

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
April 9, 2018**

OPENING: The April 9, 2018 Watson town Borough Council Meeting was called to Order by Council President Greg Miller at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 318 Main Street, Watson town. The opening prayer was given by Mayor Russ McClintock, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present were President Greg Miller, Vice President Ken Hollenbach, Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Brent Frey, Harry Hefty, Mayor Russ McClintock, Solicitor John DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Vera Young, Ralph Young, Virginia Wirth and Crystal Moyer.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2018 Council Meeting and the March 26, 2018 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: After a lengthy discussion regarding the invoices from Light-Heigel – receipts versus fees charged to the Borough, etc.; Jay said he will have additional information regarding Council’s concerns at the Committee Workshop. A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the bills and transfers for April 2018 in the amount of \$263,873.04. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES: President Miller asked committees if they had any comments.

FINANCE: Harry Hefty said Finance Committee will be meeting with PSAB on 6/25/18; the meeting will be advertised and held before the Committee Workshop. Members will be planning for 2019 and looking at long term Borough finances. No action will be taken at this upcoming meeting.

CEMETERY: Todd Moyer said the cemetery wall has been repaired.

AMENDED RENTAL ORDINANCE 2018-01: Jay said the rental ordinance was amended to reflect the following changes:

*** rental inspections are now required every 2 years or upon a change in tenants instead of every 4 years**

***upon a change in tenants within the first 12 months after a successful inspection, no re-inspection is required**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving Rental Ordinance 2018-01, as amended. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- no
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

Jay confirmed the Borough has nothing regarding this ordinance for homeowners; it's only for rentals.

CEMETERY FENCE: President Miller said Council met recently with the Historical Association and the group suggested the cemetery fence should be left as is. Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Brent Frey to leave the cemetery fence as is; a brief discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

DAN FOLK – PSAB CONFERENCE: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve Dan Folk's attendance at the PSAB Conference in June. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**DISPOSITION
of MTG. TAPES
RESOLUTION
2018-02**

Jay said once approved, meeting minutes become the official record of public meetings; PSAB recommends getting rid of tapes after approval of meeting minutes. After several comments, a motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Brent Frey for the disposition of meeting tapes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- no
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

**RENEWAL
of LEWIS TWP.
RECYCLING
AGREEMENT:**

After a lengthy discussion regarding recycling and good will, Brent Frey made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to renew the recycling agreement with Lewis Township for recycling for another year. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- no
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

**PURCHASE NEW
DUMP TRUCK:**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to purchase the new DPW dump truck, not to exceed \$70,000.00. Jay said approx. \$48,000.00 had been budgeted for a new pick-up truck; they will make up the difference in other areas. The worst case scenario would be to transfer the difference from the Capital Reserve Fund if Public Works runs short. The dump truck will be a more useful piece of equipment as it can be used year round. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RE -FURBISH
2006 DUMP
TRUCK:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Dan Folk to refurbish the 2006 dump truck in the amount of \$5,600.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISE
2018 PAVING BID:**

Dan Folk spoke on behalf of the Streets Committee in reference to the 2018 Paving Bid. He announced paving of the following streets:

10th Street – East to the Canal
10th Street – Main Street to Elm Street
4th Street – Elm Street to Main Street
4th Street – Elm Street to Pool Street

Depending on the bids, they also will include various repairs. Brent Frey asked about adding additional work; Jay said depending on the cost of the bids, we could put additional work out to bid, later this year. Jay confirmed there is a list that Council continues to work from; other projects get added as time passes. Jay said he will provide the list and prices to Brent for review. Dan Folk made a motion to advertise the 2018 paving bid, seconded by Todd Moyer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISE
ORDINANCE -
AGREEMENT w/
DELAWARE TWP.:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Dan Folk to advertise an ordinance for an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Delaware Township for policing the cemetery. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**CHARITY
SOFTBALL GAME:**

Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve a charity softball game on July 21, 2018 as submitted by Mary Ann Forry. The organizers will submit a liability insurance waiver to the Borough. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS
TO PLANNING
COMMISSION:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Brent Frey to approve the appointments to the Planning Commission as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
TO ZONING
HEARING BOARD:**

Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer for the following reappointments to the Zoning Hearing Board:

Hal Crozier – 5 year
Erica Frey – 4 year
Carlee Jarrett – 3 year
Connie Criswell – 2 year
Linda Daubert – 1 year

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Russ McClintock read his proclamation regarding “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”.

**HANDICAP
PARKING:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve a request from Gary Waite of 44 South Main Street for a handicap parking spot due to back problems. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

POLICE: written

Harry Hefty spoke of a recent incident involving his need for an area police department; he spoke further in support of local police departments.

Todd Moyer asked the Chief for total man hours as requested previously. Jay passed around a report Brendi prepared regarding all Borough man hours. He said the report would be provided to Council each month.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT:** nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

Jay answered questions regarding charges for code enforcement.

SOLICITOR: nothing

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

Jay spoke regarding the mower that has been ordered to mow the river bank.

Numerous people spoke regarding cameras at the 8th Street Park and continued damage and vandalism. The Chief said updated systems would be beneficial at both parks. Jay said he will be contacting area residents to keep watch on our parks and they will be encouraged to call 911. Others mentioned the locking of the gate at the 8th Street Park and locking doors at the pool house restroom – neither are done anymore. Jay spoke to the concerns with the restrooms.

SECRETARY: nothing

GUARD RAILS: A resident asked regarding the guard rails along PA Avenue; after further conversation, Jay said it will be discussed at Committee Workshop.

TREES: Jay said someone is scheduled to look at approx. (10) trees in the park. Additional conversation took place regarding trees falling into the canal and expensive breeds of trees around the Borough and possible money to be made in lumbering them.

FYI'S: President Miller read over the FYI's as presented on tonight's agenda.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer