

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 28, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

OPENING STATEMENT: Mayor Pote called the meeting to order at 5:02 AM 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 [A] Nehls [P] Gibbs [A] Mobus [A] Sopko [P]

Also present were Administrator Tom Atkins, Attorney Cruz, Clerk Michelle DeRocco, and Borough Planners Marcia Shiffman and Mark Healey.

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PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one from the public was in attendance

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Joren offered the following Resolution:

R1:6/28/17SP Executive Session:

Litigation – In the Matter of the Borough of Watchung for a Compliance of its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Docket No. SOM-L-902-15

Potential Litigation-G & J Development, LLC v. Borough of Watchung

Councilman Nehls seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Joren, Nehls, Mobus, Sopko, “aye.”

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

Mr. Cruz announced that the Mayor and Council provided direction on settlement negotiations to attempt to resolve the affordable housing litigation.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM to the Call of the Chair and to the regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DeRocco, RMC
Clerk