENT PRAYER, AND ROLL CALL

Mobus [A] Black [P] Franklin [P] Joren [P] Pote [A] Nehls [P]

Also present was Borough Administrator/Clerk Lauren Fellin. Although not present at Roll Call, Councilman Pote arrived at 6:45 P.M.

There were 2 members of the public present.

DISCUSSION:

Workman's Compensation Training Seminar
On-Site Training Session provided by JIF

David Grubb, Executive Director of the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) was present to provide training, focusing on workers compensation issues and an effective employee safety program. Mr. Grubb explained that an effective program must include management involvement and permanent organization by way of a safety committee and advised that all personnel need to receive risk training pertaining to their functions. He said managers and supervisors have the responsibility to remind employees of safety procedures and all workplaces should be periodically inspected by a safety professional. Mr. Grubb said all accidents need to be investigated and recommended that governing bodies compare their records to similar communities. He ran a video called "Don't get caught in the Crush Zone". Mr. Grubb suggested "safety" be placed on the Council Meeting agendas at least once a month for discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

None

PUBLIC PORTION

Terrence O'Conner, David Goode, Prospect Street, both of whom had previously requested assistance in getting their properties connected to a sewer system, thanked the Governing Body for their prompt response, and asked to be kept informed of any further action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM to the call of the Chair or the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 28, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren B. Fellin, RMC
Municipal Clerk