

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

OCTOBER 20, 2022

[THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON AND BROADCASTED VIA ZOOM]

MAYOR’S STATEMENT: Mayor Balla called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and stated the following *“This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. 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. Public Comments will be accepted in-person, through zoom or by email to the Borough Clerk. For those joining through Zoom, please note that upon arrival you are automatically muted.”*

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

ROLL CALL

Jubin [P] Robinson [P] Martino [P] Hayeck [P] Dahl [P] Ead [P]

Mayor Balla advised Resolution R1, will be deferred to a future meeting and Resolutions R8, R9 and R10 were pulled for further discussion during Executive Session.

REPORT

❖ Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee Update

Mayor Balla provided an update on the meetings that have taken place with this Ad-Hoc Committee. The Committee prepared a power point presentation that was provided to Council and shared on zoom. Mayor Balla discussed the mission and different goals of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Clerk Edith Gil advised once the Ad- Hoc Committee reviews and approves the survey it will be released.

Stephen Pote and Bradford Leigh, Members of the Ad-Hoc Committee, provided comments relating to the renderings of the potential new library building.

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Bill Candiloros, Nottingham Drive, asked for clarification regarding the proposed library square footage as well as the layout of the building.

DISCUSSION

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes	September 8, 2022
Historical Committee Meeting Minutes	June 15, 2022
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes	September 15, 2022
Police Department Activity Report	September 2022

Motion to Adopt above by Jubin/Second by Dahl

RC: Jubin [Y] Robinson [Y] Martino [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Ead [Y]

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

R2: Rescinding Purchase Order 22-00941 for Air Group, LLC (*Texier House ac replacement*)

- R3: Authorizing Purchase Orders over \$2,000 –Draeger, Inc. (*PD Alcotest machine repairs*)
SE Rose Trucking & Excavating (*playground grading*)
Allstate Factory Service (*Texier House AC replacement*)
Fun Services (*DJ, inflatables, games, etc.- deposit*)
ANS Consultants, Inc., (*2 clean fill criteria soil tests*)

R4: Authorizing Payment of Accumulated Benefits for Michael Bahadourian

R5: Authorizing Bill List

Motion to Adopt above by Jubin/Second by Hayeck

RC: Jubin [Y] Robinson [Y] Martino [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Ead [Y]

- *Martino [Abstain]*

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

R6: Authorizing Implementation of Curfew and Limit of Hours – October 30th and 31st

Motion to Adopt Above by Robinson / Second by Hayeck

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R7: Authorizing Appointment of Javier Angel Perez as Fire Volunteer

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Motion to Adopt Above by Dahl / Second by Jubin

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R8: REMOVED

R9: REMOVED

R10: REMOVED

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

Bill Candiloros, Nottingham Drive, questioned if there will be safety officers stationed at Wilson Memorial Church during the upcoming election. He expressed his disappointment with the new law passed by Governor Murphy restricting Police Officers within 100 feet of a polling place.

Administrator Damato advised quotes have been received and are being analyzed by the Police Department and one will be selected to provide traffic control on Election Day at Wilson Memorial Church.

Janine Riedinger, High Tor Drive, submitted written public comments regarding the censure made against Council Member Martino.

Council Member Martino advised he would repost and send his letter to the resident who provided comments.

Catherine Leigh, Guinard Drive, questioned if the Police Department can respond if an accident occurs on Hillcrest Road. Mayor Balla advised Police will respond to any call inside or outside the building. Ms. Leigh suggested shutting down Hillcrest Road during voting hours on Election Day.

Council President Jubin suggested sending a letter to the County with a bill advising reimbursement for any excessive costs put on the Borough without proper notice.

Catherine Leigh suggested consolidating all the voting districts into one spot.

Clerk Edith Gil provided detailed comments on the process of changing a polling location.

Council Member Robinson clarified her point on the censure of Council Member Martino.

Council Member Dahl provided a brief report on the accident at former Council Member Steve Black's flower shop. Administrator Damato expressed on behalf of former Council Member Steve Black his thanks and appreciation for our Police Fire and EMS Departments for all their assistance.

Council Member Ead provided a brief update on the Mobus Field playground.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

R11: Authorizing Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters:
TWA Application – Sanitary Sewer Agreements
Police Captain Agreement

Motion to Adopt above by Jubin/Second by Ead

RC: Jubin [Y] Robinson [Y] Martino [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Ead [Y]

Mayor and Council entered executive session at approximately 8:22 P.M. and returned to open session at approximately 9:20 P.M.

Motion to Return to Open Session by Jubin/Second by Robinson

RC: Jubin [Y] Robinson [Absent] Martino [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Ead [Y]

R8: Appointing and Authorizing Employment Agreement of Scott Anderle as Captain of the Department of Police

Administrator Damato noted term effective September 1, 2022.

Motion to Adopt above by Robinson/Second by Ead

RC: Jubin [Y] Robinson [Y] Martino [Y] Hayeck [Y] Dahl [Y] Ead [Y]

ADJOURNMENT

Upon there being no further business before Council the meeting ended at 9:22 P.M. to the Call of the Chair. The next meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Angelo
Deputy Clerk