

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 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 [ ]

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness

Constitution Week - September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23, 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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**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:

August 17, 2017 – Regular Session

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Bd. of Adjustment - 2016 Annual Report  
Building Department Report - August, 2017

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #42- Township of Warren 8/21/17 Notice of Public Hearing on August 28, 2017 in regard to a proposed Amendment to the Redevelopment Element of the Master Plan c: M & C, TEA, TH
- #43- Somerset County Planning Board 8/24/17 Final Draft and Notice of Public Hearing on the Updated Housing Element of the County Mater Plan on 9/19/17 c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd.
- #44- Township of Bridgewater 8/29/17 Notice of Final Adoption in regard to a Land Use Ordinance Amendment #17-19, compliance Requirements Pursuant to a Settlement Agreement between the Fair Share Housing Center and the Township of Bridgewater c: M & C, TEA, AC
- #45- Township of Warren 9/8/17 Notice of Public Hearing and Adoption of four (4) Land Use Ordinances re: Redevelopment Plans for Areas in Need of Redevelopment: #17-18 Lindberg Avenue; #17-19 King George Inn; #17-20 Flag Plaza; #17-21 Mt. Bethel Redevelopment Area, on October 5, 2017 c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd
- #46- Township of Berkeley Heights 9/12/17 Notice of Introduction and Date of Public Hearing on September 19, 2017 on Proposed Land Use Ordinance #24-2017 Establishing Residential Density Regulations in the Downtown Zoning District c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd., SW
- #47- JCP&L 9/13/17 Notice of Petition and Public Hearing Basic Generation Service Costs c: M & C, TEA, Post
- #48- PSE&G 8/21/17 Two (2) Notices of Petition and Public Hearings / (1) 2017/2018 Annual BGSS Commodity Charge for Residential Gas Customers; (2) Basic Generation Service Charges and Proposed Recovery from Statewide Auction for Basic Service 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.

- R1:09/18/17 Purchases Over \$2,000. - Brook Hill Swim Club (Rec / Summer Camp)  
Fred Dealaman Bus Service (Rec/Camp Transportation)  
Stavola (2017 Road Resurfacing)  
L-3 Communications Mobile-Vision Inc. (Camera, In-car Video System)
- R2: Waive Chapter 6-2.11 of Code / Rescue Squad Tree of Lights Fireworks Display
- R3: Authorized Appointment Part-Time Clerk - Construction/Zoning Office /  
Joanne Bowden
- R4: Authorize Appointment Administrative Assistant - Clerk's Office / Regina Angelo
- R5: Authorize Tax Sale Redemption / Certificate #16-14 - 182 Ellison Road
- R6: Authorize Tax Sale Redemption / Certificate #15-06 - 20 Templar Drive
- R7: Authorize Tax Sale Redemption / Certificate #16-13 - 875 Johnston Drive
- R8: Authorize Tax Sale Redemption / Certificate #16-05 - 41 Schmidt Circle
- R9: Authorize Return of Tax Duplicate Payment / 940 Johnston Drive
- R10: Authorize Return of Tax Duplicate Payment / 80 Glen Eagles
- R11: Authorize Submission of NJ DOT Grant Application / MA-2018 High Tor Drive
- R12: Authorize Submission of NJ DOT Grant Application / MA-2018 Scott Drive
- R13: Authorize Grant Application Submission / Somerset County Cultural & Heritage  
Commission - for Mural Preservation

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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:17/10 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" Public Hearing to be Held on October 5, 2017.

R14:09/18/17 Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/10 - Amend Code /Village Center Preservation Comm.

R15: Payment of Bills

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**PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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R16:09/18/17 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 Special Deer Forum meeting to be held Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. and then the regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.