

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 10, 2004**

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 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**

Black [ P ] Franklin [ P ] Otto [ P ] Mobus [ P ] Joren [ A ] Harding [ P ]

Also present were Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Borough Administrator/Clerk Lauren Fellin and Borough Engineer Richard Moody There were 4 people in the audience.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1 Administration & Finance - Councilman Franklin

2 Police - Councilman Black reported that the amount of false alarms are continuing to drop

3. Public Works - Councilman Mobus said the Public Works Committee met on Monday and reviewed the Capital Improvements projects. Also discussed was the possibility of doing the sidewalk for Valley Road in segments

4 Buildings and Public Affairs

Public Affairs - Councilman Harding said there weren't any Board of Health or Open Space meetings recently, however, he did remind everyone about the Newcomers Picnic scheduled for June 13th at the Exempt Hall at 4:00 PM. Mayor Ellis said he will have handouts and all are welcome to attend.

Buildings - Councilman Otto said the Borough held their annual Memorial Day ceremony and thanked Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Diem for their efforts in having the monument erected. He said the Garden Club did an excellent job planting flowers in time for the service. Councilman Otto also thanked Mayor Ellis for coming back from the shore to attend. He reported that the Historical Commission did meet, however, he had no information to report. Mayor Ellis thanked Councilman Otto for doing a great job in organizing the memorial services.

5 Fire - Councilman Harding had nothing to report.

6. Laws/Ordinances, and Recreation- In Councilwoman Joren's absence, Mayor Ellis said the Recreation Commission's picnic was a huge success

**REPORTS - OTHER:**

7. Engineer - Mr. Moody had nothing to report.

8 Attorney - Mr Cruz had nothing to report.

9. Administrator - Mrs. Fellin announced that she is beginning to work on the fall newsletter, asking that anyone with items to submit, please do so. There will be a Department Head meeting on June 17th at 8:00 am. Mayor Ellis reported that he was happy with the outcome of the primary election and congratulated Councilman Harding and Steve Pote on their nomination as candidates for council in the November election. Mayor Ellis congratulated all of the Committee people who were elected and thanked Lauren Fellin, Michelle DeRocco, and all of the poll workers for their efforts.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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**BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda listed below was unanimously accepted on roll call following a motion by Councilman Black and a second by Councilman Franklin.

Approval of the following Council minutes:  
April 8, 2004; May 27, 2004

Approval of the following Borough Reports:

Environmental Commission - Minutes of April 26, 2004  
Tax Collector's Report - May 2004  
Recreation Minutes - April 7, 2004; May 5, 2004

- #79- Lower Raritan Watershed Management Group 5/20/04 2003 - 2004 Annual Report c: Mayor, R. Moody
- #80- Jon Loomar 5/24; 5/27; 6/2/04, 6/5/04 and 6/6/04 Various e-mails and letters asking for reconsideration of Plan 2 for the Washington Rock Road East Project c: Mayor & Council, A. Cruz, R. Moody
- #81- Tom Kurz 5/25/04 Expressing opposition to the Washington Rock Road East Project c: Mayor & Council, A. Cruz, R. Moody
- #82- Township of South Brunswick 5/26/04 Supporting the Widening of Route 1 c: Mayor & Council
- #83- Township of Warren 6/3/04 Ordinance supplementing and amending their Zoning Ordinance re: one building, one lot c: Mayor & Council, RWM, Planning Board
- #84- Township of Warren 6/3/04 Ordinance supplementing and amending their Land Use Procedures c: Mayor & Council, RWM, Planning Board
- #85- Township of South Brunswick 6/4/04 Requesting the State sponsor a Financial Aid Program for Military Reservists and National Guard c: Mayor & Council, LBF

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CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The resolutions listed below were adopted on roll call following a motion by Councilman Black and a second by Councilman Franklin with all voting in favor

- R3:06/10/04 Authorizing return of Escrow - Various
- R4: Authorizing Soil Removal Permit, Block 403, Lot 10
- R5: Appointment of Charles Gunther as Principal Public Works Manager, effective January 1, 2004
- R6: Authorize Issuance of 2004-2005 Alcoholic Beverage Licenses
- R7: Purchases over \$2,000 - Warner Communications Co Inc , Motorola Inc
- R8: Opposing Assembly 2073 and Senate 1558 ( NJ Civil Rights Act)
- R9: Authorize Adoption of a Cafeteria Plan offering employees a choice of cash or qualified benefits
- R10: Authorize Financial Incentive for Waiver of Health Benefits
- R11: Re- appointment of Lauren B Fellin as Municipal Clerk, effective June 1, 2004

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

Introduction of Ordinance OR:04/06 entitled "BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3 (d) OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (OR:99/14 AS AMENDED BY OR:02/05) ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER AND PUBLIC WATER CONNECTIONS ALONG OAKWOOD ROAD AND VALLEY ROAD, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$825,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$783,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF," ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 9, 1999 AND AMENDED BY OR:02/05 ADOPTED MARCH 14, 2002" Councilman Otto moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered. Councilman Otto moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading and the Clerk be directed to publish the ordinance and notice of public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mobus and unanimously carried on roll call. Public hearing will be held on June 24, 2004.

Introduction of Ordinance OR:04/07 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE 39 ENTITLED 'HANDICAPPED PARKING' OF CHAPTER VII ENTITLED 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC', MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 7-39.3 'HANDICAPPED PARKING IN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY' OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, ADOPTED 1971, AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED". Councilman Otto moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered. Councilman Otto moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading and the Clerk be directed to publish the ordinance and notice of public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Franklin and unanimously carried on roll call. Public hearing will be held on June 24, 2004.

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

The resolutions listed below were unanimously adopted on roll call with offering and seconding as follows. Mr. Black abstained from the vote on R12:6/10/04.

		<u>Offered</u>	<u>Second</u>
R1:6/10/04	Introduction of OR:04/06 Amending Bond Ordinance OR:99/14 as amended by OR:02/05 - Oakwood, Valley Road Sewer/Water Project	Otto	Mobus
R2::	Introduction of OR:04/07 Amending and Supplementing Article 39 entitled "Handicapped Parking"	Otto	Franklin
R12:	Waive Chapter 46 - Gray's Florist	Franklin	Mobus

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**PUBLIC PORTION**

Emi Havas, Valley Road, asked Councilman Mobus about plans for the sidewalk on Valley Road and Mr. Mobus explained it was planned to replace or repair the walkway. Mrs. Havas asked for an explanation of the amount for the waiver of health benefits and Mr. Franklin responded the amount was \$2200.00 per year. Mrs. Havas commented on the credits given for the Memorial Day ceremony and Mr. Otto responded.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM to the call of the Chair or the next scheduled meeting of Thursday, June 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Laureen B. Fellin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator