

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**AGENDA**

**AUGUST 15, 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**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Watchung Hills Regional High School - Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett  
Business Administrator - Tim Stys

**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 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**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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Public Hearing on Ordinance **OR:13/10** entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG CH. 5-12.76 ET SEQ., THEREOF, AND TO FIX AND DETERMINE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.”**

R1:08/15/13 Adoption of Ordinance OR:13/10 - Min/Max Salary Ordinance

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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:

July 18, 2013 Regular  
June 27, July 18, 2013 Executive Sessions  
July 16, 2013 Bid Opening

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Board of Adjustment Minutes - June 6, 2013  
Recreation Commission Minutes - June 5, 2013  
Police Activity - June, 2013  
Tax Collector Report - July, 2013

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #53 - Diane Sherry Buono 7/23/13 Letter of resignation as a member of the Municipal Alliance, as she is relocating c: M & C, TEA
- #54 - PSE&G 7/22/13 Notice of filing of 4 petitions to the BPU for rate increases, decreases, and schedule of Public Hearings c: M & C, TEA, WH
- #55 - JCP&L 7/24/13 Notice of filing and schedule of Public Hearings for rate increases c: M & C, TEA, WH
- #56 - County of Somerset, Dept. of Human Services 7/31/13 Notice of Y2013 grant award - \$5,000. - Youth Services “Girls on the Run” and “Girls on Track” programs c: M & C, TEA, WH, LM
- #57 - Lynda Goldschein 8/1/13 Thanking Mayor and Council for getting the Somerset Street/ Watchung Avenue overpass repaired c: M & C
- #58 - Sharon Orlando, Watchung Library Youth Services Librarian 7/31/13 Thanking the Mayor and Council for authorizing the use of Clean Communities monies to fund a summer program “Digging NJ Wildlife” c: M & C, TEA, WH

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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.

R2:08/15/13 Authorize Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificate Redemption #12-001 -  
Block 301, Lot 33

R3: Authorize Clerk to Issue Raffle (5) Licenses - Rawhide Rescue (2)  
PTO Thomas P. Hughes (2) PTO Watchung, Inc. (1)

R4: Purchases Over \$2,000. - N. Plainfield Auto Rebuilders; Pinto Brothers; Predator  
Tree Service; Ditschman/Flemington Ford; NY Yankees; S.E. Rose Trucking; KCG,  
Inc

R5: Acceptance of 2012 Annual Audit Report

- R6: Approval of Corrective Action Plan
- R7: Amending the Borough Personnel Policy - Clarification of Vacation Time, Sick Leave Policies, etc.
- R8: Appointment to Public Works Department - Jonathan Erber
- R9: Authorize Treasurer to Issue Property Tax Refund - Block 1702, Lot 7.02

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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 **OR:13/11** entitled **“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$62,500 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.”**  
 Public Hearing to be held on September 12, 2013.

R10: Introduction of Capital OR:13/11 - Various Equipment / Police and Fire Department

Field Modification Application - Watchung Little League / Ost Field

R11: Authorize Field Modification Form - Phillips Field / Ost Field

R12: Payment of Bills

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**PUBLIC PORTION**

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R13: Executive Session: Property Acquisition - 20 Stirling Road, Block 4401, Lot 6  
 Drive, Block 6403, Lot 14 Property Acquisition - 1316 Johnston

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on September 12, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.