

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2011**

**6:30 P.M.**

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Mayor Gerald Mobus called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 annual notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG and a MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilman Pote arrived at 6:42 pm.

Also present was Administrator/Clerk Lauren Fellin. No one from the public was present.

**DISCUSSION:**

Liability Training Seminar

On-Site Training Session provided by JIF

Mayor Mobus welcomed JIF Director David Grubb, who was present to provide a training session for Governing Body and Administrator with regard to Worker's Compensation, Liability and Property insurance. Mr. Grubb informed that lost-time accidents rates per 100 employees in all of New Jersey was 2.3, but for local government, the rate was 4.3. Liability costs have risen 9% per year and Employment Practice Liability court awards have driven costs up dramatically. Mr. Grubb recommended various measures to be taken to control liability costs, such as forming a Safety Committee, providing safety training and supervisory leadership training, as well as obtaining Police Agency accreditation and providing fire fighter candidate health exams. Mayor Mobus inquired if firefighter heart screening could be covered through JIF and Mr. Grubb advised it could, but would not be free, it would have to be included as part of the towns assessment costs.

**RESOLUTIONS** - None

**PUBLIC PORTION**

No member of the public wished to speak.

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**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 and the next scheduled meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren B. Fellin  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator