

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA**

MAY 6, 2021 | 7:30 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY FOR ALL PARTIES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH ZOOM OR VIA EMAIL TO THE BOROUGH CLERK. BELOW ARE INSTRUCTIONS:

To call into the meeting, dial 1 (646) 558-8656. It will prompt you for a meeting ID. Type 99501390087#. You do not need a participating ID, just press #.

To access the meeting using a smart phone or computer, you can download the **Zoom app** from the app store for free. You have to type in the meeting ID 99501390087 or click on <https://zoom.us/j/99501390087> **Please enter your full name.**

To submit your public comments in writing, please mail them in or send an email before 6:00 P.M. by the meeting date to the Borough Clerk at publiccomment@watchungnj.gov

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 the Annual Meeting Notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, the Star Ledger, posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough's website. In order to comply with all NJ Executive Orders and to protect members of the public, this meeting will be held virtually for all parties. Public Comments will be accepted through zoom or by email to the Borough Clerk. For those joining through Zoom, please note that upon arrival you are automatically muted. If you wish to speak during public portion, you will need to click on the "raise your hand" feature. For those joining us through the conference call line, you will need to press *6 to unmute yourself.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD.

ROLL CALL:

Robinson [] Goodloe [] Eisenberg Knegten [] Jubin [] Martino [] Hayeck []

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Administration & Finance
2. Police
3. Public Works / Buildings and Grounds
4. Public Affairs:
 - Environmental
 - Recreation
 - Historical
 - Board of Health
5. Fire
6. Laws/Ordinances

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REPORTS – OTHER:

7. Engineer
8. Police Chief
9. Fire Department
10. Rescue Squad
11. Emergency Management
12. Attorney
13. Clerk
14. Administrator
15. Wildlife Committee
16. Youth Services
17. Planning Board
18. Municipal Alliance
19. Library Advisory Board

A public portion is held prior to Council action for comments of agenda items only; another public portion is held at the end of the meeting for general discussion.

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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DISCUSSION

Memorial / Honorarium Beautification Program

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R1: Determining Budget to be Read by Title

Link to 2021 Introduced Budget: <https://watchungnj.gov/finance/2021/2021-introduced-budget.pdf>

Public Hearing on Adoption of 2021 Annual Budget

R2: Adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget

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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.

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

CERT Meeting Minutes	April 27, 2021
Environmental Commission Minutes	March 22, 2021
Green Team Minutes	March 29, 2021 and April 9, 2021
Historical Committee Minutes	March 17, 2021
Planning Board Minutes	March 16, 2021
Recreation Commission Minutes	March 3, 2021
Traffic & Beautification Minutes	March 15, 2021
Tax Collector Reports	January, February & March
Youth Service Commission Minutes	January 27, 2021

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #17- Saint Mary - Stony Hill, Reverend Monsignor William Benwell, 4/19/21, re: New Library in Watchung c: M&C, JD
- #18- Somerset County Planning Board, 4/16/21, re: Resolution Adopting Amendments to the Somerset County Land Development Review involving Recycling Fees, Public Hearing held on April 27, 2021 c: M&C, JD, BOA, PB
- #19- Watchung Planning Board, 4/20/21, re: Cannabis Study Sub-Committee Report c: M&C, JD
- #20- Environmental Commission, 5/4/21, re: Proposed Ordinance to Adopt Sustainable Jersey Green Building Checklist in the Land Development Ordinance c: M&C, JD
- #21- Township of Warren, 4/16/21 re: Ordinance 21-15 Introduced on April 15, 2021 Prohibiting the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within Its Geographical Boundaries, Public Hearing Scheduled for May 13, 2021
- #22- Board of County Commissioners, Kelly Mager Clerk of the Board, 5/4/21, re: County Resolution Supporting the Implementation of the 2019 State Energy Master Plan c: M&C, JD

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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.

- R3: Authorizing Purchase Orders over \$2,000 - Coban Technologies (PD/ Equipment / HD Camera Systems)
- R4: Authorizing Sale of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on Online Auction
- R5: Authorizing Waiving of Delinquent Interest – 60 Joan Drive, Block 7004/ Lot 11
- R6: Authorizing Waiving of Delinquent Interest – 125 Lakeview Avenue, Block 3501/ Lot 10
- R7: Authorizing Waiving of Delinquent Interest – 145 Nottingham Drive, Block 6905/ Lot 27
- R8: Authorizing Waiving of Delinquent Interest – 25 Kristy Lane, Block 6802/ Lot 8
- R9: Authorizing Waiving of Delinquent Interest – 105 Scott Drive, Block 1604/ Lot 4
- R10: Authorizing Waiving of Delinquent Interest – 636 Valley Road, Block 6905/ Lot 13
- R11: Authorizing Waiving of Delinquent Interest – 286 Old Somerset Road, Block 7100/ Lot 1.02
- R12: Authorizing Refund of Construction Permit Fee – Anthony & Sylvan Pools
- R13: Authorizing Refund of Overpayment – 132 Sunbright Road, Block 4308/ Lot 4
- R14: Authorizing Fee for Bulky Waste Collection
- R15: Authorizing Annual User Charges for the Collection and Treatment of Wastewater - 2021
- R16: Authorizing Payment of Accumulated Benefits – Chief Kelly
- R17: Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program
- R18: Authorizing Bill List
- R19: Certification of Library Site

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to any Committee for further review and discussion.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

Introduction of Ordinance OR 21/04 entitled **“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADWAYS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,100,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING GRANTS RECEIVED OR**

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EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$675,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF,” [Public Hearing to be held May 20, 2021]

- R20: Introduction of Ordinance OR:21/04 – Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to Various Roadways
- R21: Authorizing Expansion of Contract - CME Associates / Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services
- R22: Authorizing Appointment of Fire Volunteer – Harrison Werner
- R23: Authorizing Conditional Appointment as Patrol Officer – Steven Grant White

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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- R24: Authorizing Executive Session: Personnel Matters and Litigation Matters

The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is a Special Meeting scheduled to be held on May 12, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.