

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2005**

**6:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00 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**

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

Also present was Borough Administrator/Clerk Laureen Fellin. Councilwoman Joren, although not on time for Roll Call, was present.

There were no members of the public present.

**DISCUSSION:**

Employment Practices Liability 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 with a focus on Liability and Public Officials Liability. Mr. Grubb informed on the liability insurance costs per capita in a community and provided an overview of governmental immunity, touching on Tort Claims, Environmental Liability and Civil Rights. He advised Title 59 (Tort claims) does not apply to Civil Rights Liability. Mr. Grubb informed that, under Police Power of Discretion, the Borough cannot be sued for making a decision in this area, unless it affects Civil Rights. It can be sued for failure to perform ministerial duties.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM to the call of the Chair or the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 8, 2005 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laureen B. Fellin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk