

**Watson town Borough  
Committee Meeting  
December 21, 2015**

**OPENING:** The December 21, 2015 Watson town Borough Committee Meeting was called to order by President Harriet Miller at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held at the First Lutheran Church, 400 Main Street.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Harriet Miller, Vice President Ralph Young, Janet Rump, Dan Folk, Harry Hefty, Mayor David Hontz, Solicitor Ben Landon, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Jack Marshall was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Phillips, Ken Hollenbach, Robert Brown, Becky Hontz, Kevin Mertz, Sandy Hendricks, Cindy Crozier, Joshua Fogelman, Brent Frey and Erica Frey.

**DECORATIONS:** Sandy Hendricks presented Council a request for reimbursement for decorations that she and Cindy Crozier purchased to decorate the entrance into Watson town. President Miller cautioned against purchasing things prior to getting Council's approval. Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty approving the reimbursement of \$302.00 from the Greenway Account, any future expenditures are to come before Council prior to their purchase. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Rump	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCE:** Harry Hefty reported hopes for money to be left over from current expenses.

**CEMETERY:** Janet Rump had nothing new to report but that the committee did not meet.

**MEETING CANCELLED:** Harry Hefty said the meeting for the Electric and Finance Committees next week will be cancelled.

**INSURANCE:** Ralph Young had nothing at this time regarding insurance.

**THANK YOU:** Janet Rump thanked Cindy Crozier and Sandy Hendricks for their decorating.

**SESQUI-CENTENNIAL MEETING:**

Janet announced the next Sesquicentennial Meeting will be January 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

President Miller announced a Special Council Meeting on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers. The Hiring Committee has asked to speak at the meeting.

**PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:**

The Mayor had nothing to report.

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:**

Dan Folk said the crew has prepared for winter weather with the trucks and salt spreaders, etc.

**CLEANING SERVICE:**

The Mayor said he and the Chief have been in discussing the cleaning of the police department. After a brief discussion amongst many regarding our current cleaning service and other possibilities, it was concluded that something could be worked out further with the Borough's current cleaning service.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At the Mayor's request, President Miller announced an Executive Session for personnel following tonight's meeting. They will not be returning to Public Session as no decisions will be made. Solicitor Landon advised on the announcement.

**SALT STORAGE SHED:**

Dan said the salt storage shed is still being worked on.

**GENERATOR:**

Brendi confirmed for President Miller that all bids for the generators have not yet been received.

**CANAL BOAT LIGHTING:**

Janet said the lighting for the Canal Boat has been ordered but hasn't yet been received. After their receipt, the installation will be put out for bid.

**ORDINANCE 2015-04:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young adopting Ordinance 2015-04 maintaining the same annual real estate tax rate at 18.25 mills. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes
Young	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**BREAKFAST:** Brendi said Greg Brouse requested permission to take the crew for breakfast in the morning at 9 am at D&D Restaurant. Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Janet Rump, approving Greg's request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Young	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

At the Mayor's suggestion, a motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Janet Rump, for the Borough to pay for their breakfast. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hefty	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ORGANIZE:** Brendi asked if the Borough could purchase portfolio/tablet/day planner; something to help Council members to organize meetings and documents. After a brief discussion, they decided against it.

**CLOCK:** President Miller spoke of the clock dedicated in Edie's memory at the Montgomery House Library. She encouraged everyone to go see it.

**THANK YOU:** President Miller thanked her constituents for allowing her to represent them on Council. They have accomplished a lot of good things in her 20 years of service to the Borough and she was glad to have worked with Ralph and Jack. She wished the newly elected Council the best of luck.

**SOLICITOR:** Solicitor Ben Landon had nothing to add; he said it is a pleasure to be back in Watsonstown.

**MEETING:** It was determined that the Re-Organization Meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the First Lutheran Church. The new Council will decide whether the meetings will return to Council Chambers or continue to hold them at the church.

**EMA OPERATIONS CENTER - BALANCE:** The Mayor questioned the account balance of the EMA Operations Center. He thought the balance left each year would accumulate; he asked that the minutes be checked. It was his understanding that \$10,000.00 would be put into a separate account each year towards the EMA

Operations Center. A long discussion ensued. Brendi was directed to check into the matter and advise the new Council.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, a motion was made by Ralph Young, seconded by Dan Folk to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer