

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

AUGUST 15, 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 and a MOMENT of SILENCE for the VICTIMS of the RECENT SHOOTINGS IN EL PASO, TEXAS and DAYTON, OHIO.

ROLL CALL:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

R1: Thanking Tom Atkins for Years of Service

R2: Thanking Ed Bennett for his Years of Service

WHRHS/ Special School District Election – September 24, 2019

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.

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing 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."

R3:08/15/19 Adoption of OR:19/16 - Authorize Lease between Borough and Weldon Materials

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 – Regular Meeting
July 10, 2019 – Special Meeting Executive Session
July 15, 2019 – Special Meeting, Regular and Executive Session
July 18, 2019 – Regular and Executive Session

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Fire Prevention Bureau Report – June, July 2019
Building Department – July 2019
Police Activity Report – June 2019
Environmental Commission Minutes – January 29, February 28, March 25, May 20, 2019

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #27 - Andrea Meyer 8/15/19 Letter of Retirement from Police Department, Effective 8/1/19 c: M & C
 - #28- Township of Franklin 7/29/19 Resolution #19-337 Resolution Supporting a Moratorium on Fossil Fuel Projects in New Jersey Adopted July 9, 2019 c: M & C, TEA,
 - #29- JCP&L 7/25/19 Notices of Two Public Hearings re: (1) Proposed Increase to Recover Costs Incurred for Environmental Remediation of Manufactured Gas Plant Sites (2) Proposed Decrease in the Universal Service Fund C: M & C, TEA
 - #30- PSE&G 2/25/19 Four Notices of Public Hearings re: (1) Proposed Increase for Gas Rate Changes (2) Petition to Reset the Company's Electric and Gas Green Programs Recovery Charge (3) Petition to Decrease its Basic Gas Supply Service Commodity charge to Residential Service Customers (4) Compliance Filing for changes in the Universal Service Fund C: M & C
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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.

R4:08/15/19 Purchases Over \$2,000 –Emergency Reporting (FD- CAD Software)
Atlantic Tactical (PD - Firearms)
Fundraising Brick LLC (911 Memorial Walkway)
Lawmen Supply Co. (PD - Ammunition)
Somerset County Clerk (Elections/ Ballot Printing, Mailing)
King George Plumbing (PD - AC Unit / Radio Room)
Foveonics Document Solutions (Cap-Doc Imaging/Archiving)
Finne Building & Investment (2019 Road Improvement Project)

- R5: Authorize Tax Collector to extend 2019 Third Quarter Tax Payment Grace Period
- R6: Resolution Authorizing TAPinto Watchung be designated as an Electronic News Source
for the year 2019
- R7: Resolution Authorizing MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) / OEM & Red Cross
- R8: Authorize Towing License (3 Year) – JVD Towing Service
- R9: Authorizing Residents to Participate in Park and Ride Program with Warren
- R10: Appointment of Tax Collector- William Hance
- R11: Authorize 2-year Contract /Borough of Watchung and Police Chief
- R12: Appointment of Interim Administrator – Michelle DeRocco
- R13: Authorize Payment of Accumulated Benefits – Andrea Meyer
- R14: Authorize Payment of Accumulated Benefits – Thomas Atkins
- R15: Authorize Submission of Grant / County History Partnership Program-Historical
Committee

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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.

- R16:08/15/19 Authorize Appointment of Borough Administrator – James J. Damato
- R17: Waive Chapter 2-25.10 of the Code – Grays Florist
- R18: Payment of Bills

Request:
RETS Partners, LLC to Rezone Block 201, Lot 17; Block 92, Lot 1
from R-R Zone to allow for multi-family

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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R19:08/15/19 Executive Session: Property Acquisition

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 September 5, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.