

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

AGENDA

JULY 24, 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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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 of Proposed Ordinance OR:08/10 entitled "ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK"

Public Hearing of Proposed Ordinance OR:08/11 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM AMERIGO CHECCIO TO THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG"

Public Hearing of Proposed Ordinance OR:08/12 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR POLICE AID IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY"

Public Hearing of Proposed Ordinance OR:08/13 entitled "ORDINANCE FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM"
"WITHDRAWN"

Public Hearing of Proposed Ordinance OR:08/14 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG CH. 5 THEREOF, "SALARIES," AND TO FIX AND

DETERMINE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES”

Public Hearing of Proposed Assessment Bond Ordinance OR:08/15 entitled “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF BELGIAN BLOCK CURBING AT TEMPLAR DRIVE AND PORTIONS OF BROOKDALE ROAD AND SHAWNEE DRIVE 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 \$150,600 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 ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.”

Public Hearing of Proposed Bond Ordinance OR:08/16 entitled “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2008 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$850,000 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 2008 Municipal Budget~~ WITHDRAWN

~~R8A: Resolution determining the budget shall be read by title~~ WITHDRAWN

R8B: Amend Budget as Introduced to Reflect \$30,124 State Aid Increase

Adoption of 2008 Municipal Budget Rescheduled for August 14, 2008

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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:
June 26, 2008, Special Workshop Meeting June 12, 2008

Approval of the following Borough Reports:
Building Department - June 2008
Tax Collector’s Report - June 2008
Police Activity - June 2008

- #52 - Senator Joe Pennacchio 6/24/08 Requesting support of S-445 - Transparency in Government Act. / Establishment of State Public Finance Website c: M & C, LBF
- #53 - PSE&G 6/24/08 Notice of petition to Bd of Public Utilities for an increase in charges for Electric and Gas c: M & C, LBF, Post
- #54 - Union Township 6/30/08 Resolution supporting the adoption of Federal regulations regarding Truck noise and muffles system modifications c: M & C
- #55 - Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose 6/30/08 Requesting support of the “Small Government Caucus”, an effort devoted to smaller government, less spending, and lower taxes c: M & C, AC
- #56 - Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. 6/30/08 Letter of thanks in regard to the assistance provided by the Watchung Volunteer Fire Department for an extrication on June 15, 2008
C: M & C, FD
- #57 - County of Somerset, Dept. of Human Services 7/1/08 Notice of award of 2008 Youth Services Grant - \$5,000.00 c: M & C, LBF, WH, MB
- #58 - Township of Berkeley Heights 7/2/08 Notice of Adoption of OR #10-08 - Amendment to Zoning Regulations / Affordable Housing Development Fees c: M & C, LBF, DS

#59 - Franklin Township 7/14/08 Resolution urging the legislators to veto Assembly Bill A2867 and Senate Bill S1919, aka "Permit Extension Act" and Resolution petitioning Legislators to Fund Study by Franklin Township for Alternative Means for Funding Education c: M & C, LBF

#60 - Abraham and Fern Morganoff 7/16/08 Expressing non-support of proposed curbing project for Carrar Drive c: M & C, LBF, TH

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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.

R9:7/24/08 Purchases Over \$2,000.00 - Dealaman Enterprises, Inc., Pitney Bowes

R10: Authorize Final Payment and Accept Maintenance Bond - Tomaro Contracting/ Misc. Roadway and Drainage Improvements

R11: Supporting the adoption of Federal regulations regarding Truck Noise and Muffler System Modifications

R12: Urging the NJ Legislators to ensure appropriate Federal Regulatory Oversight of Electric Rates

R13: Authorize Shared Service Agreement with Warren Twp / Catch Basin Cleaner

R14: Authorize Final Payment and Accept Maintenance Bond - Tomaro Contracting/ Anderson Road Reconstruction Project

R15: Authorize Treasurer to Issue Refund of Duplicate Tax Payment - Block 2401, Lot 5

R16: Authorize Treasurer to Issue Refund / Veterans Exempt Status - Block 4101, Lot 13

R17: Authorize Request for Annual Payment for Curb Improvement Project - Block 70.04, Lot 13

R18: Approval of Third Amendment to Berkeley Heights Sewer Agreement

R19: Authorize Clerk to Issue Raffle License - Special Olympics New Jersey, Inc.

R20: Certify General Fund 2008 - 2009 Tax Levy - Watchung Board of Education

R21: Certify General Fund 2008 - 2009 Tax Levy-Watchung Hills Regional Board of Education

R22: Authorize Change Order #1 - PACT Construction / Skyline Drive and Johnston Drive Sanitary Sewer and Drainage Improvement Project

R23: Award of Bid - In-Car Digital Recording System / L-3 Communications Mobile-Vision, Inc.

R24: Authorize Expansion of Contract - Civil Dynamics Inc./ Construction Phase Services for the Rehabilitation of Best Lake and Dam

R25: Calling on Governor to Repeal A-500 - Affordable Housing Legislation That Creates an Additional Burden on Property Taxpayers

~~R26: Establishing 2008 Employee Base Salaries~~ **WITHDRAWN**

R27: Authorize Return of Escrow Fees

R28: Authorize Award of Bid - 1979 Mack CF Fire Pumper Truck

R29: Authorize Change Order #1 - Compass Construction

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Introduction of Ordinance OR:08/17 entitled "BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1 AND 4 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. OR:06/29) ENTITLED: "ASSESSMENT BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE SKYLINE DRIVE AND JOHNSTON

DRIVE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT) 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 \$1,600,000 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," ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2006." Public Hearing to be held on August 14, 2008.

Introduction of Ordinance OR:08/18 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$6,500.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS AND \$69,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND." Public Hearing to be held on August 14, 2008.

Introduction of Bond Ordinance OR:08/19 entitled "BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$35,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$33,250.00 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF." Public Hearing to be held on August 14, 2008.

Introduction of Ordinance OR:08/20 entitled "ORDINANCE FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM"

Request for Access to Easement located at Camp Endeavor - Heather Properties / re: 135 Oakwood Road

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

- R1: Adoption of OR:08/10 - Cap Bank Ordinance
- R2: Adoption of OR:08/11 - Accept Sanitary Sewer Easement / Block 69.06, Lot 3.01 and Lot 3.02
- R3: Adoption of OR:08/12 - Interlocal Services Agreement / Police Assistance
- ~~R4: Adoption of OR:08/13 - Designation of Eligible Positions / DCRP **WITHDRAWN**~~
- R5: Adoption of OR:08/14 - Set Minimum/Maximum Salaries for Employees
- R6: Adoption of Assessment Bond OR:08/15 - Belgian Block Curb Project
- R7: Adoption of Bond OR:08/16 - Road Improvements
- ~~R8A: Determining Budget to be Read by Title **WITHDRAWN**~~
- R8B: Amend Budget as Introduced to Reflect \$30,124 State Aid Increase
- ~~R8C: Adoption of 2008 Municipal Budget **WITHDRAWN**~~
- R30: Introduction of OR:08/17 - Amending Assessment Bond Ord OR:06/29 - Authorizing additional properites/ Skyline Drive and Johnston Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- R31: Introduction of OR:08/18 - Fire and Recreation Departments Equipment and Improvements
- R32: Introduction of Bond Ordinance OR:08/19 - Purchase of Public Works Equipment
- R33: Introduction of OR:08/20 - Designation of Eligible Positions / DCRP
- R34: Payment of Bills
- R35: Executive Session:
Contract Negotiations - Vornado Realty

PUBLIC PORTION

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ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on August 14, 2008.