

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
August 22, 2016**

**OPENING:** The August 22, 2016 Watson town Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President Janet Rump at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Borough Building, 318 Main Street. The opening prayer was given by Mayor David Hontz and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Members present were President Janet Rump, Vice President Harry Hefty, Dan Folk, Greg Miller, Ken Hollenbach, Joshua Fogelman, Mayor David Hontz, Solicitor Ryan Tira, Chief of Police, Rodney Witherite, Borough Manger Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gladys Klapp, Russ McClintock, Sherry Dyer, Connie Criswell, Dennis Confer, Becky Hontz, Robert Brown, David Plotts, Cindy Crozier, Brandon Sperl, Viola Ranck, Crystal Moyer, Jen Knobloch, Virginia Wirth and Roberta Brown.

President Rump reminded the crowd of a few meeting rules.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the June 27, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Fogelman	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Greg Miller to approve the July 25, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Fogelman	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Rump	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Joshua Fogelman to approve the August 8, 2016 Committee Workshop minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Fogelman	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**BILLS &  
TRANSFERS:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Greg Miller to approve bills and transfers in the amount of \$174,603.23. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Fogelman	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEES -**

**FINANCE:** nothing to report

**CEMETERY:** Joshua Fogelman said there was a price given regarding the restoration of the cemetery fence; it was not a bid but progress is being made.

**ELECTRIC:** nothing to report

**INSURANCE:** nothing to report

**PARKS &  
RECREATION:** A discussion was held regarding pavilion rentals at the park. It will be further discussed at Committee Workshop.

There was a discussion about recent tree removals.

**PERSONNEL:** Greg Miller said Jay had accepted Levi Watson's letter of resignation today; he will be going to PPL and his last day is expected to be October 7, 2016. President Rump said it will be a loss for "us"; Joshua Fogelman asked additional questions about Levi's training and the vacancy it will leave; Dan Folk answered.

**STREETS &  
HIGHWAYS:** nothing to report

**PROTECTION to PERSONS & PROPERTY:** nothing to report

**PEACH FESTIVAL:** President Rump mentioned the Peach Festival this weekend and the closing of 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:** nothing to report

**STORM WATER BID OPENING:** President Rump opened bids for the Elm Street Storm water bids:

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| 1. Mid-State Paving, LLC                    | \$18,900.00 |
| 2. Wright's Excavating and Contracting, LLC | \$24,871.80 |
| 3. Mansfield Contractors, LLC               | \$33,532.13 |

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to award the bid to Mid-State Paving, LLC, pending the engineer's review for compliance with the bid specs, not the cost. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Fogelman	- yes
Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**CHIEF of POLICE PENSION:** Harry Hefty and Jay Jarrett spoke regarding the Chief's current pension. Upon further review by the Finance Committee, Harry made a motion to give the Chief an annual stipend of \$5,000.00 every year retroactive to 2015, Greg Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Fogelman	- yes
Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**SESQUI-CENTENNIAL-SMALL GAME of CHANCE LICENSE:** President Rump said Dennis Confer requested Council's permission to obtain a Small Game of Chance License for the Sesquicentennial Committee. Solicitor Tira advised they would need a sponsoring entity to obtain the license; the Borough can approve obtaining the license but the committee will need another group to sponsor the license; the American Legion and the Lions Club were mentioned; the Borough can pay for the license. A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Dan Folk to

approve the Sesquicentennial Committee's pursuit of a small game of license for raffles and 50/50's. Further discussion took place.

There was no roll call vote.

**FACE BOOK:** Dennis Confer and President Rump spoke of a Sesquicentennial Face Book page.

**LOGO:** The Sesquicentennial logo as designed by Karen Houser and Bob Franks was shown to Council and the public. Dennis talked further regarding it. Karen would like to see the Borough use her logo on Borough trucks in the future. This logo is only to be used by the Sesquicentennial Committee.

**STREET POLE BANNER:** Dennis Confer asked if the Borough had considered sponsoring a Sesquicentennial Street Pole Banner for \$125.00.

**THANK YOU:** Dennis Confer thanked the Mayor for his help regarding a street light globe on First Street. Further discussion regarding the pole and property owner took place.

**MANHOLE COVERS – MRSA:** Dennis Confer asked regarding MRSA and the manhole covers. Janet said the issues and the agreement were taken care of at the Committee Workshop.

**BANNER:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty for the Borough to purchase a Sesquicentennial street banner. The Mayor asked that the founder of Watsonstown "John Watson" be considered on the banner. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Fogelman	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – PENSIONS:** A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Joshua Fogelman, appointing Jay Jarrett as the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the pension plans. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Fogelman	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY PLOTS FOR SALE:**

President Rump referenced a letter from someone looking to sell their burial plots in the new cemetery. They currently own 8 plots; 4 are being used; they'd like to sell 4; they are worth \$1600 but would sell them back to the Borough for \$1400. Janet said this is something we've never done before and it would be setting precedence. Sherry Dyer of Main Street spoke of a similar situation from years ago and it was decided the Borough would let resale of burial plots to the owner of the plots. After further conversation, Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to deny the request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Fogelman	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**JR. COUNCIL PERSON – RESOLUTION:**

After President Rump spoke briefly about a Junior Council Person, Solicitor Tira said the candidate shall be a resident of the Borough and in his/her junior or senior year of high school. Ken Hollenbach made a motion to pass the resolution, Dan Folk gave a second. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Fogelman	- yes
Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**CODIFICATION:**

Jay said he has been in contact with General Code of Rochester, NY. This company has inherited all documents from the previous company. The Borough needs everything from 2009 forward codified. Jay hopes to have a quote back from General Code by next meeting. Jay confirmed that we have money in the budget for codification. This company is also a Co-Star vendor.

**REPORTS -**

**MAYOR:**

The Mayor said he addressed 2 safety issues: a broken grate that was fixed in a timely fashion and he installed a memorial canal marker that was donated by Jimmy Johnson; he also met with the Chief several times.

**POLICE:**

written

**FIRE & AMBULANCE:**

written

Ken Hollenbach said they are in the process of getting a new 170' areal ladder truck.

**EMERGENCY MGMT.:** The Mayor said he is keeping an eye on the weather and weather patterns and extreme weather that is in the southern part of the country before it gets here.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** written

**PMEA CONFERENCE:** Jay requested permission to attend the PMEA Conference in State College on September 15, 2016. The conference is at no charge and he won't be staying overnight.

**ZONING/ PLANNING CLASSES:** Jay said Tom Hetherington has requested permission to attend 3 planning/zoning classes in Dauphin County in September. He has also requested permission to attend 3 classes regarding in Lycoming County. Each series of 3 classes is \$100. Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller, for Tom Hetherington to attend both sets of planning/zoning classes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Fogelman	- yes
Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS – DPW:** written

**RIVERBANK:** President Rump said the riverbank is done and looks nice. Harry mentioned the river bank and Jay said a representative from DOW Chemical is coming to address the weed problems down at the river bank.

**PPL – GASLINE/ PIPELINE CLASS:** Ken Hollenbach spoke regarding a seminar/training being offered on September 13, 2016.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UP:** Ken Hollenbach commended the group involved in the cleanup of the Liberty Street property and the Elm Street property.

**MEMORIAL:** Gladys Klapp of 1037 Elm Street asked about the status of the memorial at the park. President Rump said they are hoping to work on a grant for the memorial; Jay is watching for a possible grant to match the project.

**TANNERY RUN:** David Plotts of 114 East 3rd Street asked about the creek running behind the Borough Garage; he said it is grown up and is concerned with flooding. Dan Folk spoke to his concern and work previously done. Jay is to check into the issue.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer