

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**MAY 4, 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, AND ALSO FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEE JESSICA JOHANSON.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Joren [ ] Black [ ] Nehls [ ] Gibbs [ ] Mobus [ ] Sopko [ ]

**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 of Ordinance OR:17/07 entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING SECTION 2-43, TITLED “HISTORICAL COMMITTEE”, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, SUBSECTIONS 2-43.1 TITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE; MEMBERS; APPOINTMENTS”, 2-43.2 TITLED “TERMS OF OFFICE” AND 2-43.3 TITLED “ORGANIZATION” TO ADD TWO (2) ALTERNATE MEMBERS, ALTERNATE NO. 1 AND ALTERNATE NO. 2, AND TO DESCRIBE THE ALTERNATES’ AUTHORIZATION.”**

R1:05/04/17 Adoption of OR:17/07 – Amend Code / Addition of 2 Alternate Members to the Historical Committee

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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:

April 20, 2017 Regular Session

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Board of Health Minutes – January 18, 2017  
Tax Collector’s Reports – January, February, March, 2017  
Environmental Commission – March 27, 2017  
Youth Services Commission Minutes – February 28, 2017  
Finance Department Revenue Report – January, February, 2017

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #21- Township of Berkeley Heights 4/20/17 Notice of Public Hearing of Four (4) Land Use Ordinances regarding Redevelopment c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd.
- #22- Township of Scotch Plains 4/27/17 Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Ordinance on May 16, 2017 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.

R2:05/04/17 Authorize Treasurer to Refund Homestead Rebate – 289 Mountain Boulevard

R3: Appointment of Recreation Camp Director / Seasonal – Desiree Somerville

R4: Appointment of Temporary Clerk / Finance Department - Joanne Bowden

R5: Appointment to Volunteer Fire Department / Johnathan Christian

R6: Authorize Treasurer to Issue Duplicate Tax Payment Refund / 1025 Johnston Drive

R7: Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-05 / 99 Tuttle Road

R8: Authorizing Participation with State of NJ / Safe and Secure Communities Program

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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**

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R9:05/04/17 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

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**

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is the scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.