

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**AGENDA**

**AUGUST 18, 2011 - 7:30 P.M.**

**MAYOR'S 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 [ ] Black [ ] Franklin [ ] Pote [ ] Nehls [ ] Cassidy [ ]

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Assessment Commissioners Report and Recommendation: Sanitary Sewer Extension -  
Valley Road Area

R1:8/18/11 Authorizing the Adoption of the Final Report of the Assessment Commission  
Recommending a Special Assessment to be Assessed to the Properties Benefited  
by the Sanitary Sewer Extension - Valley Road Area Project

R2: Authorize Assessment Commission Compensation - Sanitary Sewer Extension -  
Valley Road Area Project

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. Administration & Finance
2. Police
3. Public Works
4. Buildings and Grounds; Recreation
5. Public Affairs
6. Fire
7. Laws/Ordinances

**REPORTS - OTHER:**

8. Engineer
9. Police Chief
10. Fire Department
11. Rescue Squad
12. Attorney
13. Administrator

During the conduct of the meeting, unless a Public Hearing is held or the Regular Order of Business is waived, the audience does not participate. A Public Portion is held at the end of the meeting. Individuals commenting from the audience will be limited to three minutes per person, and will not be permitted to speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. If a group is represented by an attorney, the attorney will be given five minutes to make the presentation for the group.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action.

Approval of the following Council minutes:

- July 12, 2011 - Special Meeting - Regular and Executive Session
- July 21, 2011 - Regular and Executive Session
- August 3, August 12, 2011 - Bid Openings

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

- Finance Department Revenue Report - June, 2011
- Police Activity - July, 2011
- Building Department - July, 2011
- Tax Collector's Monthly Report - June, 2011

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #44 - County of Somerset, Department of Human Services 7/20/11 Notification of Youth Services Grant award - \$5000., and an additional \$3,000. for the Pursuit of Excellence grant c: M & C, WH, MAH
- #45 - Township of Berkeley Heights 7/27/11 Notice of Adoption of Land Use Ordinance #15-2011 to include a "Riparian Zone" c: M & C, TH, DS
- #46 - Township of Warren 7/26/11 Notice of Adoption of Land Use Ordinance #11-09, pertaining to the definition of building height; and notice of public hearing on proposed ordinance #11-13 Pertaining to definitions and regulations for solar energy systems c: M & C, TEA, TH, DS
- #47 - PSE&G 7/22/11 Notice of filing and public hearings for electric and gas societal benefits rate c:
- #48 - NJ Transit 7/22/11 Notice of public hearing regarding Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds c: M & C, Post
- #49 - Animal Protection League of NJ 7/25/11 Offering resource information on black bears, and requesting support to urge our legislators to vote against black bear relocation in NJ c: M & C
- #50 - Lynn Franklin, Lynn Stahl 8/8/11 Requesting permission to place teal ribbons around the Borough from September 1 through October 1, in a effort to bring awareness of Ovarian Cancer during "Turn the Town Teal" month c: M & C, TEA
- #51 - The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders 8/8/11 Invitation to attend Somerset County's 10th anniversary ceremony of the 9/11 attack c: M & C
- #52 - Residents of Edgemont Road and Mountain Drive 8/12/11 Petition requesting the necessary improvements can be made c: M & C, TEA, TH Borou
- #53 - Union Township 8/15/11 Request for support of resolution that would help to eliminate Noise from diesel truck mufflers - engine braking c: M & C, TEA, TW
- #54 - Walter Schmeide 7/22/11 Letter to Engineer Tom Herits thanking him for the prompt, courteous, and professional service extended to him during a road improvement in front of his home c: M & C

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**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:** The resolutions listed below were submitted to the

Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

- R3:08/18/11 Recognizing Watchung Hills Regional High School on their National Achievement
- R4: Purchases Over \$2,000. - Communications Specialists, Hy-Viz, Inc., Fullerton Ford, Pumping Services, Inc., El Coronado, L-3 Communications Innovation Data Solutions, Donnelly Energy Solutions
- R5: Authorize Clerk to Issue Liquor License Transfer - Apple Food Service of Watchung, Inc. To Rick's Liquor Shop LLC
- R6: Ratification of Motion to Authorize Agreement Settlement - Watchung PBA
- R7: Authorize Clerk to Issue Raffle Licenses - Rawhide Rescue Inc.
- R8: Appointment of JIF Commissioner - Thomas E. Atkins
- R9: Acceptance of 2010 Annual Audit Report
- R10: Approval of Corrective Action Plan
- R11: Award of Bid - Janitorial Services - Maverick Building Services
- R12: Award of Bid - Ridge Road Improvements/ Phase II - F & P Contractors

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA:** Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to Committee for further review and discussion.

Introduction of Proposed Ordinance OR:11/12 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FOR A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 404 JOHNSTON DRIVE AND KNOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AS BLOCK 54.02, AND PART OF LOT 12 TO THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG." Public Hearing to be held on September 8, 2011.

Continued Discussion - Status of Proposed Improvements to Mountain Boulevard

Discussion - Best Practices Inventory

Proclamation - Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month / September

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

- R13:08/18/11 Introduction of Proposed Ordinance OR:11/12 - Accepting a Deed of Dedication for a portion of 404 Johnston Drive, Block 54.02, and part of Lot 12
- R14: Authorize Execution of Employment Agreement - Dispatchers /FMBA Local 432
- R15: Payment of Bills
- R16: Executive Session:  
Contract Negotiations: Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of North Plainfield

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**PUBLIC PORTION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 8, 2011.