

**Watsonstown Borough
Committee Meeting
September 28, 2015**

- OPENING:** The September 28, 2015 Watsonstown Borough Committee Meeting was called to order by President Harriet Miller at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held at the First Lutheran Church, 400 Main Street.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Harriet Miller, Vice President Ralph Young, Janet Rump, Jack Marshall, Harry Hefty, Dan Folk, Mayor Dave Hontz, Solicitor Ryan Tira, Chief Rodney Witherite and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Gladys Klapp, Robert Brown, Becky Hontz, Mary Phillips, Buzz Reynolds, Linda Reynolds, Bucky Allis, Luke Garverick, Sandy Hendricks, Terry Kirchner, Amy Pitou, David Plotts, Carolyn Powell, Dave Powell, Liz Folk, Lisa Davis, Matt Aurand, Hal Crozier, Cindy Crozier, Brent Frey and Virginia Wirth.
- TERRY KIRCHNER:** Terry Kirchner of 500 Main Street spoke of the events on 9/11/01, the worst terroristic attack in American history and the attack on our democracy. He said our rights should never be taken for granted, not now, not ever. He referenced an editorial in a local newspaper and its recognition of the Watsonstown residents that demonstrated local democracy in action. Terry said they set up a table at the Watsonstown yard sales encouraging people to register to vote; 8 people registered. He also offered applications to anyone interested in registering to vote tonight.
- DAVID PLOTTS:** David Plotts of 114 East Third Street spoke of the International Property Maintenance Code. He said the town is falling apart in filth. He spoke of the current condition of 216 Pennsylvania Avenue as well as a few others including a falling down chimney and grass on Liberty Street. He spoke of his father, a former Councilman and President of Council. He said the Mayor didn't cause the former Borough Manager's death and he isn't the cause of every problem in this town. He encouraged everyone to get along and cooperate with one another; he said "we need to clean this mess up and get it done quickly".
- 216 PA AVE:** Chief Witherite spoke regarding 216 Pennsylvania Avenue. He said he spoke with Code Enforcement and accompanied him to (2) properties, one of them being 216 Pennsylvania Avenue. Code Enforcement reluctantly cited that person and he told the resident that if they didn't clean it up, they would receive another citation. Chief Witherite said they did clean up a lot of the rat infested area but there are still vehicles there; there are still other problem areas in the Borough. He thinks it's time to change code enforcement officers; either with that company or get a new

company; the Chief has shared that with Jeff Kanezo. The Chief said the Mayor and he have accompanied Jeff Kanezo to several other places and the Chief has seen the reports and the reports do not jive with what's been talked about. President Miller said it was time to have another meeting with code enforcement; a resident asked to have him attend a meeting; another member of Council suggested a meeting with Jeff's boss.

**MIKE
FORESMAN:**

Mike Foresman of 122 East 8th Street spoke of the eminent domain paperwork filed by the Borough. He heard of this through another resident and was totally surprised. He has been waiting for the last 3-4 weeks for Jim Ranck of Delaware Township to get back to him with information so he could decide whether or not to sign an easement. He has yet to see Jim or an easement. Mike said he wanted to address Solicitor Tira's statements made at the August 31, 2015 meeting. He asked what the scope of the work is; does it involve sidewalks which he has asked several times and nothing has been provided. Mike is said he has no issue with any work being done in the right of way; his only issue is the work that is currently being run onto his property; he has asked that the curbing be put out to where it's supposed to be, to the right of way at 8th and Matthew Streets. He has recently spent \$2,000.00 to have a pin put in and he knows where it's at. He said he has never ever been given an easement and unless he is provided with one tonight, he has never seen it and he was never given an estimated scope of what they are asking to do. Mike said Jack Marshall, Dan Folk and Ralph Young were all at his house and none of them could tell him what was going to be done. They had Jim Ranck on the phone and asked how they were going to construct it; asked for a drawing, Mike will look at it, if it meets everything it should; the only thing Mike is concerned with is that the curbing not be put back on his property, that's all. In conclusion, Mike said to give him the information that he has asked for since the very beginning, provide him the "phantom" document that he has never seen and has refused to sign. He would love to resolve this and it's in the best interest of all residents and Borough Council to resolve this issue. Solicitor Tira said the ordinance for eminent domain should be tabled until our next meeting and he will contact individuals from Delaware Township and ask them to provide all documentation to Mr. Foresman with the idea that we can get his questions answered. Mike said currently it is to be an ADA compliant intersection and the sidewalk ends 30 feet before the right of way; he does not see an ADA compliant intersection being the stall. He assumes they will be extending out the sidewalk. After further discussion, Solicitor Tira said he would invite the representatives from Delaware Township to next week's meeting to get this matter straightened out.

RFP's:

Harry Hefty said the Finance Committee has a meeting planned for Wednesday morning, to put together the Request for Professions Services and they've included zoning in those requests.

- WEEDS:** Janet Rump spoke on behalf of the Cemetery Committee and said the weeds in the wall at the cemetery have been taken care of.
- MEETINGS:** Janet Rump said the Cemetery and Parks & Recreation Committees will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, starting at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers.
- ANIMALS IN THE CEMETERY:** Janet said people continue to walk their dogs in the cemetery; she reminded everyone there are “no dogs allowed” in the cemetery unless they are service dogs. She has received complaints regarding (3) people.
- MEETINGS:** Harry Hefty said the Electric Committee will meet the last Wednesday of each month at 8:15 AM and the Finance Committee will meet at 9:00 AM. These meetings will be advertised and posted.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Miller announced an Executive Session for personnel following tonight’s meeting.
- 8TH STREET PARK:** Janet said the gazebo at 8th Street is being completed; they have power washed it and stained it; it is still roped off and not being used at this time. She also said the new seesaw is in. Janet said we had volunteers work done on the bushes across from the gazebo.
- VOLUNTEERS/WATER & WEEDS:** Janet said we also have volunteer work being done down in front of the Family Dollar with BJ’s Garden Center. The Mansion House has generously donated water to help water the plants and a thank you to Buck’s Plumbing for the water being used in the garden at that corner. Also, the weeds have been taken care at the walkway down at the bridge.
- POTHOLE:** The Mayor said a pothole is developing at the corner of Main Street and Brimmer that he wanted to bring to the Street Committees attention.
- MAPLE LANE:** President Miller spoke of the bad condition of Maple Lane.
- POLICE DEPARTMENT VACANCIES & PROMOTIONS:** Chief Witherite said the police department currently has (1) and another upcoming vacancy in two weeks. They had Civil Service testing for those two openings and they have a list now. He also said the testing has been completed in accordance with the new contract for the (2) promotions in the police department as well.
- CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:** Bucky Allis said behalf of the Civil Service Commission, they formally submit the results of the Borough’s patrolman eligibility process. They received 8 applications; the commission qualified all 8 of those applicants on 9/11/15, which allowed them to begin the testing process. On

Thursday, September 24th they had 7 applicants arrive (1 did not arrive) and they began the written examination. After the 3 phases of the examination, (written, physical agility and oral exams) the commission certified a list of 6 qualified applicants (1 applicant failed). This list is effective until September 23, 2016 at which time the remaining name may be re-certified by the commission for an additional 12 months. Bucky went on to publicly thank and recognize many for their help with the eligibility process.

PROMOTIONS: Bucky presented Chief Witherite promotion recommendations from the Civil Service Commission; Sergeant Richard Faux promoted to Lieutenant and Detective Greg Drollinger promoted to Sergeant, effective October 1st. He spoke of their hire dates, years of service and training.

Bucky presented Brendi with the eligibility list to be posted and kept on record. He again thanked Council for their support in the entire process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chief Witherite asked for an Executive Session regarding the hiring of the new police officers. President Miller said an Executive Session will follow for personnel.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS: Chief Witherite said construction in the police department will start next Monday, therefore demolition of the office will start on Wednesday by the Borough crew.

INT'L PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: Solicitor Tira said he would deliver the International Property Maintenance Code to Council at October's Committee Meeting.

SALT STORAGE SHED: Dan Folk said the salt storage shed is put on the back burner until 2016. They are looking into another location due to restrictions and right of ways. It is not panning out the way they thought it would.

GENERATORS: After some confusion, Brendi said the generators were for the Borough Building and the garage. Per Greg Brouse, S&K Electric has come and taken specs to provide a quote, Dave Ferguson and Ben Meyers have also expressed interest in quoting the generators but haven't come in yet.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL MEETING: Janet Rump said the next Sesquicentennial Meeting will be held on October 13, 2015 at 7 PM in Council Chambers. She encouraged all interested parties to attend.

**8th STREET
LAMP POST:**

Brendi said she was attempting to get numbers from a company out of Canada for the replacement of the concrete posts. She presented pictures of the damage, it is a cosmetic issue and the post is structurally sound. She hopes to have the cost for replacement to Council next week.

**MID-STATE
PAVING:**

Brendi said Mid-State Paving starts next week, the week of 10/5/15.

**SPEED
ENFORCEMENT
AGREEMENT:**

Chief Witherite said the Speed Enforcement Agreement has been completed by Solicitor Tira and sent to Delaware Township. He said they appreciate support of the agreement and encouraged people to call the township. Janet asked a questions regarding police presence in the school zone. Chief Witherite spoke to her question and said though they have no enforcement power they are still patrolling around that area; he has asked everyone (police officers) to be there at least once a shift. There was further discussion regarding the money generated from writing tickets, of which the Borough will receive no compensation from the Township. In conclusion, Chief Witherite said this is for the children and the families of the kids; they will be there no matter what and enforcement will be 24/7. Solicitor Tira said this agreement is a means to make sure the speed is enforceable and people take it serious.

**PENN DOT
TRUCK STUDY:**

Brendi said the Penn Dot truck study presented at the last meeting was not the study residents had asked for. She made contact with Penn Dot and they are checking into putting another study together though not clear on exactly what the study is supposed to be regarding. She said Penn Dot reiterated that Main Street through Watsonstown aka Route 405 is a major truck route and it meets all requirements as does 8th Street; we cannot reduce/prevent/restrict Moran from doing business in Watsonstown. A resident asked that the length of trucks be limited, Milton and Muncy Boroughs have re-routed trucks. Another said our taxpayers are paying for much damage to our town; street lights, curbs, personal property, etc.; we just seem to accept it. The conversation proceeded regarding damage being done by trucks doing business with Moran.

**MATTHEW
STREET:**

A resident asked about Matthew Street; it was concluded that Matthew Street belongs to the Borough. Further discussion ensued about restrictions on Matthew Street. Brendi offered contacting Penn Dot to see if they'd meet with the public and answer questions. Solicitor Tira said Penn Dot does provide the standards to be followed; they are called "warrants" or when you can bond a road, etc. In summary, Brendi was instructed to contact Penn Dot to see if such a meeting is possible before announcing or advertising a meeting with Penn Dot.

A resident said it was a miracle that no one was hit on Saturday at the yard sales; she said there were lots of tractor trailer trucks through town all day.

TRAINS:

A resident said lately there have been a lot of trains stopped on the tracks. Chief Witherite said they've had several complaints; Detective Drollinger issued a warning to the conductor because they have been tying our streets up two at a time for an hour/an hour and a half at times. They've been warned and the police department will write tickets from here on out per Chief Witherite. He said if that road is blocked more than five minutes, they are in violation of state law; if the train is broken down or other issues, that's no problem. This resident said the trains also go just beyond the railroad crossing but just enough that the gates are still down. Chief Witherite said they have names and he is going to make a report to the railroad police about it tomorrow. There was further discussion regarding the trains, when and why they are stopped, etc.

**8th STREET
REDLIGHT:**

Brent Frey asked if a study could be done as to why the 8th Street red light hasn't been fixed. The pole is on his property and has been there for 7 years in the fenced in area; Brent asked "what are we doing about it?" President Miller said we need \$200,000.00 to fix it; Brent asked "who hit it? "Why didn't they fix it?" Brent said "times up, it's been 7 years; you've got to do something". Numerous people were talking; Solicitor Tira was answering but it was inaudible.

**TRUCK
TRAFFIC/
MORAN:**

Jack Marshall said a truck study on 8th Street would be beneficial in more ways than one. He spoke of a possible interchange out 8th Street and two off ramps to alleviate traffic on Main Street; he said a truck study might help to further the cause. Chief Witherite said Moran wants to bring trucks in 8th Street to a common area and their jockey trucks would bring the trailers into the Borough. He said that's what they are planning to do according to his last conversation three weeks ago with Jeff Stroehman. The Chief said he's not sure where they are at with it but it should alleviate a lot of these issues. A lot of people were speaking. The Mayor said there is a fill operation going on just outside the Borough; that's going to be the "drop lot" for trucks coming into the Borough. Someone directed "who told you that" towards the Mayor; he said that's what he's put together from what he has heard. Chief Witherite confirmed that according to Jeff Stroehman, that's what they're planning to do. A few others made comments; in conclusion President Miller said we need to have Penn Dot look at the 8th Street red light.

BOAT RAMP:

Jack Marshall said he and Greg Brouse recently met with Jim Smith of the Fish and Boat Commission and a representative from Lynda Schlegel Culver's office regarding the boat ramp. After 35 years, the boat ramp is in bad shape; the metal straps that hold the cement slabs have rusted and are coming apart. Greg was able to advise on the capacity of our Borough crew and the equipment the Borough has access to. It was determined that if the work was to be done yet this year, the Fish and Boat Commission would supply all the materials but we would have to do the construction.

It would be an approximate 3 week job and we don't have the manpower with everything else that needs done in the Borough; however, Jim said he would rather do it next year. Jim thinks he can get the material and construction done next year, from down in the water to 10 feet up the road; in exchange, the Fish and Boat Commission wants to renew the 25 year lease with Watontown Borough (a 2 week process). By putting it under their jurisdiction when things need repaired, they will fix it. The Fish and Boat Commission has lost access in Montgomery and we are the only access between Muncy and Sunbury. Jack spoke further regarding the new ramp and its life expectancy.

GRANT PURSUIT:

Jack continued about the proposed use of the South Park (J.C. Lot) and the installation of a walking/running track around it. The rep from Lynda Culver's office and Jim Smith encouraged Watontown to pursue grant money to expand the parking lot and the addition of a pavilion. Help is available with the grant writing process and people are willing to step up as needed. Jack Marshall made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to pursue a grant. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mary Ann Bieber-Everitts said she remembered the south park when it was a baseball field; she has been told that funds are not available nor does Council want to maintain that field. She asked if we get a grant to build this "area" what will Council use to maintain it. Jack Marshall stated the boat ramp would be maintained by the Fish and Boat Commission; we already maintain the J.C. Lot with grass mowing and tree trimming.

JOSHUA FOGELMAN REQUEST:

Janet asked if anything had been decided regarding Joshua Fogelman's request to move a sign. Chief Witherite said the sign can be moved; Jack said it was a no parking sign from November to April because of snow banks. After some discussion, Janet called Council's attention to Joshua's letter and map. Solicitor Tira said Mr. Fogelman has not requested the parking restriction lifted but he's just requesting for the sign to be moved. Further conversation took place.

PROMOTIONS:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Janet Rump, appointing Richard Faux to Lieutenant and Greg Drollinger to Sergeant. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Rump	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

HALLOWEEN HOURS:

A motion was made by Janet Rump, seconded by Harry Hefty to make this year's Halloween hours from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

GARBAGE CONTRACT:

Solicitor Tira provided the bid document for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 garbage contract. The can at the boat ramp has been removed from this bid document and there are two alternatives for bidding – one can twice a week and two cans once a week. This will allow Council to see which gives better pricing; the contract is for 3 years but can be terminated by the Borough after 1 year. The advertising provides for bids to be submitted up until 10/30/15 for consideration at the November 2, 2015 meeting. Solicitor Tira said the 3 year average used for residential units is 962 ½.

GARBAGE CANS - BOAT RAMP:

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that 2 garbage cans should be purchased for the boat ramp and emptied each week by the Borough crew.

Jack Marshall made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young, to approve and advertise for the garbage contract bids. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Young	- yes	Marshall	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

EMINENT DOMAIN:

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POLLY KEEFER HIRED:

Polly Keefer has agreed to help out while Lisa is on vacation – October 19th – October 23rd and while Brendi is on vacation – November 12th – November 17th. Polly will be paid at a rate of

\$10.00 per hour. A motion was made by Jack Marshall, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the hiring of Polly Keefer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Young	- yes	Marshall	- yes
Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

SNOW PLOW:

Dan Folk presented 3 quotes to Council for a snow plow to be installed on the 2012 Dodge Ram; all quotes included straight plow prices and V plow prices and warranties. A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Janet Rump to purchase a V plow from the Opp Company, Muncy for \$4,832.80. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Marshall	- yes
Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW POLICE VEHICLE:

Chief Witherite presented Council with pricing for a new 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 for the police department. The prices were with a trade, without a trade and also pricing for the lighting/prisoner package. Chief Witherite thanked the Chrysler Corporation for sending the demo to us; they sent it down to us from Massachusetts and they left us use it for a week. It was clarified that the quotes were for a 2016, not a 2015 and they prefer a truck versus another SUV. The Chief answered a few questions and confirmed that the quotes included an extended 5 year 100,000 mile warranty. A resident said he thought the police department was to be getting rid of a vehicle last year to which President Miller said the extra vehicle is used for court appearances and transporting prisoners. Others said the police department has had many problems with the Dodge Charger; it will be traded in. Others questioned why a truck to which President Mille answered that Council was told "it is the way of the future". Another asked if "this" was budgeted and is "this" really needed, is it something the police must have for the force to be at 100%. Chief Witherite said they are a 24/7 department and this is not out of line with what's been done in the past 10 years; they are trying to cycle vehicles through to save money, it wasn't done the last time – the car started nickel and diming the taxpayers. The Chief said he's been a cop for 32 years and you can't put guys out in junk; it will get someone hurt or killed. Chief Witherite said he and Edie had a discussion and she suggested to him that there was \$40,000 plus in the budget, we don't need a truck so go ahead and use it. Everyone was talking. Harry Hefty made a motion to

proceed with purchasing the 2016 Dodge Ram with the trade in at a cost of \$28,204.00 from New Holland Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram. Janet asked if the police car was in the budget because the street crew is now requesting the replacement of a John Deere tractor. Brendi explained that \$2,000.00 plus was in the police cruiser account and \$42,000.00 plus in the pick-up truck fund. Janet said she wasn't against the police getting a new vehicle but are we robbing the crew of a new utility vehicle by buying a new police vehicle. Jack Marshall spoke of his understanding of yearly deposits into the police cruiser and pick-up truck funds. Chief Witherite went over his entire conversation with Edie. Chief Witherite said the purchase of a new vehicle should be every 3 years and the oldest gotten rid of. Janet asked if the crew needs anything; she asked if they need a utility truck; Dan said they need a utility truck and it will be on the budget for next year. There were many more questions for Chief Witherite regarding the existing vehicles used by the police department. Lots of conversations were taking place. Chief Witherite said the Borough is receiving a \$10,000.00 for buying a fleet car. A resident interrupted with comments regarding "Roberts Rules of Order" to which Solicitor Tira said Council hasn't adopted Roberts Rules of Order. The dollar amount was questioned by another resident. A second was finally given by Ralph Young. A roll call vote was given as follows:

Rump	- no	Miller	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

**LIGHTING &
PRISONER
PACKAGE:**

After much commotion, Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to purchase a lighting and prisoner package at a cost of \$7,135.54 from 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Rump	- no

Motion carried by majority vote.

Brendi stated since she was hired in October 2012, she has never put money into the police cruiser or pick-up truck fund. Jack Marshall explained again how deposits were supposed to be made at the end of each year.

Ralph Young made a motion to transfers enough money from the pick-up truck fund to the police cruiser fund to cover the cost of the 2016 Dodge

Ram and the lighting and prisoner package. A second was given by Dan Folk. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Marshall	- no	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Rump	- no
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

2016 MMO's:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young, approving the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension plan and the non- uniformed pension plan. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Rump	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Young	- yes	Marshall	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

2016 BUDGET MEETING DATES:

Brendi asked Council to start thinking about meeting dates for up coming budget workshops. She also wanted all of Council to be aware that Chuck Beck will be assisting the Hiring Committee to hire a Borough Manager and assisting Council with the 2016 Budget.

"MEETINGS"

The Mayor asked if these committees have met; he said Chuck Beck has been in the Borough office twice now that he knows of; he asked again if there was a meeting. Brendi said she, Chuck Beck, Dan Folk and Greg Brouse recently met but it wasn't a "committee meeting". The Mayor wants the public to know that he continues to be excluded from meetings which is violation of the Sunshine Law. Solicitor Tira said it's not a violation of the law; more than 1 member of Council is needed for it to be considered a "committee meeting". The Mayor said "so much for open government". Brendi asked if she could tell what the meeting was about; a resident shouted "I thought there was no meeting"; Brendi stated there was no "committee meeting"; she said Chuck Beck was helping her, Dan Folk and Greg Brouse use the Costars website to purchase Borough equipment through the state program. This same resident shouted "just how many meetings has the Mayor been excluded from?" There was more commotion in the audience.

President Miller said Council would review dates for budget meetings.

VISITORS:

President Miller said it is now necessary to come into the office to sign up to be listed on meeting agendas. There was an issue and hopefully this will solve that. A motion was made by Jack Marshall, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the new procedure. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Young	- yes	Marshall	- yes
Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

The policy was clarified. It does not pertain to those not listed on the agenda.

**BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
DAY:**

Brendi reminded everyone that October 1st is WABA’s Breast Cancer Awareness Day. She asked Council and the Mayor to volunteer from the hours of 11 am to 2 pm. She also encouraged everyone to go downtown to visit our businesses.

**ORDINANCE
2015-03**

Solicitor Tira presented Council with an ordinance the establishes residency requirements for the Borough Manager. Council recently approved a job description that included a 10 mile residency requirement for the Borough Manager. Janet Rump made a motion to advertise the ordination in relationship to the Borough Manager’s residency. A second was given by Jack Marshall. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Marshall	- yes
Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ZONING
CHANGE:**

A resident asked about the zoning change as requested by Jeff Stroehman from Moran. Harry Hefty spoke to the question. The Mayor said the request was brought by Moran Industries, Solicitor Tira said the next step is the Planning Commission. Harry said his understanding is the Planning Commission sent it back to Council. They did not rule on the re-zoning. Solicitor Tira said it needs to go through a public hearing process. Harry said the Planning Commission did not act. Moran needs to bring a complete package to Council; they brought a vague suggestion to Council. Mayor Hontz said Watsontown’s zoning hasn’t been updated since 1972; maybe it’s a matter of leadership. The conversation continued. Harry said Moran’s Solicitor needs to read our ordinance and make a determination. He has called Jeff Stroehman what he just told the audience. The Mayor asked if Harry was acting in place of Council again to which Harry said no he was not acting as Council again. Other comments were made.

YARD SALES:

President Miller said she thought the yard sales on Saturday went well; good job WABA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Solicitor Tira requested an Executive Session for labor issues.

MAYOR:

Mayor Hontz said he wanted to make sure the Borough Secretary understood his comment about being invited to committee meetings and other meetings going on within the Borough is not her responsibility. He said the Borough has Committee Chairs and a Council President that should be letting him know. He said it was not directed at Brendi; she said she appreciated his clarification. Dan Folk said he wanted it to be known that wasn't a meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

President Miller said they are compiling a list of regularly scheduled Committee Meetings of which the Mayor will be informed. The Mayor said that's a step in the right direction.

STREET LIGHTS:

Resident stated there are 2 street lights are out in front of Family Dollar.

GREENWAY:

The Mayor applauded Janet Rump, Sandy Hendricks and Cindy Crozier's work on the Greenway Project and their positive step.

CONCRETE BENCHES:

Ralph Young mentioned the information on concrete benches from Phyllis Williamson that was included in Council packets.

SIGN TO BE MOVED:

A resident called for the resolve to move the street sign in front of Joshua Fogelman's house. Council stated the sign will be moved by the Borough crew.

MUNICIPAL:

Dan Folk asked for permission to advertise the following equipment on Muncibid:

- The white Ford
- The old sewer plant generator
- The old tar buggy

There was a debate between the Mayor and Dan Folk over the equipment mentioned.

WATER TRUCK:

Someone asked if we have a water truck hidden somewhere at the garage to which Dan said we have no water truck. Brendi was instructed to find out what truck was used to water plants/trees last year.

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Harry Hefty to advertise the old equipment on Muncibid. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Ralph Young to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:31 PM. President Miller stated if Council opened to Public Session, it would be held in Council Chambers.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvene to Public Session at 10:15 PM.

APPT. OF FULL-TIME OFFICERS:

The initial appointment of full time officers:

CHRISTOPHER M. SNYDER:

Janet Rump made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young, to hire Christopher Snyder. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rump	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

TIMOTHY A. KIEFABER

Janet Rump made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk, to hire Timothy Kiefaber. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Marshall	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Rump	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

Solicitor Tira said these were conditional appointments and the Chief needs to complete background and psychological testing.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Ralph young to adjourn back to Executive Session at 10:20 PM.

RECONVENE:

Borough Council reconvened at approximately 10:39 PM last night and took the following actions:

INCREASES:

Motion by Jack Marshall, Seconded by Ralph Young to increase the hourly wage rate for Lisa Davis to \$14.00 an hour effective July 13, 2015.

Motion by Dan Folk, Seconded by Janet Rump to increase the hourly wage rate for Brendi Brooke to \$16.50 an hour effective July 13, 2015.

ADJOURNED: No other actions or discussions occurred. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer