

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

MINUTES

**JANUARY 13, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: Mayor Gerald Mobus called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and a MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

ROLL CALL

Joren [P] Black [P] Franklin [P] Pote [P] Nehls [P]

Also present were Administrator/Clerk Laureen Fellin, Attorney Albert Cruz, and Deputy Clerk Michelle DeRocco.

There were 3 members of the public present.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The following Resolution was moved by Council President Joren, seconded by Councilman Nehls, and upon roll call vote, unanimously adopted.

SP R1:01/13/11 Authorize Candidate Interview and Selection

Watchung Republican Committee President Doyle Hunsinger advised the protocol for filling a vacancy. He read a letter sent to the Mayor and Council advising of the responses received in request for applicants and formally recommended the application of Karen A. Cassidy, High Oaks Drive.

Candidate Karen Cassidy came forward and explained why she would like to fill the vacant Council seat and why she feels she would be an asset to the residents. Ms. Cassidy answered questions from the Governing Body.

The following Resolution was moved by Council President Joren, seconded by Councilman Nehls, and upon roll call vote, unanimously adopted.

SP R2: Executive Session - Personnel / Council Candidate Selection

Upon return to regular session at 7:40 PM, all members previously present were again in attendance.

Council President Joren made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Watchung Republican Committee. Councilman Black seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was unanimous.

The Governing Body welcomed Ms. Cassidy aboard, and Ms. Cassidy advised that she would accept the position of Council member, to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/11, after her resignation to the Board of Education is officially accepted.

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PUBLIC PORTION

No one from the public desired to be heard.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to the Call of the Chair and the next regularly scheduled meeting will to be held at 7:45 P.M. on Thursday, January 13, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DeRocco, RMC
Deputy Clerk