

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

JULY 20, 2017 - 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:

Joren [] Black [] Nehls [] Gibbs [] Mobus [] Sopko []

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTION:

R1: Honoring Barbara Diem – Historical Committee

EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL:

Matthew King – God's Little Acre Upgrade

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. Emergency Management
12. Attorney
13. Clerk
14. 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 prior to action taken on Agenda items for agenda item discussion only, and another Public Portion is held at the end of the meeting for general discussion. 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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PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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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:

- June 15, 2017, Regular and Executive Sessions
- June 22, 2017, Special Meeting
- June 28, 2017, Special Meeting, Regular
- July 12, 2017, Bid Opening

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

- Board of Health Minutes – April 19, 2017
- Planning Board Minutes – April 18th, and May 16, 2017
- Building Department Report – June, 2017
- Police Activity Report – June, 2017
- Library Advisory Committee Minutes – May 3, 2017

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #32- Watchung Board of Health 6/22/17 Requesting support and requesting assistance in promoting public awareness in regard to the “Overdose Prevention Act”, commonly known as the “Good Samaritan” or “Immunity Law” c: M & C
- #33- NJ Transit Corporation 6/29/17 Notice of Request for Federal Financial Assistance and Request For Public Input c: M & C, TEA, Post
- #34- Township of Berkeley Heights 6/30/17 Notice of Introduction and of two (2) Land Use Ordinances, 17-2017 Amending, Repealing, and Replacing Previously Adopted Ordinance 16-2017 regarding Affordable Housing Regulations; 18-2017 Amending Revising and Supplementing two Zones in Connection with Affordable Housing c: M & C, TEA, S. Warner
- #35- State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture 7/11/17 Application for survey of gypsy moth egg masses due by August 18, 2017 c: M & C, AMcCoy
- #36 County of Somerset Department of Human Services 7/12/17 Award of 2017 Annual Grant to Youth Services Commission c: M & C, WH, LM

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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.

- R2:07/20/17 Purchases Over \$2,000. – East Coast Emergency Lighting (2 PO’s) (PD – Vehicle Lights & Equipment)
 - G & J Development, LLC (Const. – Return Fee)
 - Pinto Brothers (B&G –Bulk Waste Pick-Up)
 - Penyak Roofing Co. (Cap. – Texier House Improvements)
 - Skip Bell (Cap. – Texier House Repairs)
 - Elan City (Police – Radar Speed Signs)
 - Authentic Environments Inc. (Comm Found- 911 Memorial)

- R3: Appointment of Administrative Assistant / Finance Department – Elvia Horsfall
- R4: Authorize an Expansion of Contract / Maser Consulting - Continuing Housing Advisory Services
- R5: Appointments to Historical Commission – C. Blackadar; T. Logan, S. Parikh
- R6: Authorize Clerk to Issue Raffle License – Sisters of Mercy of The Americas
- R7: Urging Legislators to Support and Adopt Affordable Housing Reform
- R8: Urging Legislators to Support Legislation to Extend the 2% Cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards
- R9: Appointment of Building Inspector; Fire Sub-code Official and Fire Inspector – Len Young, Joe Popolo
- R10: Authorize Mayor and Clerk to Sign Agreement – Tom Tom Realty / 495 Watchung Avenue
- R11: Authorize Professional Service Contract – Steven K. Warner, Esq. / Interim Bd. of Adj. Attorney
- R12: Award of Bid – Improvements to Washington Drive / Top Line Construction
- R13: Authorize Appointment to Recreation Commission / Carolyn Taylor
- R14: Authorize Appointment to Green Team / Anastacia Benc

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 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 Ordinance OR:17/09 - "**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG CH. 5-12-12.76 ET. SEQ., THEREOF AND TO FIX AND DETERMINE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES**" Public Hearing to be held on August 17, 2017.

- R15: Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/09 – 2017 Salary Min/Max
- R16: Waive Chapter 2-25.10 of the Code – Gray’s Florist & Greenhouse
- R17: Payment of Bills

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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R18:07/20/17 Executive Session:

- Litigation – In the Matter of the Borough of Watchung for a Judgment of Compliance of its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Docket No. SOM-L-902-15

Contract Negotiations – Washington Drive Detention Basin

The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is the scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.