

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 25, 2010 - 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, 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. Fire Department
10. Rescue Squad
11. Attorney
12. 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 Ordinance OR:10/01 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII, TITLED "TOWING", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG."

Public Hearing on Proposed Bond Ordinance OR:10/02 entitled "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$550,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RIDGE ROAD FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND,

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$522,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION."

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:
February 11, 2010 - Regular and Executive Sessions

Approval of the following Borough Reports:
Planning Board Minutes - December 15, 2009
Board of Adjustment Minutes - October 1st, December 3, 2009
Board of Health Minutes - January 20, 2010

- #10 - Maureen Greenbaum 2/4/10 E-mail suggesting Watchung recruit hunters from gun clubs to cull deer at no cost to the Borough, as done in Scotch Plains c: M & C, Wildlife Advisory
- #11 - Borough of North Plainfield 2/12/10 Resolution urging the Legislature to amend the Open Public Records Act to address various technical and practical issues c: M & C, LBF
- #12 - Middle Earth 2/12/10 Request to allow cyclists to pass through Watchung on Saturday, May 29, 2010 for the "Hills of Somerset" event, also known as the Frank Torpey Memorial c: M & C, LBF, SW
- #13 - Jack Valente, Troop #32 Scoutmaster 2/13/10 Thanking the Mayor and Council for their continued support of Scouts and their activities c: M & C, LBF
- #14 - John Tucker, Fire Chief, Township of Warren 2/16/10 Thanking Chief Bell and the Watchung Fire Department for assistance provided at a structure fire on January 29, 2010 c: M & C, LBF
- #15 - Robert B. Riedinger, President, Board of Health 2/22/10 Requesting consideration of charge-backs to pet owners when dogs are at large and animal control services or veterinary attention need to be called upon c: M & C, AC, LBF

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

- R3:02/25/10 Authorize Stipulation of Settlement - Block 5403, Lot 5
- R4: Appointment to Recreation Commission - John Pennett
- R5: Authorize Removal of Scrap Metal from Ness Property - W. Boylan
- R6: Authorize Tax Collector to Issue Redemption Check - Tax Sale Certificate #1-2009 /
- R7: Award Professional Service Contracts - Land Use Board Consultants
- R8: Opposing Legislation Amending the Time of Decision Rule
- R9: Appointment to Wildlife Management Advisory Committee - Scott Galano

NON-CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to Committee for further review and discussion.

Introduction of Proposed Ordinance OR:10/03 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 28-107, TITLED 'COMPLIANCE' AND SECTION 28-403, TITLED 'NONCONFORMING

STRUCTURES, USES AND LOTS', OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, CLARIFYING THE 'GRANDFATHERING' PROVISIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES." Public Hearing to be held on March 11, 2010.

Introduction of Proposed Ordinance OR:10/04 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 28-401, TITLED 'GENERAL ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS', OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG BY AMENDING SECTION 28-401I, TITLED 'PARKING OF COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, INOPERABLE OR UNREGISTERED VEHICLES IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES', AND REPEALING SECTION 28-401i2, TITLED 'PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.'" Public Hearing to be held on March 11, 2010.

Introduction of Proposed Ordinance OR:10/05 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-14, TITLED 'EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS', OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG BY REPEALING SECTION 14-14.8, TITLED 'FRONT YARD PARKING - MOTOR VEHICLES', AND REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 14-14.9, TITLED "FRONT YARD PARKING PROHIBITED - BOATS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES OR TRAILERS." Public Hearing to be held on March 11, 2010.

Introduction of Proposed Ordinance OR:10/06 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM JOSEPH AND MARIANNE DeNICHOLAS TO THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG." Public Hearing to be held on March 11, 2010

Proclamation - "Read Across America" / National Celebration of Reading on March 2, 2010

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ON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly.

- R1:02/25/10 Adoption of Ordinance OR:10-01 - Amendment to Borough Code, Chapter VIII/
Towing Ordinance
- R2: Adoption of Bond Ordinance OR:10-02 - Improvements to Ridge Road
- R10: Introduction of Ordinance OR:10/03 - Non-Conforming Structures, Uses, and Lots -
Clarifying "grandfathering" provisions / LDO
- R11: Introduction of Ordinance OR:10/04 - Amending Code - Parking of Commercial,
- R12: Introduction of Ordinance OR:10/05 - Amending Code - Front Yard Parking - Motor
Vehicles
- R13: Introduction of Ordinance OR:10/06 - Accepting Storm Sewer and Drainage Easement /
Lot 2, Block 6.01
- R14: Payment of Bills
- R15: Executive Session:
Potential Litigation - Objections to Third Round Housing Element and
Fair Share Plan

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PUBLIC PORTION

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ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

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