

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2021 - 7:30 P.M.**

[THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY FOR ALL PARTIES]

MAYOR'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mayor Keith S. Balla called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and made the following 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 the Annual Meeting Notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, the Star Ledger, posted at Borough Hall and the Borough's website. In order to comply with all NJ Executive Orders and to protect members of the public, this meeting is being held virtually for all parties. Public Comments will be accepted through zoom at the designated time or in writing. 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and a MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD.

ROLL CALL:

Robinson [P] Goodloe [P] Eisenberg Knegten [P] Jubin [P] Martino [P] Hayeck [P]

Mayor Balla informed everyone that agenda items R7 and R8 listed tonight were being pulled

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one from the public wished to be heard

DISCUSSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance OR 21/01 entitled: "**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-15 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE APPOINTMENT, POWER, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRINCIPAL PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG,**"

R1: Adoption of OR 21/01 – Creating the Position of Principal Public Works Manager/ Director of Public Works and amending the responsibilities thereof

Council Member Jubin read the ordinance title above and moved, second by Council President Robinson to hold the public hearing on ordinance 21/01. All Council Members unanimously voted yes.

No one from the public wished to be heard

Council Member Jubin moved to close the public hearing and motioned to advance resolution R1 adopting OR 21/01, second by Council Member Eisenberg Knegten. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Robinson, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino, Hayeck "aye."

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: Council President Robinson moved the acceptance of the following items, second by Council Member Eisenberg Knegten. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Robinson, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino, Hayeck “aye.”

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Board of Adjustment Annual Report	2020
Board of Health Meeting Minutes	August 19, 2020
Building Department	December 2020
CERT Meeting Minutes	December 15, 2020
Fire Prevention Bureau Report	December 2020
Police Activity Report	December 2020
Wildlife Management Advisory	
Committee Meeting Minutes	November 2, 2020

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

#1 - Letter of Resignation from John Erber, Department of Public Works 1/12/21 c: M&C, JD, CG

Council Member’s Hayeck and Eisenberg Knegten expressed their sentiment to #1 above.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: Council President Robinson moved the acceptance of the following items, second by Council Member Goodloe. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Robinson, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino, Hayeck “aye.”

R2: Purchase Orders over \$2,000 – ACE Tech Pest (*Pest Control Services for Library, Borough Hall, DPW Garage, Police Dept., Texier House*)
Read Auto Parts (*DPW – plow equipment and supplies*)
Watchung Service Center (*PD – routine vehicle oil/tire changes*)
Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp. (*DPW – elevator service agreement full maintenance from 12/2020 thru 11/2021*)
AC Daughtry Security Systems (*security/fire system monitor for fire houses, Borough Hall, Library, Texier House, DPW Garage*)

R3: Authorizing Tax Sale Lien Redemption Certificate #16-00015

R4: Authorizing Temporary Budget Amendment for 2021

R5: Authorizing Volunteer Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions

R6: Authorizing Bill List

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- R7: ~~Authorizing Purchase over \$2,000 — Rileighs Outdoor Décor (*Baroque Deer Signs*)~~
This item was removed from the agenda.
- R8: ~~Authorizing 2020 Stipend for Fire Department Volunteers~~
This item was removed from the agenda
- R9: Authorizing Contract with Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for Fuel Purchases for 2021-2022

Council Member Eisenberg Knegten motioned to adopt the above item, second by Council Member Jubin. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Robinson, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino, Hayeck “aye.”

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

- 1) Deb Joren, inquired on the report of the executive session breach. Attorney Denis Murphy explained that outside counsel should be providing it shortly.

R10: Authorizing Executive Session: Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiation

Council President Robinson motioned to adopt the above item, second by Council Member Goodloe. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Robinson, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino, Hayeck “aye.”

Upon return to regular session, all Council Members previously in attendance were again present.

Council President Robinson motioned to go into public session, second by Council Member Goodloe. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Robinson, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino, Hayeck “aye.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM to the Call of the Chair. The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled to be held on February 4, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith G. Gil
Borough Clerk