

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2017 - 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 [ ] Nehls [ ] Gibbs [ ] Mobus [ ] Sopko [ ]

**RESOLUTION R8:** / Steve Rogut, Rogut McCarthy LLC – Bond Counsel

R8:02/16/17 Acceptance of Bond Purchase and Prescription of Details and Bond Form

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

East Drive Redevelopment Plan / Mark Healey, Borough Planner  
Brendan McBride, Vice President RPM Development

Council Comments

Public Comments

Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/04 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A "REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" FOR A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF LOT 6.01 IN BLOCK 57.01 AS SHOWN ON THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG TAX MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.” Public Hearing to be held on March 2, 2017.

R11: Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/04 – Adoption of Redevelopment Plan / East Drive

R12: A Resolution of the Borough of Watchung Designating RPM Development, LLC Redeveloper of the East Drive Redevelopment Area

Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/05 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH EAST DRIVE URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES, L.P., PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ.” Public Hearing to be held on March 2, 2017.

R13: Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/05 – Granting Long Term Tax Exemption and Authorize Financial Agreement / East Drive Urban Renewal Associates, L.P.

**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**

Public Hearing on Ordinance OR:17/02 entitled “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, 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 \$745,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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.”

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**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:

February 2, 2017

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Recreation Commission Minutes – January 4, 2017  
Building Department Report – January, 2017  
Police Department Activity – January, 2017  
Youth Service Commission Minutes – November 28, 2016

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #6 - Price, Meese, Shulman & D’Arminio 2/6/17 Notice of T-Mobile Northeast LLC Board of Adjustment application to place antennas and install equipment at wireless communications facility located at 351 Highway Route 22 in North Plainfield. Hearing to be held on February 15, 2017 c: M&C, TEA, TH, Bd. of Adjustment
  
- #7 - Township of Bridgewater 2/14/17 Notice of Adoption of 3 Land Use Ordinances: 17-01, 17-02, and 17-03 c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Board (Full copies of the Ordinances are available in the Clerk’s 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.

- R2:02/16/17 Authorize Tree Removal Permit / 41 Lakeview Avenue
  
- R3: Authorize Expansion of Agreement / Statewide Consortium – Econsult Solutions, LLC
  
- R4: Purchases Over \$2,000. – Behavioral Medicine Consultant (EAP Services)  
2016 Fire Department Stipend  
2016 Rescue Squad Stipend
  
- R5: Waive Chapter 2-25.10 of the Code – Sunburst Gymnastics
  
- R6: Authorize Disposal/Auction of Surplus Property / GovDeals – 4 Police Vehicles
  
- R7: Authorize Expansion of Contract and Change Order / Maser Consulting –  
Tax Maps and Zoning Map Updates

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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.

R9:02/16/17 Authorize Budget Appropriation Transfers

Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/03 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 28-800 TITLED “DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES AND CHECKLISTS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG TO ADD A NEW SECTION 28-808 SPECIFYING THE REQUIRED FORMAT FOR DIGITAL SUBMISSION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO ESTABLISH AND/OR MAINTAIN A DIGITAL TAX MAP AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM BASED PARCEL LAYER” Public Hearing to be held on March 16, 2017.

- R10: Introduction of OR:17/03 – Amend Code / Require Digital Submission of LDO Applications
  
- R14: Payment of Bills

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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, March 2, 2017, at 7:30 P.M.