

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 19, 2017
6:00 PM**

OPENING STATEMENT: Mayor Stephen K. Pote called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and made the following 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 [P] Black [P] Nehls [P] Gibbs [A] Mobus [P] Sopko [P]

Also present were Administrator Tom Atkins, Attorney Albert Cruz, Clerk Michelle DeRocco, Deputy Clerk MaryAnn Hance and Planner Mark Healey.

PUBLIC PORTION

No public in attendance

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Joren moved the following resolution with a second by Councilman Nehls and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Joren, Black, Nehls, Mobus, Sopko, "aye."

R1:01/19/17SP 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.

Upon return to regular session, all Council members previously in attendance were again present.

Mr. Cruz said the pending affordable housing litigation was discussed including new developments that occurred with the Supreme Court ruling regarding the gap period and further direction was given to the Administrator, Planner and himself to proceed forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. to the Call of the Chair and to the next scheduled Council meeting January 19, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*MaryAnn Hance
Deputy Clerk*