

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**JULY 18, 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.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Watchung/ Warren Rotary Club – Donation to Rescue Squad

**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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Public Hearing of Ordinance OR:19/15 entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,653,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.”

R1:07/18/19 Adoption of OR:19/15 - Bond Ordinance to Authorize Various Public Improvements

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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.

Approval of the following Council minutes:

June 20, 2019 –Special Meeting  
July 10, 2019 – Special Meeting

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Traffic and Beautification Minutes – June 18, 2019  
Building Department – June 2019  
Police Activity Report – May 2019  
Library Advisory Committee Minutes – May 1, 2019  
Board of Adjustment Minutes – June 13, 2019

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #23 - Lynn Franklin 6/20/19 Letter of Resignation from Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Committee c: M & C
- #24- Township of Scotch Plains 6/20/19 Notice of Introduction of three (3) Ordinances; #2019-14 Re: Amend Zoning to create ML-4 District #2019-15 Re: Amend Zoning to Create ML-3 Multi Family District #2019-16 Re: Amend Zoning Map in Accordance with Master Plan to Address the Rezoning of Certain Parcels. Public Hearing to be held on July 16, 2019  
c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Board
- #25- Tim Hale 6/20/19 Email notification to Chief of intention to retire from Police Department  
Effective 7/1/19 c: M & C
- #26- Raymond Murray 7/1/19 Letter of Resignation as Tax Collector, effective 8/1/19 c: M & C

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Recommendation from Wildlife Advisory Committee to Conduct a Non-Binding Referendum in November

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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.

- R2: 07/01/19 Purchases Over \$2,000 –Idemia ( PD- Maintenance & Support / Fingerprint Equip)  
East Coast Emergency Lighting (PD – Lighting/ Ford SUV)  
Atlantic Tactical (PD-Uniforms)  
Pinto Brothers – ( PW- 2019 Bulk Pick Up)

Raymond Manner Plumbing & Heat – (B & G Repair at PD)  
Round Top Swim & Tennis Club – (Rec- Camp 1<sup>st</sup> Installment)  
John’s Painting Contractor, LL – (B &G- Painting of Library)

- R3: Authorize Clerk to Issue Raffle License – Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity
- R4: Appointment of Summer Camp Counselors / Salary Clarification
- R5: Authorize 2020 Grant Application/ NJ DOT – Various Roadway Improvements
- R6: Certify General Fund 2019 - 2020 Tax Levy: Watchung Hills Regional Board of Education
- R7: Certify General Fund 2019 - 2020 Tax Levy: Watchung Board of Education
- R8: Authorize Revocable License Agreement – 470 Johnston Drive
- R9: Authorize Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License – GC Fridays NJ-PA LLC  
To TGI FRIDAY’S INC.
- R10: Appointment of Tax Collector- William Hance
- R11: Authorize Renewal of Cooperation Agreements / Community Development Block Grant  
and Home Investment Partnership Program – Somerset County
- R12: Resolution in Support of Legislation Clarifying Exemptions from Mandatory  
Immunizations for Students
- R13: Authorize Final Payment of Accumulated Benefits / Tim Hale
- R14: Resolution Modifying Payment to Borough Administrator

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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:19/16 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND WELDON MATERIALS, INC., FOR A PORTION OF LOT 9.01 BLOCK 76.01 TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A NEW COMMUNICATIONS TOWER.” Public Hearing to be held on August 15, 2019.

- R15: Introduction of OR: 19/16 –Authorize Lease between Borough and Weldon Materials
- R16: Waive Chapter 2-25.10 of the Code – Grays Florist
- R17: Resolution to Confirm Commitment of Support – Watchung Board of Education
- R18: Resolution of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Consenting to Crown Atlantic Company, LLC, Subleasing a Portion of the Communications Tower at Borough Hall to DISH Network
- R19: Payment of Bills

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**PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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- R20: 07/18/19 Executive Session: Personnel – Administrator

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled to be held on August 15, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.