

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

NOVEMBER 7, 2019- 7:30 P.M.

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 Annual Notice to the 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.

GUEST: WATCHUNG SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT/ GEORGE ALEXIS

ROLL CALL:

Gibbs [] Black [] Nehls [] Sopko [] Goodloe [] Eisenberg Knegten []

REPORT 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

REPORTS - OTHER:

7. Engineer
8. Police Chief
9. Fire Department
10. Rescue Squad
11. Emergency Management
12. Attorney
13. Clerk
14. Administrator

During the conduct of the meeting, unless a Public Hearing is held or the Regular Order of Business is waived, the audience does not participate. A Public Portion is held prior to action taken on Agenda items for agenda item discussion only, and another Public Portion is held at the end of the meeting for general discussion. Individuals commenting from the audience will be limited to three minutes per person, and will not be permitted to speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. If a group is represented by an attorney, the attorney will be given five minutes to make the presentation for the group.

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PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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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.

Approval of the following Council minutes:

October 17, 2019– Regular Session
November 1, 2019- Bid Opening Minutes / 2019 Various Roadway Improvements

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Traffic and Beautification Minutes – October 21, 2019
Recreation Commission - September 4, 2019
Building Department Report– October 2019
Planning Board Minutes – August 20, 2019

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #39 Borough of North Plainfield 10/22/19 Notice of Introduction of Ordinance; #2019-09
Re: Amending Article 12-122 “Historic District Residence Zones “Public Hearing to be held on
November 18, 2019 C: M & C, JD
- #40 MaryAnn Hance 10/22/19 Notice of Retirement as Deputy Clerk, effective February 1, 2020
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.

- R1:11/07/19 Purchases Over \$2,000 – Lawsoft, Inc. (PD- Evidence Tracking Software)
Great American Sign Company (Watchung Signs)
MP Overhead Doors (B&G – Pole Barn Door)
- R2: Resolution Calling Upon Legislators to form a Study Commission to Review the
Open Public Records Act (OPRA)
- R3: Authorize Submission of 2021 – 2025 Municipal Alliance Grant
- R4: Award of Bid – 2019 Various Roadway Improvements / Top Line Construction
- R5: Authorize Sale of Various Surplus Items – GovDeals

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

Introduction of Ordinance OR: 19/17 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER XXVII(A) TITLED “SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY.” Public Hearing to be held on November 25, 2019.

- R6: Introduction of Ordinance or 19/17- Amend Code ”Short Term Rental Property”

Introduction of Ordinance OR:19/18 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXVII TITLED “RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG.” Public Hearing to be held on November 25, 2019.

R7: Introduction of Ordinance OR: 19/18 – Amend Code “Residential Rental Property Registration”

Introduction of Ordinance OR:19/19 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXVIII, TITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”, SECTION 28-502, TITLED “FENCES AND WALLS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG” Public Hearing to be held on November 25, 2019.

R8: Introduction of OR:19/19 – Ordinance amending Chapter XXVIII titled "Land Development" Section 28-502, titled "Fences and Walls" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Watchung

R9: Ratify Motion / 2019 - 2020 Deer Management Program

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled to be held on November 25, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.