

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA - REVISED

JULY 15, 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 the 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 Revised 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 []

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

REPORTS – OTHER:

7. Engineer
8. Police Chief

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- 9. Fire Department
- 10. Rescue Squad
- 11. Emergency Management
- 12. Attorney
- 13. Clerk
- 14. Administrator
- 15. Youth Services
- 16. Planning Board
- 17. Municipal Alliance
- 18. Library Advisory Board
- 19. Traffic and Beautification

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.

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PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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DISCUSSION

Recreation Commission Proposal

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance **OR: 21/05** entitled **"AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING SECTION 28-106 OF THE WATCHUNG MUNICIPAL CODE."**

R1: Adoption of Ordinance **OR:21/05** – Prohibiting the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses and amending Section 28-106 of the Borough Code

Public Hearing of Ordinance **OR: 21/06** entitled an **"ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 ENTITLED, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG", TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "IMPERVIOUS SURFACE," OF SECTION 28-203, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS," TO EXCLUDE DECKS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES."**

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Public Hearing of Ordinance **OR: 21/07** entitled “**ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 2-44 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AND DISSOLVING THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**”

R2: Adoption of Ordinance **OR:21/07** – Repealing Section 2-44 of the Borough Code and Dissolving the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee

Public Hearing of Ordinance **OR: 21/08** entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. OR:20/06, OR:19/015 AND OR: 18/20, ADOPTING A "REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" FOR A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF BLOCK 7402, LOTS 19.01 AND 19.02 AND BLOCK 7403, LOTS 5 AND 10 AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS THE "BONNIE BURN ROAD REDEVELOPMENT AREA", AS SHOWN ON THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG TAX MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.**”

R3: Adoption of Ordinance **OR:21/08** – Adopting the Amended Redevelopment Plan identified as the Bonnie Burn Road Redevelopment Area

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NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & 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.

Approval of the following Council Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes	March 18, 2021 April 1, 2021 April 15, 2021 May 6, 2021
Special Meeting Minutes	April 22, 2021 May 12, 2021

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Youth Services Commission Minutes	April 13, 2021
Planning Board Meeting Minutes	April 20, 2021 May 18, 2021
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes	May 24, 2021
Construction Report	June 2021
Fire Prevention Bureau Report	June 2021
Police Department Activity Report	June 2021
Green Team Meeting Minutes	June 4, 2021
CERT Meeting Minutes	June 22, 2021

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Engineer Status Report

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Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #32- Borough of North Plainfield, 6/20/21 re: Ordinance No. 21-5 “*An Ordinance to Amend Revise and Supplement Chapter 22, Land Development, General Provisions*” and Adding § 22-115.33, *Commercial Recreational Adult use Cannabis Operations, Permitting Certain Classes of Cannabis Businesses in Specified Zones within the Geographical Boundaries of the Borough of North Plainfield.*” This Ordinance permits commercial recreational adult use cannabis operations in certain zones. c: M&C, PB, JD
- #33- Tamara Benc, President of Watchung Library Advisory Board, Letter to Somerset County Library Commission Regarding Eliminating Library Fines 6/20/21. c: M&C, JD
- #34- Berkeley Heights, 6/23/21 re: Adoption of Land Use Ordinance No 9-2021 “*Prohibiting the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within its Geographical Boundaries and Amending Section 6.4.1 of Land Use Procedures*”. c: M&C, PB, JD
- #35- Township of Green Brook, 6/25/21 re: Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Application Concerning Block 158.01, Lot 49, plus property in Watchung known as Block 16.01, Lot 11.01 located at 14 Cain Circle. This application is for a type “C” Dimensional Variance. C: M&C, JD
- #36- Jersey Central Power & Light 7/6/21 re: Notice of Filing & Public Hearing, Adjustment of Solar Renewal Energy Certificates Financing Component, Proposed Increase in Rider RRC Charges, Hearing on July 22, 2021. c: M&C, JD
- #37- Township of Scotch Plains, 7/1/21 re: Notice of Public Hearing/ Final Adoption, OR 2021-16, Ordinance Amending Chapter XXIII Entitled “Zoning” of the Township of Scotch Plains Ordinance to Amend the B-2 Business Zone Ordinance in Order to Update and Clarify the Permitted Primary Uses and the Permitted Secondary Uses and their Respective Bulk and Design Standards in the B-2 Business Zone District. C: M&C, JD, PB

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

- R4: Authorizing Purchase Orders over \$2,000 – FD - El Coronado (2021 Firemen’s Convention)
PD – CEI Office Casey’s Executive Int. (office partitions, delivery & inst.)
DPW-Aquaclear, LLC (2021-2022 lake mgmnt/ algae and weed control)
- R5: Authorizing Online Tax Sale Hosting Services / Realauction.com, LLC
- R6: Authorizing Refund of Overpayment – 289 Mountain Blvd
- R7: Authorizing Tax Lien Redemption of Certificate #19-00001 – 15 Blue Wolf Trail
- R8: Authorizing Bill List

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- R9: Authorizing Clerk to Issue Raffle License #658 – Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
- R10: Authorizing Appointments of 2021 Summer Camp Director and Counselors
- R11: Opposing the Gibbstown Logistics Terminal and Liquefied Natural Gas Shipments
- R12: Authorizing Extension of the Time of the Designation of the Conditional Redevelopers of the Bonnie Burn Road Property

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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 any Committee for further review and discussion.

- R13: Authorizing Award of Contract for Financial Advisory Services and Assistance Relating to the Bonnie Burn Road Redevelopment Project - Phoenix Advisors, LLC
- R14: Authorizing Approval to Submit Grant Application, MA-2022 and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Johnston Drive, Scott Drive, & Old Somerset Road
- R15: Authorizing Field and Facility Permit Application for Use of Mobus Field – Zumba with Julie
- R16: Authorizing the Appointment of P/T Electrical Sub-Code Official – John F. McManus
- R17: REMOVED
- R18: Authorizing the Appointment of F/T Laborer/ Driver Step A – Joseph Buro
- R19: Authorizing the Appointment of Principal Public Works Manager/ Engineer – James Hutzelmann
- R20: Declaring a Public Nuisance and Authorizing and Directing the Abatement of Said Nuisance – 131 Cedar Road

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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ADJOURNMENT

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