

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
March 13, 2017**

OPENING: The March 13, 2017 Watson town Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President Janet Rump at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Borough Building, 318 Main Street. The opening prayer was given by Mayor David Hontz, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present were President Janet Rump, Dan Folk, Greg Miller, Ken Hollenbach, Joshua Fogelman, Mayor David Hontz, Solicitor Ben Landon, Chief of Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Vice President Harry Hefty arrived late.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Mertz, David Plotts, Virginia Wirth, Rob Brown and Crystal Moyer

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Greg Miller to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 Council Meeting and the February 27, 2017 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Mayor David Hontz asked for clarification of W/C on the bills and transfers. A motion was made by Joshua Fogelman, seconded by Ken Hollenbach approving the bills and transfers for the month of March 2017 in the amount of \$294,868.80. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

VISITORS: Jeff Rachau was listed as a visitor but was not present at tonight's meeting.

THANK YOU: President Rump read a thank you card from Chuck Burns & Tom Weaver regarding the dedication of their bench in memory of Kevin Johnson.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing

CEMETERY: nothing

ELECTRIC: nothing

INSURANCE: nothing

PARKS & RECREATION: Joshua Fogelman spoke regarding the Borough's plan for a possible residential memorial. It is being looked at and has not been forgotten.

Ken Hollenbach has not yet made contact with the Boy Scouts regarding the park clean-up yet.

PERSONNEL: Greg Miller said he and Janet conducted Jay's 1 year review last Monday. All went well.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: Mayor Hontz said what he has would be covered under the Mayor's report.

President Rump said she noticed a tree down; Jay said it would be taken care of.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Dan Folk said we are getting ready for the storm. Joshua Fogelman said there was a lot of preplanning today to prepare for tomorrow.

EMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE: President Rump reminded Council that an EMA Advisory Committee exists (the Mayor, Greg Miller & Ken Hollenbach) and need involved in planning as well.

SNOW EMERGENCY: The Mayor said he, Jay, Joshua Fogelman and Dan Folk met this morning to talk about logistics regarding the coming storm that is unlike any we've seen in the last 10 years. He has declared a snow emergency for Watsontown.

STREET REPAIRS: President Rump asked about repairs to a dip in Elm Street and a hole on 4th Street. Jay said he has been in contact with Mid-State Paving regarding Elm Street and UGI regarding 4th Street.

**WASTE
MANAGEMENT:**

nothing

Harry Hefty said he has been looking into the possibility of using the reserve account and liquid fuels CDs to make needed street and storm water repairs. Dan Folk spoke to the issue. President Rump suggested members of the Streets and Highways Committee and the Finance Committee should meet to discuss the matter further. It will be brought to the full Council at workshop per Dan Folk. Joshua Fogelman mentioned the review of the paving list; Dan Folk said they have started a 5 year plan regarding storm water.

**SPRING
CLEAN-UP:**

A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Joshua Fogelman to approve the Borough's clean-up scheduled for the week of April 24, 2017. 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.

**TOMBSTONE
REPAIRS:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Greg Miller to hire Don Brink to repair tombstones in the cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. 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.

KIDS CAFÉ:

President Rump read a request from Watsontown United Methodist Church to use Memorial Park for Kids Café this summer. After a brief discussion regarding their "signs" and use of a truck, a motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Joshua Fogelman to approve Kids Café's use of the River Pavilion at the park for the summer of 2017. 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.

Crystal Moyer mentioned the possible interference with the Sesquicentennial Celebration; President Rump said Denny Confer

would address that if he hasn't already. Others mentioned the Firemen's carnival and the 4th of July.

**MUNICIPAL BID –
John Deere
Tractor:**

Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to accept the winning bid of \$5,600.0 for the 1993 John Deere tractor that was listed on Municibid. 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.

**ALGERT
FOUNTAIN –
Site Plan:**

The Borough received site plans and quotes for the Algert fountain from two of the following businesses:

- Creative Landscapes - \$8,672.00
- Ettinger's - \$3,440.00

After a lengthy discussion and based on Jay's recommendation, Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Joshua Fogelman to approve Ettinger's plan and quote in the amount of \$3,440.00. Jay confirmed the work will be done by the end of April.

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

All in favor. Motion carried

**VENTRAC –
Mower Deck:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to purchase a mower deck for the Ventrac, which includes a mulching kit and a 2 year warranty, in the amount of \$3,640.00. 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.

**WRCC –
U-Turn Device:**

After a brief description by President Janet Rump, Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve Warrior Run Community Corp.'s request to install a u-turn device near the Canal

Boat Pavilion, as discussed at the Committee Workshop, at no cost to the Borough. A roll vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

TRANSFER:

Upon receipt of a request from Dennis Confer of the Sesquicentennial Committee, a motion was made by Joshua Fogelman, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the General Account to the Sesquicentennial Account to pay the balance of the fireworks. 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.

**LEWIS TWP. -
RECYCLING:**

Jay spoke regarding an email to Council from Mark Burrows; Lewis Township is looking to get out of the recycling business. It is possible the facility will stay in place but they are looking to form a recycling co-op with other area communities. The cost would be approx. \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 per member in the co-op. After much further discussion amongst Council, the Mayor and Solicitor Landon, the issue was tabled for the committee workshop.

**ADVERTISE
FOR P/T
LABORERS:**

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to advertise for part-time laborers. 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.

**HIRE P/T
TEMPORARY
EMERGENCY
EMPLOYEES:**

In light of the pending snow storm, Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to hire Dale Stahl and Kevin Forney as part-time temporary emergency employees. Both have prior Borough experience and CDL's. 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.

CLOTHING BOX: President Rump said the clothing box has been placed at another business; the matter was discussed at workshop.

TREE DOWN - SIGNAGE: Harry Hefty spoke of the tree that has been cut down and his opinion and preference on signage and the "Welcome to Watsontown". Jay is to contact the Watsontown Guild – Ellen Cook to come to the committee meeting. Additional conversation took place.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor spoke of the bench dedication in memory of Kevin Johnson on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

The Mayor said he and Jay met with Bloomsburg University students on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

The Mayor read a snow emergency proclamation he issued to promote the safe removal of snow pending the coming snow storm. The proclamation goes into effect at 10 pm; further discussion took place regarding where the proclamation announcement was placed.

SWIFT NOTICE: Ken Hollenbach asked permission to seek information/costs for "swift notice" through 911; it uses the telephone to give notice to residents.

FACEBOOK: Jay mentioned the use of Facebook as a great notification tool. He spoke of a possible Watsontown Borough Facebook page. Jay is to have something prepared for committee workshop.

POLICE: written

Joshua Fogelman asked if the Borough has a medicine drop off; the Chief said it is in the process.

President Rump said with the help of Rob Brown, \$284.00 was collected from 11 people for the expenses associated with "Sampson".

FIRE & AMBULANCE: written

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: nothing

CODE ENFORCEMENT: written

Greg Miller asked the status of 706 Elm Street; per Jay, they continue to be cited.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR: nothing

BOROUGH MANAGER: written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

BOROUGH SECRETARY: nothing

Harry Hefty complimented Brendi on the minutes.

Ken Hollenbach spoke of a recent tour of the DPW Building. He said the building needs major rehab/help; he knows it's early in the budget but he believes they deserve a better facility than what they currently have. President Rump said she agrees and money needs to be set aside for DPW.

Ken Hollenbach asked if all the miscellaneous pieces in the police end of the building could be sold on Municibid. Chief Witherite said much of it is outdated and obsolete; it could be disposed of.

Joshua Fogelman and President Rump spoke of cleaning up at the police end of the garage. Dan Folk spoke of the furnace/heat/hot water heater continuing to run at the police end of the garage. Chief Witherite asked if they could speak further at the committee workshop regarding these things.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer