

**Watsonstown Borough  
Council Meeting  
November 12, 2018**

**OPENING:** The November 12, 2018 Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President Greg Miller at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. The opening prayer was given by Mayor Russell McClintock, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Rump, Kevin Mertz of the Standard Journal, Erica Frey, Luke Snyder, David Hursh, Stacie Adams and Virginia Wirth.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the meeting minutes from October 8, 2018 and October 22, 2018. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL of BILLS & TRANSFERS:** A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Dan Folk to approve November's bills and transfers in the amount of \$324,211.89. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:** Erica Frey of the Watsonstown Historical Association requested the Borough's donation of \$3,000.00 for 2018. She also presented the Borough with their 501C paperwork. A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Brent Frey to make the donation. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Chief Rodney Witherite and Mayor Russell McClintock presented Officer Christopher Snyder with a Meritorious Service and Officer of the Year 2018 award. A round of applause followed.

Chief Rodney Witherite and Mayor Russell McClintock presented MaKenzie Tallent a Civilian Service award. A round of applause followed.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing to add

**CEMETERY:** nothing to add

**ELECTRIC:** nothing to add

**INSURANCE:** nothing to add

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Vice President Ken Hollenbach and Jay Jarrett spoke of the new sign for the William "Jack" Marshall Recreation Area in the amount of \$2,020.00. A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the purchase the sign. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL:** nothing to add

**PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:** Mayor McClintock thanked the police department for continuing to go beyond their call of duty.

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** nothing to add

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2019 BUDGET:** Brent Frey made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to advertise the 2019 Budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2019 TAX ORDINANCE:** Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to advertise the 2019 Tax Ordinance; taxes remain at 18.25 mils. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**LISA DAVIS - HIRE DATE RESET:** Todd Moyer spoke regarding Lisa Davis' original hire date of June 26, 2012. At that time, Council set her "full-time" hire date to January 7, 2013. Todd stated the personnel committee recommends her hire date be reset to June 26, 2012. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Harry Hefty arrived at 7:18 pm.

**PMEAA MEMBERSHIP:** Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to renew our Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association membership at approximately \$5,000.00. 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.

**DPW FOREMAN:** Todd Moyer spoke regarding the long search for a DPW foreman; the personnel committee recommends Council hire Brent Frey. Todd said Brent is aware that he will give up his seat on Council if he accepts the position. Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to

hire Brent Frey as the DPW Foreman. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

A discussion followed regarding the vacancy on Council once Brent's resignation is received. Brent stated he would start in December, he was congratulated and a round of applause followed.

**PURCHASE  
SANTANDER  
BANK**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to purchase Santander Bank; a \$10,000.00 deposit will accompany the agreement sale. Jay spoke further regarding the purchase; it was originally listed for \$349,000.00 and they've accepted the Borough's offer of \$120,000.00. At the advice of Attorney DeWald, the motion was amended to enter into an agreement of sale, proceed with the purchasing thus satisfying all conditions of the sale. 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.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor McClintock was pleased with tonight's award recipients and hopes it continues in our community.

**POLICE:** written

Chief Witherite spoke regarding the K-9; she should be on our streets by January 2019.

The Chief and the Mayor spoke in length of possible police service in Turbotville and McEwensville.

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT:** nothing

**CODE**

**ENFORCEMENT:** written

Jay said last Tuesday there were (2) zoning hearings; both variances were granted; Hal Crozier did an excellent job as chair.

Harry Hefty posed a question regarding a swimming pool. Jay asked Harry to have the resident call the office.

**BOROUGH**

**SOLICITOR:**

Attorney DeWald spoke regarding the unbalanced Council terms; he suggested calling the Northumberland County Board of Elections to pursue the issue. Harry Hefty mentioned the community voting at large; a long discussion followed. Jay will bring information to the committee workshop.

**BOROUGH**

**MANAGER:**

written

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

nothing

**BOROUGH**

**SECRETARY:**

nothing

President Miller read over the FYI's from tonight's agenda.

Jay confirmed Council members attending the upcoming Legislative Breakfast.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Sincerely,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer