

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
February 11, 2019**

OPENING: The February 11, 2019 Watson town Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President Greg Miller at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. 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, Dan Folk, Fred Merrill, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Harry Hefty arrived late.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Kevin Mertz, Vera Young, Ralph Young, Virginia Wirth and Julia Erb

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the meeting minutes from the January 14, 2019 Council Meeting and the January 28, 2019 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve February's bills and transfers in the amount of \$324,821.21. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Harry Hefty arrived.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: 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

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:** nothing at this time

**WASTE
MANAGEMENT:** nothing at this time

HEART WALK: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the Heart Walk on August 17, 2019 as requested by Wendy Shoemaker. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to accept the resignation of Dale Chomas from the Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission: Harry Hefty and Chuck Clemens. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY
FEE CHANGES:**

Todd Moyer presented the following changes in cemetery fees:

- Full Burial - grave opening fee Monday – Friday - \$600.00**
- Full Burial - grave opening for Weekends - \$800.00**
- Cremation - grave opening fee Monday – Friday - \$250.00**
- Cremation – grave opening fee Weekends - \$450.00**

Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the changes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER
FUNDS:**

Harry Hefty made a motion to transfer funds from the Electric account to the Capital Reserve account in excess of \$400,000.00 on a monthly basis; Todd Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2019-02:**

Jay spoke regarding Resolution 2019-02 – Disposal of Borough Records – at this time, 18.7 cubic feet of payroll records and 17 cubic feet of electric records. Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach; a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2019-03:**

Jay spoke regarding Resolution 2019-03 – authorize application to PA Municipal Assistance Program, which is a way to recover up to 50% of zoning hearing fees through DCED. Harry Hefty made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dan Folk; a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**FIREMEN'S
CARNIVAL:**

Council is in receipt of a request from the Warrior Run Fire Company to use the park for their annual carnival – June 10th – June 14th, 2019. They need the use of the park from June 4th through June 20th, 2019 for set up and tear down. Dan Folk made the motion, a second made by Fred Merrill; a roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

JESVIC RACE:

Kip Hoffman has requested Council's approval to hold this year's JesVic Race on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the race. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL EASTER
EGG HUNT:**

Diana Johnson, on behalf of the Lions' Club asked permission to use the park on Saturday, April 13, 2019 for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer, approving the request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

Mayor McClintock commended the police department and Mariska for their continued service to the Borough; "keep up the good work".

POLICE:

written; nothing to add

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

EMERGENCY

MGMNT.: nothing

CODE

ENFORCEMENT: written

AWARD

CEREMONY: Jay said The Borough was in receipt of an invitation from Maris Kilgus; she is receiving her Girl Scout Gold Award on February 17, 2019.

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

written; Jay reminded Council of the upcoming Legislative Breakfast.

Jay said Luzerne Community College has asked Council to consider a resolution regarding Watsontown's intent and their support of the college coming to the Borough. Jay said he'll have more to present at Committee Workshop.

PUBLIC WORKS: written

SECRETARY: nothing to add

STREET

OPENING FEES: A resident asked for a comparison of our street opening fees versus fees charged by surrounding communities; there was a brief discussion.

FYI's: President Miller read over the following upcoming events:

Planning Commission Meeting – February 18, 2019 @ 7:30 pm

Committee Workshop – February 25, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Kelsey's Dream – Saturday, March 9, 2019 @ 9:30 am

Council Meeting – March 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer