

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

APRIL 2, 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 [] Beck-Clemens []

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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Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance OR:15/03 entitled “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2015 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,150,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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.”

R1:04/02/15 Adoption of Bond Ordinance OR:15/03 – 2015 Road Resurfacing Program

Public Hearing on Ordinance OR:15/04 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING CHAPTER XIV, TITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH TO ADD ARTICLE IX, TITLED "REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES PENDING FORECLOSURE."

R2: Adoption of Ordinance OR:15/04 – Amend Code / Registration and Maintenance of Properties Pending Foreclosure

Public Hearing on Ordinance OR:15/05 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING CHAPTER XIV, TITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH TO ADD ARTICLE X, TITLED "VACANT PROPERTIES" ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, REGISTRATION FEES, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VACANT OR ABANDONED STRUCTURES.”

R3: Adoption of Ordinance OR:15/05 – Amend Code / Vacant or Abandoned Structures

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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 19, 2015 Special Meeting, Regular and Executive Sessions
March 19, 2015 Regular Meeting

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Planning Board Minutes – February 17, 2015
Historical Committee Minutes – February 11, 2015
Police Activity Report – February, 2015
Environmental Commission Minutes – February 23, 2015
Board of Adjustment Annual Report - 2014

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

None

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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.

R4:04/02/15 Appointment of Public Works Laborer – Vickram Kissoon

R5: Appointment to Board of Health – Francesca Escaleira

R6: Purchases Over \$2,000. – The Rodgers Group (Prof. Assessment VFD)
Danforth’s Inc. (Water Rescue Boat Fire Dept)

R7: Authorize Subordination of Housing Rehabilitation Mortgage – 75 Lakeview Terrace

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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.

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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

R8:04/02/15 Executive Session – Personnel / Police Department

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ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Council will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 and begin at 7:30 P.M.