

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2, 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

“Wear Red for Heart Health” Day – February 3, 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

BOROUGH CODE XXIV, SECTION 24-8C – TREE PRESERVATION

Tree Removal Permit – Appeal of Denial / 41 Lakeview Avenue

DISCUSSION:

Deer Management

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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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:

January 19, 2017, Special Meeting Regular and Executive Sessions
January 19, 2017, Regular Meeting

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Board of Health Minutes – November 30, 2017
Planning Board Minutes – November 15, 2016
Environmental Commission Minutes – December 5, 2016
Historical Committee Minutes – October 12, November 9, 2016

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

#5 - Township of Bridgewater 1/23/17 Notice of 3 Land Use Ordinances, scheduled for Public Hearing and Adoption on February 6, 2017 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.

- R1: Authorize Professional Services Contract / LSRP Environmental Oversight Property / Maser Consulting
- R2: Authorize Tax Sale Certificate Redemption #16-09 / 502 Watchung Avenue
- R3: Appointment to Municipal Alliance / Freddie Hayeck
- R4: Appointment to Youth Services / Jed Ober, Shaina Nasrin
- R5: Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) / Michelle DeRocco
- R6: Authorize 2017 Contract – Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission
- R7: Purchases Over \$2,000. – MD Radio Services (FD – Pagers)

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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.

R8:02/02/17 Authorize Professional Service Contracts – Borough Attorney / Albert Cruz
Prosecutor / Richard Guss

R9: 2017 Temporary Capital Budget

Introduction of Bond 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.” Public Hearing to be held on February 16, 2017.

R10: Introduction of Bond Ordinance OR:17/02 – Various Public Improvements, Vehicle Purchase

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 7:30 P.M.