

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**NOVEMBER 20, 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 [ ]

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Watchung Library

**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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**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 19, 2017; November 2, 2017 – Executive Sessions  
November 2, 2017 - Regular Session

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Library Advisory Board Minutes - September 13, 2017  
Building Department Report - October, 2017  
Police Activity Report - October, 2017

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #58- James Boyd 10/18/17 Letter of Resignation from the Planning Board c: M & C, TEA
- #59- Borough of North Plainfield 11/3/17 Notice of Public Hearing on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to consider adoption of a Revised Master Plan for the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add an Overlay Zone to address the Borough's Affordable Housing Obligation c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd.
- #60- Warren Township 11/9/17 Notice of Public Hearing on November 27, 2017 to hear Application of Sub-division for 10 Single Family Lots adjacent to Old Church Road c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd.
- #61- Township of Berkeley Heights 11/14/17 Notice of Adoption of Land Use Ordinance #31-2017, Amending Affordable Housing Fees c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Board
- #62- Warren Township 11/17/17 Notice of Public Hearing on December 14, 2017 on Ordinance No. 17-25, to Adopt a Redevelopment Plan for an Area In Need Of Redevelopment - Mt. Horeb and Mt. Bethel Roads c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Board

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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.

- R1:11/20/17 Purchases Over \$2,000. - Beyer Fleet (PD- Police Vehicle)  
NITV Federal Services (PD – Fingerprint Equip., Training & Software)
- R2: Authorize Return of Duplicate Tax Payments - 455 Johnston Drive, 384 Valley Road
- R3: Authorize Stipulation of Settlement - Tax Appeal / 35 Jared Court
- R4: Resolution to Revise and Update Police Department Off Duty Fees
- R5: Authorize Final Payment - Top Line / Washington Drive
- R6: Authorize Submission of Strategic Plan - Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance Grant 2018 / 2019
- R7: Authorize CFO to Cancel 2016 Outstanding Checks

- R8: Authorize CFO to Refund Raffle License Overpayment - Sisters of Mercy
- R9: Authorize CFO to Refund Construction Permit Payment Error - Air Group LLC
- R10: Appointment to Volunteer Fire Department - William Hernandez
- R11: Authorize Steps and Procedure for Hazardous Tree Removal - 99 East Drive

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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.

R12:11/20/17 Payment of Bills

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**PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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R13:11/20/17 Executive Session:

Litigation – In the Matter of the Borough of Watchung for 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, December 7, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.