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15 Mountain Blvd
Watchung, NJ
07069

Mayor & Council Meeting AGENDA

**July 16, 2026
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 TAPinto, 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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance

Police

Public Works / Buildings and Grounds

Public Affairs:

Environmental

Recreation

Historical

Board of Health

Green Team

Mayor's Wellness Campaign

Fire

Laws/Ordinances

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

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Engineer

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Fire Official

Rescue Squad

Emergency Management

Attorney

Finance

Clerk

Administrator

Planning Board

Municipal Alliance

Library Advisory Committee

Traffic and Beautification

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

These items will be approved by a single motion unless a Member requests separate consideration

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Animal Control Solutions

June 2026

Board of Adjustment Minutes

March 12, 2026

Construction Office

June 2026

CONSENT

The items listed below are considered routine and moved under one motion.

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R1: Authorizing the Acceptance of Funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Projects Fund Program for the Pine Lane and Park Place Walkway Resurfacing Project

R2: Authorizing the Waiver of Claimant Certification Requirements for Certain Purchase Orders and Payments

R3: Authorize Return of Overpayment for Zoning Fee for Signage — Forge Signworks

R4: Authorizing Purchases Over Allowed Threshold

R5: Authorizing Release of Performance Surety Bond for T.R. Weniger, Inc. — Exposed Sewer Manhole Stabilization Project

R6: Authorizing Release of Performance Surety Bond for T.R. Weniger, Inc. - Phillips Field Complex Bridge Stabilization Project

R7: Authorizing Budget Insertion for Special Items of Revenue (Chapter 159) — Clean Communities, Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation & Enforcement, Recycling Tonnage Grant, & Farm Credit East Grant

R8: Authorizing Watchung's Board of Education Tax Levy Certification for 2026-2027

R9: Authorizing Watchung Hills Regional High School's Board of Education Tax Levy Certification for 2026-2027

R10: Authorizing the Renewal of the Shared Service Agreement with the Watchung Borough Board of Education for the Provision of a School Resource Officer

R11: Authorizing Raffle License #697 to Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Ministry Inc Corporation—Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

R12: Authorizing a Field and Facility Permit for the Chai Center for Jewish Life

R13: Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veteran — 302 Tiffany Way

R14: Authorizing Extension of Tax Grace Period

R15: Authorizing Grant Application for Somerset County's Municipal Youth Services Commission

NON-CONSENT

R16: Authorizing Bill List

R17: Adopting Revised Personnel Policies and Procedure Manual

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R18: Authorizing Professional Services Agreement for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent
- CGP&H, LLC

R19: Authorizing Appointments of Summer Camp Staff

R20: Authorizing a MOU with North Plainfield PD, Warren Township PD, and Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services to Continue a Joint Participation in the "ARRIVE Together" Program

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

ORD 26/11: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS BUILDING FURNITURE AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR BOROUGH BUILDINGS IN THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$600,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

ORD 26/12: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FISHING AT BEST LAKE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE TROUT STOCKING PROGRAM

ORD 26/13: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS ON THE PLANTING OF BAMBOO THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH

ORD 26/14: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS ON THE SALE OF KRATOM (A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE) THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ORD 26/15: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOROUGH'S RESPONSE TO OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUESTS

ORD 26/16: ORDINANCE UPDATING AND AMENDING THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH

PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

Each speaker is limited to one 5-minute comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R21: Authorizing Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Mayor & Council will be August 20, 2026