

## **BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

#### **SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2013**

**8:00 A.M.**

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Mayor Stephen Pote called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M. and read 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, 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**

Joren [ P ] Black [ A ] Franklin [ P ] Nehls [ P ] Gibbs [ P ] Beck-Clemens [ P ]

Although not present for Roll Call, Councilman Black arrived at 8:07 A.M. Also present were Attorney Albert Cruz, CFO William Hance, Clerk Michelle DeRocco, and Assistant Engineer Arlene McCoy.

There was 1 person from the public present.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Beck-Clemens discussed the Terms and Conditions of the proposal and questioned if the Borough authorizes a remediation contract to this same company, after the report is received, if these fees can be applied to that contract, and if we move forward with another company, can we use these specifications? Mr. Cruz explained it is possible, however, if a new company was used for remediation, they may not want to use someone else's specifications. Councilman Gibbs questioned the stabilization process and Assistant Engineer Arlene McCoy explained the probable options. She explained the report that would be authorized today is the first step, and we need to understand why the wall is breaking down. Mayor Pote asked when we could expect to receive this report and Mr. Cruz said in 3 weeks, plus 10 days.

Council President Joren offered the following resolution, with a second by Councilman Nehls and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Joren, Black, Nehls, Gibbs, Beck-Clemens, "aye."

SP R1:12/20/13      Award of Professional Services Contract – Geological Engineering / Johnson

Councilman Franklin offered the following resolution, with a second by Councilman Black and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Joren, Black, Nehls, Gibbs, Beck-Clemens, "aye."

SP R2:12/20/13      Authorize Treasurer to Issue Tax Sale Redemption #13-02/10 Kappleman  
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Councilman Franklin offered the following resolution, with a second by Councilman Black and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Joren, Black, Nehls, Gibbs, Beck-Clemens, "aye."

SP R3:12/20/13      Authorize Treasurer to Issue Tax Sale Redemption #13-05/ 95 Redmont Road

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

No one from the public desired to be heard.

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Council President Joren offered the following resolution, with a second by Councilman Nehls and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Joren, Black, Nehls, Gibbs, Beck-Clemens, "aye."

SP R4:12/20/13      Executive Session:  
Contract Negotiations – Watchung Board of Education – Phillips Field

Upon return to regular session, all Council members previously in attendance were again present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 A.M. to the call of the Chair, and to the next scheduled Council meeting (Reorganization) to be held on January 1, 2014 at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DeRocco, RMC  
Clerk