

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

MARCH 15, 2018 - 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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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:

March 1, 2018 - Regular Meeting

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

CERT Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2018
Building Department Monthly Report – February 2018

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

#7 – Communication from Mayor Pote Regarding Term of Office

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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.

R1:03/15/18 Purchases Over \$2,000 - Assessor Services (Tax Assessor- 2018 Inspections)
Atlantic Tactical (Police- Body Armor)

R2: Authorize Appointments – Shelini Parikh / Green Team; Maria Alberto/Municipal Alliance

R3: Authorized Appointment Part-Time Clerk – Planning Board/Board of Adjustment / Theresa Snyder

R4: Authorize Appointment- Ralph Diem / Historical Committee

R5: Authorize Payment of Tax Sale Certificate #16-10 / 464 Watchung Avenue

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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.

R6:03/15/18 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds

Introduction of Ordinance OR:18/02 entitled “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)” Public Hearing to be held on April 19, 2018.

R7: Introduction of Ordinance 18/02 – Cap Bank Ordinance

R8: Introduction of 2018 Municipal Budget (Public Hearing to be held on April 19, 2018)

R9: Authorizing Self-Exam – 2018 Municipal Budget

R10: Establishing the Surplus/Fund Balance Policy

R11: Payment of Bills

R12: Executive Session:
Litigation – In the Matter of the Borough of Watchung for a Compliance of its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan,
Docket No. SOM-L-902-15

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

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION
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ADJOURNMENT
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The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.