

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2006**

**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
  - Public Affairs
  - Buildings
- 5. Fire
- 6. Laws/Ordinances, and Recreation

**REPORTS - OTHER:**

- 7. Engineer
- 8. Attorney
- 9. 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 OR:06/02 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT FROM PHILLIP C. WHITTING AND DOROTHY F. WHITTING TO THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG"

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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:
Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2006
Special Meeting of February 16, 2006

Approval of the following Borough Reports:
Police Activity - January, 2006

#10 - Borough of Bound Brook 2/9/06 Invitation to participate in Bound Brook's 325th Anniversary Parade on May 6th c: ASE, PD, FD, RS, OEM

#11 - Julia Gunther 2/21/06 Letter of Resignation from Recreation Commission c: M & C, MB

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:** The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

- R2:2/23/06 Endorsing proposed improvements identified in the Route 22 Transit Enhancement Project
- R3: Opposing Senate 319 and Assembly 1030, and urging the Legislature to provide local government officials with the management tools necessary to hold down spiraling employee costs
- R4: Authorizing release of Irrevocable Letter of Credit - Watchung Square
- R5: Purchases Over \$2,000. - International Salt Company, Watchung Electric, LLC
- R6: Authorizing the Borough Attorney to negotiate an Escrow Agreement and close on the Acquisition of the Ness Property and Authorizes Mayor and Clerk to execute Escrow Agreement

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Introduction of Bond Ordinance OR:06/03 entitled: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. OR:03/04) ENTITLED: "ASSESSMENT BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE COREY LANE, ORCHARD ROAD, OLD SOMERSET ROAD, EATON ROAD, SUNBRIGHT ROAD AND VALLEY ROAD PUBLIC WATER IMPROVEMENT 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 \$602,700 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 MARCH 27, 2003." Public Hearing to be held on March 23, 2006.

~~Introduction of OR:06/04 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 1 ENTITLED 'GENERAL PROVISIONS,' SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-5.1 ENTITLED "MAXIMUM PENALTY" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, ADOPTED 2003, AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED" WITHDRAWN~~

Proclamation - NEA's Read Across America

Proclamation - Honoring Virginia Tobey, recipient of the Somerset County Commission on the Status

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

- R1:2/23/06 Adoption of OR:06/02 - Accepting an access and utility easement - Block 40.01, Lots 6.01, 6.02, 6.03 and 6.04
- R7: Introduction of OR:06/03 - Amendment to OR:03/04: Assessment Bond Ordinance - Deletion of three (3) properties
- R8: ~~Withdrawn~~ Introduction of OR:06/04 ~~-- Amending and Supplementing Borough Code -- Maximum Penalty--~~
- R9: Acknowledging the longtime service of Gren Bunker
- R10: Payment of Bills

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**PUBLIC PORTION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on March 9, 2006.