# Watsontown Borough Council Meeting February 13, 2023

**OPENING:** 

The Watsontown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 13, 2023 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsontown. Borough 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. Mayor Russell McClintock was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janet Rump, Vera Young, Shannon Smedley and Randy Minium

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving the meeting minutes from the January 9, 2023 Council Meeting and the January 23, 2023 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Mover	- ves	Miller	- ves

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving bills and transfers for the month of February in the amount of \$691,916.33. 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.

**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:

nothing at this time

**REFUSE:** nothing at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

2023 FIREWORKS:

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the 2023 July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks contract with Bixler Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$9,000.00. 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.

YANNOCONE DONATION:

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the use of Robert Yannaconne's donation to beautify the area at the corner of Main and First Street. 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.

## **ADVERTISE ORDINANCE** 2023-01:

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to advertise Ordinance 2023-01 amending the name of the former West Branch Volunteer Fire Department to the Warrior Run Area Fire Department. 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.

### **2023 EASTER EGG HUNT:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the 2023 Kevin Johnson Community Memorial Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 1st at 1 pm with a rain date of April 8, 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.

**SUPPORT of MRSA** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve a **GRANT REQUEST:** letter of support for the MRSA grant request. 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.

#### WINTERFEST:

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill giving approval to host "winterfest" in the park on December 1 and December 2, 2023. 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.

**CARSHOW:** 

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the Cawley Moonbeams Car Show in the park on Saturday, July 29, 2023 to benefit Relay for Life. 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.

**JESVIC 5K:** 

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the  $16^{th}$  Annual JesVic 5K to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- ves	Mover	- ves

All in favor; motion carried.

**REPORTS:** 

**MAYOR:** not present at tonight's meeting

**POLICE:** written

FIRE &

**AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY** 

**MGMT.:** nothing to add

CODE

**ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

BOROUGH MANAGER:

written; Jay said we needed a final count for WABA's Annual Dinner Meeting tonight; he reminded Council of the Legislative Breakfast on Friday, February 13, 2023; lastly, he is meeting with Karen Bottorf and Pam Showers on Wednesday to plan a "fall festival". He will have information at the Committee Workshop.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

**SECRETARY:** Brendi read a thank you card from J.A. Babay from the Montgomery

House Library for the Borough's donation to the library.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Someone in the audience asked if Council was still considering the Borough taking over the garbage. Council said a 3 year refuse contract was approved in October 2022.

**FYI's:** President Miller mentioned the following upcoming meetings:

Planning Commission – February 20, 2023 Committee Workshop – February 27, 2023

Council Meeting - March 13, 2023

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting

was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke Secretary/Treasurer