

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
November 29, 2016**

OPENING: The November 29, 2016 Watsonstown 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, followed by the Pledge 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 Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ McClintock, Dennis Confer, Kevin Mertz, Virginia Wirth, Pat Pat Yeager, Buzz Reynolds, Karen Houser, David Plotts, Crystal Moyer.

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Joshua Fogelman to approve the October 24, 2016 Council Meeting and the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Committee Workshop. 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.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve the bills and transfers in the amount of \$367,729.82. 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.

KAREN HOUSER: Karen Houser of 44 Pennsylvania Avenue spoke regarding her recent electric issues; she brought Council up to date on the latest happenings.

THANK YOU: President Rump said thank you correspondence was received by the Montgomery House Library and Kingdom Kidz.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing new to report; the budget is ready for approval.

CEMETERY nothing new to report; there was a brief conversation about the cemetery fence

ELECTRIC: nothing to report

INSURANCE: nothing to report

Jay mentioned a safety meeting on 12/6/16 @ 9:30 am in Council Chambers.

PARKS & RECREATION nothing to report

Jay has sent a thank you letter to Bob Smith and the Cub Scouts for their work on the dugouts at the park.

PERSONNEL: nothing to report

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing to report

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: nothing to report

WASTE MANAGEMENT: nothing to report

ORDINANCE 2016-04: A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Greg Miller to approve Ordinance 2016-04, which increases the Borough's per capita contribution to the Warrior Run Fire Department by \$2.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

2017 BUDGET APPROVAL: A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Joshua Fogelman to approve the 2017 budget. 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.

**ORDINANCE
2016-05:**

A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Greg Miller to approve Ordinance 2016-05; the annual tax rate will remain at 18.25 mils, no increase. 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.

**RESOLUTION
2016-05:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Resolution 2016-05 naming PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust as the manager of the police pension. 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.

**RESOLUTION
2016-06:**

A motion was made by Greg Miller, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve Resolution 2016-06 naming PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust as the manager of the non-uniform pension. 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.

**HOT SHOT
PYROTECHNICS
CONTRACT:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Joshua Fogelman to approve the 2017 4th of July fireworks contract, in the amount of \$8,050.00. It is an increase from last year's \$7,000.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

There was a brief discussion regarding added security.

**VENTRAC
SNOW BRUSH:**

Joshua Fogelman made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the purchase of the Ventrac snow brush for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$3,733.14. Jay confirmed it includes a 2 year warranty for a commercial customer.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
To MRSA
BOARD:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to reappoint Jay Jarrett to a 5 year term on the MRSA Board. 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.

**MRSA
REQUEST -
MEETING
COMPENSATION:**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding MRSA's request to compensate board members for attending board meetings. Several questions were fielded by Solicitor Tira and Jay Jarrett regarding the request. Ken Hollenbach made a motion to approve the motion; hearing no second, the motion died. The conversation continued; all municipalities needed to agree in order for it to happen.

**POLICE
BATHROOM
RENOVATIONS:**

The following bids were received regarding the police bathroom renovations:

- **Straub Wall Systems, \$18,965.33**
- **DDS Construction, \$17,500.00**
- **Josh Lloyd Construction, \$14,670.00**

It was confirmed that the needed masonry work is NOT included in these bids. A motion was made by Joshua Fogelman, seconded by Harry Hefty to award the project to Josh Lloyd Construction, New Columbia in the amount of \$14,670.00. 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.

**4 WAY STOP
At FOURTH
& LIBERTY:**

A long discussion took place to authorize Solicitor Tira to create an ordinance to make 4th and Liberty Streets a 4 way stop. The discussion included comments by Solicitor Tira, Chief Witherite, Jay Jarrett, President Rump, Karen Houser of 44 Pennsylvania Avenue and Ginny Wirth of 408 High Street amongst others. No motion was made, no action was taken.

**ORDINANCE
To SET 2018
TAX
COLLECTOR
FEE:**

A long discussion took place to authorize Solicitor Tira to create an ordinance to set 2018 tax collector fees. The Mayor questioned possible motives behind the reduction; President Rump and Vice President Hefty both spoke to the Mayor’s concern. Pat Yeager of 214 Liberty Street and Dennis Confer of 115 Murray Street, Solicitor and Joshua Fogelman spoke regarding the issue. Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Joshua Fogelman authorizing the Solicitor to create an ordinance setting the tax collector’s fee starting in 2017 at \$8,000.00. 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.

Pat Yeager thanked Council for their decision and encouraged Council to choose people from the community to do jobs within the community.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

The Mayor thanked the police department for the work they do.

The Mayor has recently lost his phone/contacts. He encouraged people to contact him with their information.

Harry Hefty spoke of our police response time; Chief Witherite responded further on police response time versus the State Police.

Dan Folk spoke of a recent incident at the Dollar General.

POLICE:

written

The Chief asked about synchronized traffic lights; Ken Hollenbach spoke to the suggestion and said Kelly Township should be contacted for information.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

Ken Hollenbach said Tiffany Wertman is the Borough's Fire Board representative but has moved out of the Borough; she asked whether Council wanted her to resign or remain on the Fire Board. Ken said he has checked and there is nothing that states the representative must live within the Borough or area. She has bought a farm out past West Milton State Bank; she will remain a member of the fire company. No action was required.

The new aerial truck has been ordered and will be delivered September or October 2017.

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT:** nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

President Rump mentioned 706 Elm Street; they are continuing to be cited. A conversation continued.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Tira spoke regarding the debt being assumed by MRSA and guaranteed by the Borough; there is a public process through DCED; MRSA's Solicitor has provided him the documentation that will take care of the proceedings; it will show up on Council's agenda in the next couple months for approval of those items being submitted to DCED.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

President Rump said Jay will be working on reviews for the DPW workers and office staff; they will be done by 12/16/16.

**PUBLIC
WORKS:** written

Dennis Confer of 115 Murray Street asked about leaf pickup. Jay said the plan is to continue picking up until it snows.

Harry Hefty asked about the replacement of lights with LED lights.

President Rump asked about the Christmas lights on the trees across from Sunoco, they are very dim; Jay said he'd look into it.

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** nothing

President Rump encouraged everyone to have reports submitted before the end of the year so the Borough has them on file.

**DENNIS
CONFER:**

Dennis Confer of 115 Murray Street thanked the police department.

He spoke of vendors setting up for 3 days during the Sesquicentennial; their safety and prevention of theft. Chief Witherite spoke to Dennis' concern.

Dennis went on to give an updated status on Sesquicentennial contributions/collections/sales. The banner design is on display in the Borough window; he is extremely pleased; they will be hung from April until November; he continued with a full report. Joshua Fogelman made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to transfer the budgeted \$5,000.00 into the Sesquicentennial account before the end of December. 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.

**BUZZ
REYNOLDS:**

Buzz Reynolds of Buzz's Pizza on 8th Street thanked everyone involved in repair of the manholes on Main Street. He does appreciate it.

FYI's:

President Rump mentioned the FYI's on the back of the agenda.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before Council, Joshua Fogelman made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer