

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**AGENDA**

**MARCH 27, 2008 - 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 Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, Messenger-Gazette and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG and SILENT PRAYER**

**ROLL CALL**

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**POLICE AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- 1. Administration & Finance
- 2. Police
- 3. Public Works
- 4. Buildings and Public Affairs
  - Buildings
  - Public Affairs
- 5. Fire
- 6. Laws/Ordinances, and Recreation

**REPORTS - OTHER:**

- 7. Engineer
- 8. Police Chief
- 9. Attorney
- 10. 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 at the end of the meeting. 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.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Public Hearing on Proposed Bond Ordinance OR:08/05 entitled "ASSESSMENT BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE VALLEY ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$240,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance OR:08/06 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 138-28.1, TITLED 'ACCESSORY APARTMENTS PERMITTED AS A CONDITIONAL USE.'"

Letter received March 24, 2008 from Watchung Planning Board recommending the adoption of OR:08/06.

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**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:  
Bid Opening - March 12, 2008

Approval of the following Borough Reports:  
Historical Committee - Minutes of December 12, 2007  
Police Activity - February, 2008

#18 - Jeralyn L. Lawrence 3/12/08 Thanking Mayor Ellis for proclaiming March 14th Jeralyn L. Lawrence Day in honor of her recognition by the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women in the category of law c: M & C, LBF

#19 - Township of Mt. Olive 3/13/08 Resolution opposing the State's reduction in State aid to municipalities c: M & C

#20 - Borough of Pt. Pleasant 3/13/08 Resolution requesting the expedition of legislation that will grant the right to all municipalities to levy local option taxes on certain types of discretionary spending

#21 - Bd. of Chosen Freeholders 3/13/08 Resolution supporting the enrolment of the county in the "Cleanpower Community Partners" Program c: M & C, LBF and a Resolution recommending Changes to the January 22, 2008 proposed COAH Third Round Rules c: M & C, LBF

#22 - Bd. of Public Utilities 3/17/08 Notice of Public Hearing of Proposed Rate Increase/ NJ American Water Company c: M & C, LBF, Post

#23 - State of NJ, Dept. Of Environmental Protection 3/19/08 Notice of 2008 Clean Communities entitlement - \$7,993.42 c: M & C, LBF, WH

#24 - Nat'l Association of Letter Carriers 3/24/08 Requesting support of Plainfield's efforts to Keep Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center as a full service hospital c: M & C, LBF

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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.

- R3:3/27/08 Commending Brendan Ard - State Wrestling Champion
- R4: Award of Professional Service Contract - Vito Gagliardi and Porzio, Bromberg, and
- R5: Authorize Issuance of Raffle License to Rahway PBA Civic Association, Inc.
- R6: Opposing Legislation Mandating the Appt. of a QPA and the Reorganization of Purchasing Functions
- R7: Authorize Final Payment of Accumulated Employee Benefits - Marie Della Piazza
- R8: Temporary Budget Amendment
- R9: Supporting the Green Brook Flood Control Commission's efforts to seek continued financial funding from the Federal FY2009 Budget for the continued planning, design
- R10: Authorize Release of Maintenance Bond - Wal-Mart
- R11: Award of Bid / Beechwood Place Reconstruction / Jenicar Builders

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

- R1:3/27/08 Adoption of Bond Ordinance OR:08/05 - Sanitary Sewer Extension/  
Valley Road
- R2: Adoption of Ordinance OR:08/06 - Amending Chapt. 138 of the Code of the  
Borough by addition a new section entitled "Accessory Apartments Permitted as  
a Conditional Use"
- R12: Award of Contract - 1868 Public Affairs
- R13: Payment of Bills
- R14: Executive Session:  
Contract Negotiations / PACT Construction, Inc. & PSE&G

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**PUBLIC PORTION**  
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**ADJOURNMENT**  
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The next scheduled meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on April 10, 2008, in addition to the Special Budget Hearing meeting scheduled for 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 29, 2008.