

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 15, 2015 - 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:**

Nehls [ ] Black [ ] Franklin [ ] Joren [ ] Gibbs [ ] Mobus [ ]

**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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**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:  
October 1, 2015

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:  
Building Department Report – September, 2015

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #31- Dave Mobus 10/7/15 Letter of resignation as a member of the Recreation Commission, due to his appointment to the Governing Body c: M & C, TEA, LM
- #32- Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders 10/08/15 Resolution supporting the “Gateway Project,” which provides for rehabilitating the aging and deteriorating rail infrastructure between Newark and Manhattan, and doubling the overstressed capacity for cross-river rail travel between New Jersey and New York City c: M & C, TEA
- #33 James T. Clemens 10/11/15 Letter of resignation as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the CERT organization c: M & C, TEA, CT

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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.

- R1:10/15/15 Authorize Tax Sale Certificate #14-03 Payment – 153 Mountain Boulevard
- R2: Authorize Clerk to Advertise for Bids – Knollwood Drive and Deer Run Drainage and Roadway Improvements; and Drainage Improvements at Various Locations
- R3: Purchases Over \$2,000. – Office Business Systems (Telephone Equip. / PD)  
Winner Ford (SUV Vehicle / PD)  
Everbridge (2016 Nixle Contract / PD)  
Behavioral Science Application (Active Shooter Response)  
East Coast Emergency Lighting (Vehicle Equipment / PD)  
Danforth’s Inc., (Rescue Boat)
- R4: Authorize Expansion of Contract – Maser Consulting / Zoning Map
- R5: Authorize Clerk to Advertise for RFP’s – 2016 Professional Services

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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 Assessment Bond Ordinance OR:15/10 entitled **“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF GRANITE BLOCK CURBING AT KNOLLWOOD DRIVE (ENTIRE LENGTH) AND AT DEER RUN (PROPERTIES AT THE INTERSECTIONS WITH KNOLLWOOD DRIVE) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$170,000 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.”** Public Hearing to be held on November 5, 2015.

- R6: Introduction of Assessment Bond Ordinance OR:15/10 – Knollwood Drive Curb Improvements

Introduction of Bond Ordinance OR:15/11 entitled “**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES 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 \$512,000 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.**” Public Hearing to be held on November 5, 2015.

R7: Introduction of Bond Ordinance OR:15/11 – Police, Fire, Public Works  
Equipment, and Various Road Improvements

R8: Payment of Bills

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**PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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R9: 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

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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 scheduled Council will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 and begin at 7:30 P.M.