

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 14, 2013 - 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 SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD

ROLL CALL

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

R1:02/14/13 Honoring John McDonald, Esq. - 2012 Attorney of the Year

POLICE PROMOTIONS

R2:02/14/13 Authorize Police Department Appointments:
Lieutenant / Hart
Sergeant / Boyle, Hale, Holzheimer

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Administration & Finance
2. Police
3. Public Works / Buildings and Grounds
4. Public Affairs:
 - Open Space
 - Environmental
 - Recreation
 - Historical
 - Board of Health
5. Fire
6. Laws/Ordinances

REPORTS - OTHER:

7. Engineer
8. Police Chief
9. Fire Department
10. Rescue Squad
11. Attorney
12. Clerk
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

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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:
January 24, 2013

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:
Building Department Report - January, 2013
Recreation Commission Minutes - January 17, 2013

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #4 - Gabriella Galano 1/18/13 Urging action to reduce the deer population in an effort to reduce the risk of lyme disease c: M & C, TEA, Wildlife Advisory Comm.
- #5 - NJ American Water 1/24/13 Notice of petition and public hearing to change the levels of its purchased water adjustment clause, seeking an increase of 0.40% c: M & C, TEA
- #6 - Township of Warren 1/26/13 Notice of public hearing on proposed Ordinance 13-01, amending Zoning Ordinance to add the Central Jersey Resource Center as an affordable housing agency C: M & C, TEA, AC, DS
- #7 - Watchung Hills Regional High School 1/31/13 Resolution supporting President Obama's gun control initiatives c: M & C, TEA
- #8 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Somerset County 2/6/13 Requesting the Borough's participation In their "Mayor's Challenge" at Strike N' Spare Lanes on April 20th to "Bowl for Kids' Sake" c: M & C
- #9 - Leisa Hudson-Hamill 2/7/13 Email supporting a new Library for Watchung c: M & C, TEA
- #10 - Ptl. Heidi Skibenes 2/5/13 Letter of resignation from her position with the Watchung Police Department, effective February 28, 2013 c: M & C, TEA, JR
- #11 - Holly O'Byrne 2/7/13 Requesting to place white ribbons on the trees around the Borough in an effort to bring awareness to the Watchung Hills Regional High School's "White Out Against Bullying" program c: M & C, TEA

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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.

- R3:02/14/13 Authorize Treasurer to Refund Tax Overpayment - Block 6402, Lots 4 & 5 /Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey
- R4: Authorize Treasurer to Refund Tax Overpayment - Block 4313, Lot 2 / Free Acres Association Inc. c/o Venter
- R5: Authorize Expansion of Contract - Maser Consulting / Drainage Improvements to Mountain Drive
- R6: Purchases Over \$2,000. - Samzie's Uniforms (2)
- R7: Opposing Proposed Changes to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)
- R8: Accepting Proposed Eagle Scout Service Project / Create Sports History Display for
- R9: Authorize Professional Service Contract / Special Tax Counsel - Richard M. Conley
- R10: Authorize Return of Interest Due - 2012 4th Quarter Tax Payments / Superstorm Sandy
- R11: Authorize Discharge of Lien / Curbing - 24 Joan Drive

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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 OR:13/01 entitled **“AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TWENTY (20) YEAR NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CROSS RIVER FIBER, INC., FOR THE USE OF A LIMITED PORTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG’S PUBLIC ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRANSMISSION SERVICE.”**
Public Hearing to be held on February 28, 2013.

R12:02/14/13 Introduction of OR:13/01 - Authorize Use of Public Rights of Way / Cross River Fiber

Introduction of OR:13/02 entitled **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, TITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 2-43, TITLED “HISTORICAL COMMITTEE”, BY CHANGING SECTIONS 2-43.1 AND 2-43.2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF NINE (9) MEMBERS.”** Public Hearing to be held on February 28, 2013.

R13:02/14/13 Introduction of OR:13/02 - Amend Code - Historical Committee Membership

Proclamations: Supporting “White Out “ Day in the Borough

“Read Across America Day” in the Borough / March 1, 2013

Proposed Summer Playground Program / Brook Hill Swim Club

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The Council reserves the right to take official action on items discussed in Executive Session.

R14:02/14/13 Executive Session:
Contract Negotiations - Negotiation of Terms and
Conditions of Anonymous Gift
Litigation - Tax Appeal: 680 Mountain Boulevard, LLC v. Watchung Borough,
Docket Nos: 018476-2012, 018482-2012
Block 301, Lot 30 / 676-680 Mountain Boulevard

R15: Authorize Stipulation of Settlement - 676 - 680 Mountain Boulevard

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PUBLIC PORTION

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ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on February 28, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.