

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA**

MAY 20, 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: 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. 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.

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 []

PROCLAMATION National EMS Week

*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

Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation / Ovarian Cancer Awareness

Styrofoam Recycling Program

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing 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 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,”**

R1: Adoption of Ordinance OR: 21/04 – Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to Various Roadways

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE: Matters listed within this section 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, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action.

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

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| Police Activity Report | April 2021 |
| Board of Adjustment Minutes | April 8, 2021 |
| Traffic & Beautification Meeting Minutes | April 8, 2021 and May 4, 2021 |
| Engineer Capital Project Status Report | May 17, 2021 |

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #23- Environmental Commission, 5/5/21, re: Recommendation to Mayor and Council to Establish a Styrofoam Recycling Program c: M&C, JD
- #24- Letter of Resignation from Michael Cain, DPW Employee 4/4/21 c: M&C, JD, PW
- #25- Board of County Commissioners, Kelly Mager Clerk of the Board, 5/7/21, re: Notice of Adoption of County Resolution R21-434, Land Development Review, Chapter 8, Section V - Recycling c: M&C, JD
- #26- Feeding Hands, 5/11/21, re: Letter of Appreciation for Food Donations (Borough donated 948 lbs of food) c: M&C, JD
- #27- Watchung Green Team, Charlie Neiss, Chair, 5/13/21, re: Letter Supporting the Recent Recommendation made by the Planning Board in Master Plan Revision to incorporate Sustainable Jersey Green Building checklist in Land Development Ordinance c: M&C, JD

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- #28- Watchung Planning Board 5/13/21 Notice of Hearing, re: Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval for Multi-Family Housing Development at Bonnie Burn Road, Karka Investments, Inc. and Phillip Properties, Inc. [Hearing date: May 26, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.] c: M&C, JD
- #29- Township of Warren 5/15/21 Notice of Adopted Ordinance 21-15, “Prohibiting the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within Its Geographical Boundaries and Amending Section 16-5.25” c: M&C, JD, PB, ZB

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

- R2: Authorizing Purchase Orders over \$2,000 - 50 PowerDMS Professional (Trainings Aids & Programs)
El Coronado (2021 Firemen’s Convention)
- R3: Intent to Provide Local Matching Funds for Library Construction Grant
- R4: Authorizing Conditional Appointment as Patrol Officer – Michael Bahadourian

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.

- R5: Designating Sterling Watchung, LLC as the Conditional Redevelopers of the Bonnie Burn Road Property and Authorizing the Entry Into and Execution of a Conditional Designation and Interim Costs Agreement
- R6: Awarding Professional Services Contract for Website Redevelopment – Spatial Data Logic
- R7: Authorizing Employment Agreement for Police Chief – Andrew P. Hart
- R8: Authorizing Expansion of Contract for CME Associates - Affordable Housing Administration Services
- R9: Authorizing Participation and Hold Harmless Agreement – Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Journey Through the Past Program
- R10: Authorizing Release of Performance Surety Bond – Seritage SRC Finance LLC, 1660 Route 22 (Block 6201/ Lot 1) Bond #SUR0045218

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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R11: Authorizing Executive Session: Personnel Matters and Anticipated 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 Regular Meeting scheduled to be held on June 17, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.