

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
August 14, 2017**

OPENING: The August 14, 2017 Watsonstown 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, Vice President Harry Hefty, Ken Hollenbach, Greg Miller, Mayor David Hontz, Solicitor Ben Landon, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Joshua Fogelman and Dan Folk were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Mertz, Dennis Confer, Russ McClintock, Virginia Wirth, Crystal Moyer

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Greg Miller to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Council Meeting and the July 24, 2017 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve bills and transfers in the amount of \$278,003.64. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Hefty | - yes | Miller | - yes |
| Hollenbach | - yes | Rump | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

DENNIS CONFER – Sesquicentennial: Dennis Confer of the Sesquicentennial Committee read his letter of appreciation that he sent to the editor of the newspaper.

A round of applause followed.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing to report

CEMETERY: nothing to report

ELECTRIC: nothing to report

INSURANCE: nothing to report

PARKS & RECREATION: Ken asked if anyone had reported to Jay that a woman had tripped and fallen into a hole in the asphalt at the park.

Jay said he would check into it.

PERSONNEL: nothing to report

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: The Mayor said adjacent to the steps behind Pavilion #2 there is a drain covered with stones that needs attention.

The Mayor reminded the public to keep garages and cars locked at all times. He spoke of a recent incident in Milton and said anyone that comes to your door should be able to provide identification. He also encouraged the public to call 911 when they see things happen; our chances of preventing and solving crimes are greatly enhanced with the public's cooperation.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Harry said the Streets & Highways Committee has projects to be discussed at the next Committee Workshop.

PAVING: Jay said he spoke with Mid State Paving and they are set to begin paving early in September. They expect to be done in approx. a week. Jay also said the storm drain on the west side of Pennsylvania Avenue will be addressed with Mid State Paving. He explained briefly how the drain will be taken care of when they are here in September.

STORM WATER PLANNING: Jay and Harry agreed that storm water planning needs to be discussed at the next Committee Workshop.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: nothing to report

REFUSE CONTRACT: Harry asked Jay to check into the expiration of the Refuse contract. Jay said he will email the information to Council.

**ORDINANCE
2017-04:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to amend the Zoning Ordinance; a hearing was held prior to tonight's meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Hollenbach | - yes | Rump | - yes |
| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

**HOMEcomings
PARADE:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Greg Miller to approve the Warrior Run Homecoming Parade on October 20, 2017. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Hollenbach | - yes | Rump | - yes |
| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

**WARRIOR RUN
YOUTH
FOOTBALL:**

A motion was made by Greg Miller, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the use of the park by Warrior Run Youth Football to practice for the 2017 season. A roll call was taken as follows:

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| Hollenbach | - yes | Rump | - yes |
| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried. Proof of liability insurance was provided.

**MUNICIPAL -
2000 Chevy
Truck:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to accept the \$7,100.00 bid received on Municipal from Joseph Disciullo. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hollenbach | - yes | Rump | - yes |
| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS
TRAILER:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Greg Miller to approve the purchase of a trailer in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the Public Works Department. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Hollenbach | - yes | Rump | - yes |
| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the 2018 fireworks for the 4th of July through Hot Shot Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$8,050.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |
| Rump | - yes | Hollenbach | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

PSAB FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Greg Miller to approve Ken Hollenbach's attendance at the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference from October 13, 2017 through October 15, 2017. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Rump | - yes | Hollenbach | - abstain |
| Hefty | - yes | Miller | - yes |

Motion carried by majority vote.

PSAB CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING:

Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve up to 5 people to attend the PSAB Civil Service Training in Williamsport on September 28, 2017 at \$150.00 per person. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Hollenbach | - yes | Rump | - yes |
| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

PSAB BUDGET TRAINING:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller for Jay Jarrett to attend the PSAB Budget Training in Luzerne County on Tuesday, September 19th at \$125.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Miller | - yes | Hefty | - yes |
| Rump | - yes | Hollenbach | - yes |

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

The Mayor spoke of recent rain. He also spoke of stones in the river and the growing sand bar; Penn Dot versus the federal government.

Per Jay, regarding the pier marking issue in the river, the Public Works Department will take care of this project in the fall.

POLICE: written

The Chief spoke of his concern regarding the expenses his department incurred during the Sesquicentennial celebration. President Rump said it would be discussed further at Committee Workshop.

**DUSK TO
DAWN SIGNS:**

President Rump mentioned the dusk to dawn signs that are now in the cemetery; the Chief said there were no issues in the cemetery during the Sesquicentennial fireworks.

THANK YOU:

Mayor Hontz commended Denny Confer and Janet Rump on the great job they did in coordinating the Sesquicentennial celebration. A round of applause followed. Chief Witherite said from the police side, the celebration couldn't have been any better.

Numerous people spoke regarding the parade, the bands, etc.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:**

nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:**

written

Harry Hefty and Jay spoke of a property on South Main Street.

**BOROUGH
SOLICITOR:**

nothing

Jay thanked Solicitor Landon for his work on the cell tower ordinance.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

written

President Rump said Jim Harvrilla, the Borough's electric engineer, will be at the Committee Workshop. She again mentioned Mid-State Paving will be in town to pave in September.

BOAT DOCK:

Jay said he received a call stating the boat dock ramp is not currently operational. The Fish and Boat Commission hope to have it repaired and reopened by Friday, August 18th.

Jay said all Borough employees cooperated and went over and above in helping with the Sesquicentennial celebration.

PUBLIC WORKS: written

President Rump noted the Public Works Department's help with the Sesquicentennial and also their participation in National Night Out.

FOUNTAIN: Ken Hollenbach asked about the water circulation in the fountain; Jay said that a base will have to be put in next year for budget purposes. President Rump also spoke of water problems with the fountain in front of Family Dollar.

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** nothing

The Mayor said he was sending Jay and Janet reference material regarding the fountain.

**COSTS/
REVENUE:** Ken Hollenbach mentioned the need to watch costs versus revenue.

**STORMWATER
PLANNING:** President Rump asked Council to review the storm water planning information as provided by Jay. It will be discussed further at the Committee Workshop.

FYI's: President Rump mentioned upcoming events as listed on tonight's agenda.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer