

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
September 25, 2017**

OPENING: The September 25, 2017 Watson town Borough combined Council Meeting/Committee Workshop 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, Vice President Harry Hefty, Ken Hollenbach, Greg Miller, Dan Folk, Mayor David Hontz, Solicitor Tom Marshall, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Joshua Fogelman was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ McClintock, Todd Moyer, David Plotts, Rob Brown, Tara Grenoble, JA Babay, Virginia Wirth, Brent Frey and Erica Frey.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the August 14, 2017 Council Meeting minutes and the August 28, 2017 Committee Workshop minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: After a question posed by Ken Hollenbach was answered, a motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Greg Miller to approve bills and transfers for September in the amount of \$279,982.22. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

FLAG PRESENTATION: President Rump presented Erica Frey, representing the Watson town Historical Association with the 1867 American Flag. It was flown over the Borough Building during the Sesquicentennial celebration.

- JA BABAY – LIBRARY:** JA Babay from the Montgomery House Library spoke about numerous topics including but not limited to fund raising, library use, modernizing, etc. She thanked Council for their continued support. She encouraged people to participate/volunteer in the many areas in which the library is involved. JA was asked to elate on the library modernization by Hal Crozier of 307 Main Street.
- THANK YOU:** A thank you was received by the Milton’s First Presbyterian Church for the advertising of their Faith in Action Block Party in the Borough’s newsletter.
- COMBINED MEETING:** President Rump reminded everyone that tonight is Council Meeting and Committee Workshop combined due to a lack of a quorum on September 11, 2017.
- COMMITTEES:**
- FINANCE:** 2018 Budget – Meeting dates have been set per Harry Hefty.
- CEMETERY:** Ken Hollenbach said the committee will continue to work towards repair of the cemetery fence.
- ELECTRIC:** Harry Hefty spoke of the electric contact resolution on tonight’s agenda.
- INSURANCE:** Dan Folk said there was nothing as this time.
- PARKS & RECREATION:** Ken Hollenbach spoke of the pot hole that was fixed by the Borough crew. The Public Works Department was thanked by many in attendance for their excellent job at clearing of the riverbank.
- BOAT RAMP:** Dan Folk said the boat ramp has been open since Friday, September 22nd.
- PERSONNEL:** Nothing to add per Greg Miller.
- PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:** Jay said he spoke with Northumberland County EMA and they are trying to get us another “plastic chart” to replace the flood stage chart on the river bridge pier.
- STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** Dan Folk said the paving is done; Jay will be reviewing a punch list with Mid-State Paving before they are paid.
- WASTE MGMT.:** nothing

WATERCRAFT: Chief Witherite asked the Borough to consider getting with the Fire Department to acquire possible watercraft. Ken Hollenbach, representing the Fire Department said the Fire Department has mutual agreements with Montgomery and Milton. Ken would not support a decision for watercraft as a council person nor as Deputy Fire Chief. Jay was asked to check into liability insurance.

RECYCLING SURVEY: President Rump said the recycling survey is still being compiled and the information will be ready for Committee Workshop.

RESIGNATION: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to accept with regret, the resignation of Joshua Fogelman effective immediately. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

OPEN COUNCIL POSITION: After a discussion was held regarding Council appointing someone or advertising to fill the vacant Council seat, Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to appoint Todd Moyer to fulfill the remainder of Joshua Fogelman's term of Council. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried. A round of applause followed.

OATH of OFFICE: The oath of office was administered by Mayor David Hontz; as he swore in Councilman Todd Moyer for the remainder of 2017 through 2019. A round of applause followed. Councilman Todd Moyer took his seat at the table.

RESOLUTION 2017-02: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to pass Resolution 2017-02, approving Proposal #1 - the blend and extend option which extends the term of the Borough's current electric contract with AMP to December 31, 2027. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Rump	- yes	Folk	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Moyer	- abstain
			(no info)

Motion carried by majority vote.

**HAZARD
MITIGATION
PLAN:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to adopt the Northumberland County Mitigation Plan. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Rump	- yes	Moyer	- abstain
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

**MMO –
POLICE
PENSION:**

Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve the 2018 Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$97,993.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Moyer	- abstain
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Miller	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

**MMO –
NON-UNIFORM
PENSION:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the 2018 Non-Uniform Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$112,664.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- abstain	Rump	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

PLAQUES:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to approve the purchase of (2) plaques for the Algert Fountain at a cost of \$260.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- abstain	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

**LIONS CLUB –
GARAGE USE:**

Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk for the Watsontown Lions Club to use the Borough Garage to make and store their sauerkraut. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

WABA HALLOWEEN PARADE & TRICK or TREAT HOURS:

Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve WABA's annual Halloween Parade and set Watsontown's Trick or Treat hours as 6:30 to 8:30 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

KINGDOM KIDZ - LIGHT THE NIGHT:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to approve Kingdom Kidz "Light the Night" event on October 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

HANDICAP PARKING SPACES:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve handicap parking spaces for the following residents/addresses:

Robert Ferguson - 112 East Third Street
 Sandra Metzger - 621 Elm Street

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing

POLICE: written

The Chief said he had recently responded to a call to unlock a car at Walmart; there was a small child inside.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

Ken Hollenbach said the new fire truck will be delivered in the next three weeks.

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:**

Ken Hollenbach said he is (1) class away from being certified by PMEA in Emergency Management.

**BOROUGH
SOLICITOR:**

nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:**

written

Greg Miller asked for an update on 706 Elm Street. The Chief responded.

BRENT FREY:

Brent Frey of 314 Main Street asked Jay a zoning question.

DAVID PLOTTS:

David Plotts of 114 East 3rd Street asked about Diane Dawson's property on Liberty Street. Jay responded.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

written

PUBLIC WORKS:

written

Ken Hollenbach mentioned additional damage to a Borough truck. Jay responded.

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:**

nothing

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS:**

President Rump mentioned the two upcoming budget meetings as well as other FYI's:

**10/23/17 - Committee Workshop & Budget Meeting combined
10/30/17 - Budget Meeting**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary Treasurer