

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 4, 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:**

Gibbs [ ] Black [ ] Nehls [ ] Mobus [ ] Sopko [ ] Alberto [ ]

**PRESENTATION**

Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month / October

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. Administration & Finance
2. Police
3. Public Works / Buildings and Grounds
4. Public Affairs:
  - 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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Public Hearing of Ordinance OR:18/15 entitled "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A NEW FIRE TRUCK (PARTIAL FUNDING), INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,351,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

R1:10/1/18 Adoption of Bond Ordinance OR:18/15 – Authorize Various Public Improvements

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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:

September 20, 2018  
September 27, 2018 – Bid Opening

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Watchung Environmental Commission Minutes – August 27, 2018  
Library Advisory Board Minutes – July 11, 2018  
Building Department Report – September 2018  
Planning Board Minutes – September 18, 2018

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #32- PSE&G 9/24/18 Notice of Public Hearing for Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge  
c: M&C, TEA, Post
- #33 - JCP&L 10/01/18 Notice of Public Hearing for Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge  
c: M&C, TEA, Post
- #34 - Township of Scotch Plains 10/1/18 Notice of Public Hearing on October 10, 2018 re: Master Plan Amendment and the Adoption of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan c: M&C, TEA, Pl. Board
- #35 - Township of Scotch Plains 10/2/18 Notice of Public Hearings on October 29, 2018 re: Repealing & Replacing their Zoning Code, in its Entirety; and also An Amendment to their Planning Board Fees c: M&C, TEA, Pl. Bd.

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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.

- R2:10/4/18 Purchases over \$2,000 – Fun Services (Rec – Harvest Fest Amusements)  
MD Radio Services (FD- Communication Equipment)
- R3: Authorize Clerk to Issue (2) Raffle Licenses / Garden Club of Watchung
- R4: Award of Bid – Improvements to High Tor Dr. and Various Drainage Projects/ Reivax
- R5: Authorize Waiver of Bd. of Adjustment Administration Fee – Special  
Meeting/BA 18-08
- R6: Authorize Update to Personnel Manual – JIF/MEL Requirements

R7: Authorize Forest Health Evaluation – Raritan Valley Community College

R8: Authorize Tax Sale Redemption Certificate #14-09 / 110 Bayberry Lane

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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.

R9:10/04/18 Waive Chapter 2-25.10 of the Code – Gray’s Florist & Greenhouse

Introduction of Ordinance OR:18/16 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXVIII ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”, ARTICLE 900 ENTITLED “APPLICATION FEES, GUARANTEES, INSPECTIONS AND OFF-TRACT IMPROVEMENTS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG BY REPEALING SECTION 28-902 ENTITLED “GUARANTEES, START OF CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED PLAN, AND INSPECTIONS” AND REPLACING WITH NEW SECTION 28-902 ENTITLED “IMPROVEMENTS, GUARANTEES, START OF CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTIONS.” Public Hearing to be held on November 1, 2018.

R10: Introduction of Ordinance OR:18/16 – Amend Code / Land Development

R11: Designating Property Fronting Bonnie Burn Road as An Area in Need of Non-Condensation Redevelopment

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**PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.