

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
December 7, 2020**

OPENING: The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 14, 2020 via conference call.

MEMBERS: President Greg Miller, Vice President Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Ralph Young, Dennis Confer, Fred Merrill, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett, Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke, Brent Frey of Public Works

OTHERS: Janet Rump, Crystal Moyer

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the November 9, 2020 Council Meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the bills and transfers for December 2020 in the amount of \$316,314.54. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Confer	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

LETTER & DONATION: Brendi called attention to an encouraging letter sent to the Borough from Dr. Dale Chomas of Watson town Dental. She also said Uni-Tec made a donation of \$200.00 on the Borough's behalf to the Northumberland County Area Agency on Aging – home delivered meal program. A thank you card will be sent.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: Jay said he has a conference call scheduled for Wednesday with our insurance agent to review our policy.

PARKS & RECREATION: nothing at this time

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time; the Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: nothing at this time; there was talk of the upcoming snow storm

WASTE MGMT.: nothing at this time

2021 BUDGET: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the 2021 Budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Confer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2020-06: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve Ordinance 2020-06 setting the 2021 tax millage rate at 18.25. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Confer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**LEHIGH
ENGINEERING:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to hire Lehigh Engineering as the Borough's 2021 Code Enforcement Firm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Miller	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

PAY INCREASES:

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve pay increases of \$0.50 for Brendi Brooke and Lisa Davis. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Miller	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**SEWAGE
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer naming James Sanders as the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officer and adopt his 2021 fee schedule. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ELECTRIC
CLOSERS:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the purchase of (2) re-closers from NOJA Power at a cost of \$20,000.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Confer	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**MOWER
PURCHASE:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the purchase of a mower from W.F. Welliver & Sons at a cost of \$8,157.80 from the Perpetual Care Fund. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Confer	- yes	Merrill	- yes

Folk - yes Young - yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

FIRE BOARD: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint Russ McClintock to the Warrior Run Fire Board for a 5 year term. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Confer - yes Merrill - yes
Folk - yes Young - yes
Miller - yes Moyer - yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint Carlee Jarrett to the Watsontown Borough Zoning Board for a 5 year term. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk - yes Young - yes
Miller - yes Moyer - yes
Merrill - yes Confer - yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to accept the resignation of Bud Rutherford from the Watsontown Borough Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller - yes Moyer - yes
Merrill - yes Confer - yes
Young - yes Folk - yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

GIFT CARDS: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving the purchase of \$25 gift cards for employees for Christmas. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill - yes Confer - yes
Young - yes Folk - yes
Moyer - yes Miller - yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

2021 MEETING Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer approving the

SCHEDULE: 2021 Meeting Schedule. It will be advertised. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Confer	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor wished everyone a great holiday season and hopes the Borough crew isn't too overwhelmed with the coming snow storm.

POLICE: written

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** Brendi said the Christmas Program currently has 91 children representing 47 families; she thanked those that have volunteered to help. She said donations of toys and money have surpassed last year.

TREE DOWN: Janet Rump mentioned a tree down near the walking path; Brent said his department will take care of the tree.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer