

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
December 12, 2022**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 12, 2022 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Greg Miller, Vice President Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Fred Merrill, Ralph Young, Roy Smedley, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Brendi Brooke Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Shannon Smedley, Logan Smedley, Vera Young, Robert Brown, Chris Shaddock, Dale Chomas, Brent Frey and Erica Frey

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Council Meeting and the November 29, 2022 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the bills and transfers for December 2022 in the amount of \$568,863.52. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor, motion carried.

VISITORS: none

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMERGENCY MGMT: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

PARKS & RECREATION: nothing at this time

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION to PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Brent Frey spoke of UGI's plan to resurface Pennsylvania Avenue from Brimmer to Vincent Avenue and South Main Street in the spring.

REFUSE: nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 BUDGET: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the 2023 Budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows;

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-01: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve Ordinance 2022-01 setting the 2023 tax rate at 18.25 mills. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**DONATION
of SWING:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to accept a donation of a handicap swing by Lifting Little Lives. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**MAY 2023
EVENT at PARK:**

Dan folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving Lifting Little Lives event at the park on May 20, 2023. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**REVISED
CEMETERY
FEE SCHEDULE:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the revised fee schedule for the Watsonstown Cemetery. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

DONATION:

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve a \$3,000.00 donation to the Watsonstown Historical Association, per the 2022 budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes (with regret)		
		Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**SEWAGE
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer appointing Ralph Hummel as the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**JOE WIGTON
APPOINTED:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley appointing Joe Wigton to the Zoning Board for a 5 year term. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**TIM HALUCK
APPOINTED:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer appointing Tim Haluck to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**LEHIGH
ENGINEERING
RETAINED:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill retaining Lehigh Engineering as the Borough's code and building inspectors. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE
GIFT CARDS:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving \$40 gift cards for all employees to a restaurant in the Borough of their choice. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**SALARY
INCREASES:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving salary increases for those employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**2023 MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**10 MINUTE
PARKING SIGN
TABLED:**

After disclosing that Buzz's Pizza and Subs intends to close its door on December 31st, Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk tabling the approval of 10 minute parking signs at their business. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

DAN BAUMWOLL RESIGNATION: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to accept the resignation of Dan Baumwoll as a part-time police officer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

JAY to ATTEND PELRAS: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Jay's attendance to the PELRAS conference, March 15 thru March 17, 2023. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: absent

POLICE: written

FIRE & AMBULANCE: written

EMERGENCY MGMT.: nothing to add

CODE ENFORCEMENT: written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

BOROUGH MANAGER: written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

SECRETARY: Brendi spoke briefly about the 2022 Chief Carl Reed Christmas Program, everything is in full swing. Pick-up and delivery is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st beginning at 9 am. She said the response this year has been incredible, credit and much appreciation was given to the Two Sisters Toy Drive.

COMMENTS: Someone asked if a plan was made for the \$4,000.00 donation given to the Borough by Robert Yannacone. Jay said the donation was discussed at Committee Workshop and Council was asked to give thought to possible use of the money.

**DECEMBER
COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP:** Greg Miller reminded everyone there is no December Committee Workshop scheduled. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023 at 7 pm.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer