

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 5, 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 [ ]

**PROCLAMATION:**

Watchung Hills Regional High School Students - "White Out Day / October 6, 2017"

**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 Proposed Ordinance OR:17/10 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING SECTION 28-706G.3 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG TO TRANSFER THE REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL OR NONRESIDENTIAL SIGNS WITHIN THE “VILLAGE CENTER HISTORICAL OVERLAY ZONE” FROM THE VILLAGE CENTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO THE ZONING OFFICER”

R1:10/05/17 Adoption of Ordinance OR:17/10 - Amend Code / Village Center Preservation Comm.

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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:

September 18, 2017 – Regular and Executive Sessions

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

- Planning Board Minutes - June 20, July 12, 2017
- Recreation Commission Minutes - June 7, 2017
- Environmental Commission Minutes - May 22, 2017
- Watchung Library Advisory Committee Minutes - July 12, 2017
- Building Department Report - September, 2017
- Wildlife Management Advisory Committee Report - October 4, 2017
- Tax Collector’s Report - May, June, July, August, 2017

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #49 - Township of Bridgewater 9/20/17 Notice of Public Hearing on October 16, 2017 in regard to Land Use Ordinance #17-21, Creation of New Zone: Office, Research and Development Zone” c: M & C, TEA, TH, Pl. Bd.
- #50 - Township of Berkeley Heights 9/25/17 Introduction of Land Use Ordinances #25-2017 and #27-2017, Public Hearing scheduled for October 10, 2017 c: M & C, Pl. Bd., TH, SW
- #51 - PSE&G 10/2/17 Notice of Filing and Public Hearing for Approval of Gas Base Rate Adjustments c: M & C, TEA, Post

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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.

- R2:10/05/17 Appointment of Volunteer Fire Department Member - Kelly McKenna
- R3: Authorize Payment of Final Benefits - Jonathan Cruz
- R4: Authorize Payment of Per Diem Expenses - NJ State League of Municipalities Conference
- R5: Authorize Borough Engineer to Endorse DEP TWA Permit Application / Seritage Growth Properties
- R6: Authorize Implementation of Halloween Curfew - October 30, 31, 2017
- R7: Authorize Expansion of Contract - Maser Consulting / Preliminary Soil Sampling and Evaluation - Weldon Property

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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 Ordinance OR:17/11 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF ROAD DEDICATION FOR A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1293 JOHNSTON DRIVE AND KNOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AS BLOCK 7403, LOT 15 TO THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG.” Public Hearing to Be Held on October 19, 2017.

R8: Introduction of OR:17/11 - Accept Deed of Dedication / 1293 Johnston Drive

Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/12 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 6-10, TITLED “DO NOT KNOCK LIST”, OF CHAPTER VI OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AND REPLACING WITH A NEW SECTION 6-10 TITLED “DO NOT KNOCK/DROP OFF LIST.” Public Hearing to Be Held on October 19, 2017.

R9: Introduction of OR:17/12 -Amend Code, Sec. 6-10 / Add Do Not Knock/Drop Off List

Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/13 entitled “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 11-1, TITLED “HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS”, OF CHAPTER XI OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AND REPLACING WITH A NEW SECTION 11-1, TITLED “PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS.” Public Hearing to Be Held on October 19, 2017.

R10: Introduction of OR:17/13 - Amend Code, Sec. 11-1 -Revisions to Hawking and Peddling Regulations, Permits, Applications

R11: Waive Chapter 2-25 of the Code - Gray’s Florist and GreenHouse

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**PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is the scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.