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15 Mountain Blvd
Watchung, NJ 07069

Mayor & Council Meeting AGENDA

**February 13, 2025
7:30 PM**

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. 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 the Annual Meeting Notice to the Courier News and Echoes Sentinel, posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough's website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATION - Black History Month

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance

Police

Public Works / Buildings and Grounds

Public Affairs:

Environmental

Recreation

Historical

Board of Health

Green Team

Fire

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Laws/Ordinances

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

Engineer

Police Chief

Fire Official

Rescue Squad

Emergency Management

Attorney

Finance

Clerk

Administrator

Youth Services

Planning Board

Municipal Alliance

Library Advisory Committee

Traffic and Beautification

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Individuals commenting are limited to 3 minutes per person. An Attorney will be given 5 minutes to present on behalf of a group.

DISCUSSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL ADOPTION

OR 25/01: ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, PART I, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO UPDATE AND AMEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

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OR 25/02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER 6, POLICE REGULATIONS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION PROHIBITING PUBLIC URINATION THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

OR 25/03: ORDINANCE UPDATING THE BOROUGH'S FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS IN CHAPTER 12, WITH REGARD TO THE REGISTRATION OF NON-LIFE HAZARDS USES THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

OR 25/04: ORDINANCE UPDATING THE BOROUGH'S REGULATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PEDDLING, SOLICITION AND CANVASSING UNDER CHAPTER 11, GENERAL LICENSING, THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

OR 25/05: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, POLICE REGULATIONS, PROHIBITING CAMPING OR LODGING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Matters listed within this section 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, any item may be removed by Council action.

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Animal Control Solutions	January 2025
Board of Adjustment Minutes	January 9, 2025
Board of Health Minutes	November 20, 2024
Building / Construction	January 2025
Fire Department	December 2024 2024 Annual Report January 2025
Fire Prevention Bureau	January 2025
Green Team Advisory Committee Mins	October 30, 2024
Mayor & Council Executive Session	November 7, 2024
Mins	

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	January 16, 2025
Police Department Activity Report	January 2025
Recreation Commission Minutes	September 4, 2024 October 2, 2024 December 4, 2024
Rescue Squad	January 2025 February 2025

CONSENT

The items listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

- R1: Authorizing a Field and Facility Permit for Use of the Gazebo at Watchung Lake
- R2: Authorizing a Field and Facility Permit to B-Active, LLC for the use of Watchung and/or Best Lake
- R3: Authorizing a Field and Facility Permit to Watchung Hills Baseball & Softball Association, Inc., for the Use of Phillips Field
- R4: Authorizing County Recycling Agreement for 2025
- R5: Authorizing the Return of Escrow Monies
- R6: Authorizing Appointments of OEM Deputy Coordinators & Local Safety Implementation Committee
- R7: Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites
- R8: Supporting Eagle Scout Service Project on the Installation of Fishing Lines at Best Lake

NON-CONSENT

- R9: Authorizing a Grant Application for the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program
- R10: Authorizing a Contract Expansion to RVE for Tax Map Services
- R11: Authorizing an Agreement with Helpsy for the Installation of a Clothing Bin

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R12: Authorizing Bill List

R13: Authorizing a Contract Expansion to RVE for Remedial Action at Former Ness Farm Site

R15: Authorizing an MOU with North Plainfield PD, Warren Township PD, and Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services to Establish a Joint Participation in the "ARRIVE Together" Program

R16: Authorizing Payment of the Fire Department Stipends for 2024

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

R14: Authorizing an Executive Session on Contract Negotiations

Upon returning to open session, the Borough Council may take official action on items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is February 27, 2025.