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15 Mountain Blvd
Watchung, NJ 07069

Mayor & Council Meeting AGENDA

**August 21, 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 - National Wellness Month

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

R1: Authorizing the Appointment of Paul Lettich as Patrol Officer

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance

Police

Public Works / Buildings and Grounds

Public Affairs:

Recreation

Historical

Fire

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Laws/Ordinances

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

Engineer

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Fire Official

Rescue Squad

Emergency Management

Attorney

Finance

Borough Clerk

Administrator

Youth Services

Planning Board

Library Advisory Committee

Traffic and Beautification

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

DISCUSSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OR#25/09: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT
FROM BONNIE BURN REDEVELOPERS URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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These items have been distributed to Council Members for review and will be approved by a single motion unless a Member requests separate consideration

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Animal Control Solutions July 2025

Board of Adjustment Minutes July 10, 2025

Board of Adjustment Executive Session July 10, 2025
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Building Department

Green Team Minutes June 23, 2025

Library Advisory Committee Minutes January 8, 2025
May 7, 2025

#13: Notice of Introduced Ordinance 25-15 re Affordable Housing Zone for Twp of Bridgewater

#14: Notice of Introduced Zoning Ordinance 25-12 re Supporting Housing from Twp of Bridgewater

CONSENT

The items listed below are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion.

R2: Authorizing Sewer Rates for 2025

R3: Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

R4: Waiving Sewer Usage Fee for 79 Park Place

R5: Authorizing Field and Facility Permit Application to The Chai Center for Jewish Life for the Use of the Watchung Lake Gazebo for a Holiday Ritual Ceremony

R6: Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien #24-00006 for 33 Stonegate Drive

R7: Authorizing Purchases over Allowed Threshold

Thomas Canize

Reassessment inspection for 2025

BL Contracting Inc.

Fire House Asbestos Abatement

R8: Authorizing a Grant Application for the Somerset County Trails Grant Program for Camp Endeavor

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R9: Authorizing an Extension of a Field and Facility Permit for B-Active, LLC

R10: Authorizing Volunteer Appointments to the Green Team and Board of Health

NON-CONSENT

R11: Authorizing Shared Services Renewal Agreement with the Board of Education for a School Resource Officer

R12: Authorizing the Appointment of Public Works Full-Time Employee - David Petersen

R13: Authorizing Towing License Renewal to Somerset Hills Towing from 2025-2028

R14: Authorizing the Appointment of Principal Public Works Manager/Director of Public Works Anthony Nappe

R15: Authorizing the Bill List

R16: Authorizing a Stipulation of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeals Captioned as Borough of Watchung V. UE Heritage Square, LLC (Docket 006718-2024, 007759-2025, & 000261-2025)

R19: Awarding a Professional Services Contract to ANS Consultants, Inc. to Conduct Independent Testing Laboratory Work for the Construction of the Library

R20: Opposing Governor Murphy's New Jersey Energy Master Plan, Specifically the Focus on Offshore Wind Generation

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R17: Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss Anticipated Litigation/ Attorney-Client Privilege Matters and Personnel Matters

NON-CONSENT (CONTINUED)

R18: Authorizing Professional Services Contract for Special Litigation Counsel to Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fischer, P.A.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is September 4, 2025

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