

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 22, 2021 | 7:30 P.M.

[THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY FOR ALL PARTIES]

MAYOR'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mayor Keith S. Balla called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and stated the following: *“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 [Absent] Goodloe [P] Eisenberg Knegten [P] Jubin [Absent] Martino [P] Hayeck [P]

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Balla read the following proclamation: Raising Awareness of Ramadan

Mayor Balla stated that Council Member Martino had several questions on proposed ordinance 21/04 and because some Council Member were unable to join today, ordinance 21/04 would be removed from consideration tonight.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

❖ Audit Presentation by Samuel Klein and Company

Representing Samuel Klein and Company was Michael McGuire, Partner. He review the 2019 audit contents and provided an overview of the findings and determinations. Council Members made inquiries on his presentation.

❖ Presentation by Sterling Watchung, LLC

Ms. Nicole Dory of the Law Firm of Connell Foley gave a brief introduction on history on this project and its current status. She noted she was here to request conditional redevelopment designation for Sterling Watchung, LLC on behalf of the property owners Karka Investment and Phillip Properties. Representing Sterling Watchung, LLC was Steven Katz, Wayne Zuckerman and Nicholas Hollenbeck. Mr. Katz opened up with a brief introduction of their organization and their project history. Mr. Hollenbeck proceeded to share his screen and made a presentation on the proposed development. Council Members made inquiries on his presentation.

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 22, 2021 | 7:30 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

Introduction 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,**” Public Hearing to be held May 6, 2021.

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

The matter listed above was not considered or discussed at this meeting.

=====
PUBLIC PORTION

No comments provided

=====
ADJOURNMENT

Upon no further business, this meeting ended at 8:22 P.M. to the Call of the Chair. The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is a Regular Meeting scheduled to be held on May 6, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith G. Gil
Borough Clerk