

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ORDINANCE NO. ORD: 18/07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2-42, TITLED "LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-42.2 TITLED "ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERS; TERMS," BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SUBSECTION 2-42.3 TITLED "ORGANIZATION; OFFICERS; MEETINGS; NOTICE; MINUTES" WITH SUBSECTION 2-42.3 TITLED "ORGANIZATION; OFFICERS," BY ADDING SUBSECTION 2-42.7 TITLED "MEETINGS AND MINUTES," AND BY ADDING SUBSECTION 2-42.8 TITLED "EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO BUDGETARY APPROVAL."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows¹:

Section 1. §2-42.2 "Establishment; Members; Terms" is hereby amended as follows:

There is hereby established in the administrative and executive services of the Borough, the Library Advisory Committee to act as a liaison between the Borough of Watchung and the Somerset County Library Commission and to perform such other functions as shall be appropriate for the continuation of a public library within the Borough. The Library Advisory Committee shall consist of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, the Borough's Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee, one (1) member of the Council to be appointed by the Mayor for a term of one (1) year, and six (6) members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council. Each member appointed by the Mayor, other than the Councilmember, shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified; except that, of those six (6) first appointed, two (2) members shall serve for three (3) years, two (2) members shall serve for two (2) years, and two (2) members shall serve for one (1) year. The Director of the Borough of Watchung Library shall be an ex officio member of the Library Advisory Committee.

Section 2. §2-42.3 "Organization; Officers; Meetings; Notice; Minutes" is hereby repealed and replaced with §2-42.3 "Organization; Officers" as follows:

¹Editor's Note: The portions to be deleted are shown with strike-outs and will be deleted from the codified version of this Ordinance and the underlined portions will remain in the codified version of this Ordinance.

At its first meeting each year the Library Advisory Committee shall elect a President and Secretary each to serve a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected.

Section 3. §2-42.7 "Meetings and Minutes" is hereby added as follows:

a. Schedule of Meetings. The President of the Library Advisory Committee shall annually, within the first two weeks of January, schedule a minimum of four quarterly meetings which will be posted on the Borough Website. Such meetings may be cancelled by the President, within one week thereof. Notice of any cancellation must be posted on the Borough's Website.

b. Minutes. The Secretary of the Library Advisory Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings of same. All minutes will be transmitted to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung within one week after approval. All such minutes are government records subject to disclosure pursuant to the state's Open Public Records Act.

Section 4. §2-42.8 "Expenditures Subject to Budgetary Approval" is hereby added as follows:

The Library Advisory Committee shall not receive and maintain funds for its own use, except as specified in the annual Borough Budget approved by the Borough Council. Additionally, the Library Advisory Committee shall expend no funds and shall incur no expenses except to the extent and for the items and purposes specified in the annual Borough budget approved by the Borough Council.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Michelle DeRocco, Clerk

Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY: Black

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