

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
March 14, 2022**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 14, 2022 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. Mayor Russell McClintock gave the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Penn Patten, Kate Hastings, Kevin Mertz, Kelly O'Brien, Rebecca Baker, Rob Brown, Crystal Moyer, Bucky Allis, Virginia Wirth, Randy Minium, Brent Frey, Lisa Fox, Dave Powell and Julia Erb

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Greg Miller announced there was an Executive Session held before tonight's meeting for legal and personnel matters.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the meeting minutes from the February 14, 2022 Council Meeting and the February 28, 2022 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Todd Moyer and seconded Ralph Young to approve the February 2022 bills and transfers in the amount of \$322,802.99. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

VISITORS: Donna and Doug Bridge of Kingdom Kidz presented the Police Department with Challenge Coins in appreciation for their service to the community.

Penn Patten asked about completing his Eagle Project – Dennis Confer said he had some ideas – Jay asked Penn to contact him.

Lisa Fox apologized to Council for comments and misconceptions – she only wanted a lower electric rate and a new electric meter.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMA: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

Brent Frey said brush pick-up will start on Tuesday, April 12th & will continue the 2nd Tuesday of each month through October 2022. Bagged leaves will also be collected during the pickup.

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

PARKS & RECREATION: Jay said an ad for the site work for our pump track will be posted in the newspaper tomorrow and again on 3/31/22; all paperwork was sent today. Delivery is possible by May 1st.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION to PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: nothing at this time

REFUSE: Brent Frey reminded everyone that Bob Frey is off on Thursday, March 16th and Friday, March 17th. He will pick up double next Monday and Tuesday.

**PELRAS
CONFERENCE:**

Jay reminded Council that he is out of the office this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the PELRAS Conference in State College. He also mentioned his nomination to a committee with DCED; he will advise once he finds out further information.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION
2022-01:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Resolution 2022-01 opposing any legislation allowing larger and heavier tractor trailers on Pennsylvania roads. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**KEVIN
JOHNSON
MEMORIAL
EGG HUNT:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the 7th Annual Kevin Johnson Memorial Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th at 1:00 pm at Watsontown Memorial Park. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**ENGINEERING
AGREEMENT:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the engineering agreement with Buchart-Horn Inc., formerly Uni-Tec. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**DAN FOLK to
ATTEND PSAB:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve Councilman Dan Folk to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of

CONFERENCE: Boroughs conference from May 22nd to may 25th in Hershey, PA. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**SALE -
2006 CROWN
VICTORIA:** Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to accept the high bid of \$2,000.00 from Gator Truck Sales for the 2006 Crown Victoria that the Borough had listed on Municibid. A roll call vote taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

K-9 FENCING: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve a \$3,000.00 payment from Borough Covid funds for the installation of fencing for the K-9. The fencing was donated by Lowes for \$6000.00 – Officer Kiefaber will apply \$1000.00 from the K-9 account and \$2000.00 will be used from the sale of the 2006 Crown Victoria. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**2022 SPRING
CLEAN-UP:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve 2022 Spring Clean-up on May 16th, 17th and 18th. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bucky Allis, Rob Brown and others spoke of numerous things including commending the town, kudos to Public Works for their winter weather efforts, appreciation for electric service provided, etc.

RICHARD FAUX RESIGNATION: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer approving Richard Faux' resignation from part-time police work with the Watsontown Police Department. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor said our police service – safety is the best in the area.

The Chief confirmed National Night Out will be held.

FIRE & AMBULANCE: written

EMERGENCY MGMNT.: nothing to add

CODE ENFORCEMENT: written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

BOROUGH MANAGER: written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

Brent Frey commended Randy Minium for recently putting out a fire in a Public Works truck; applause followed.

SECRETARY: Brendi Brooke spoke of recent job shadowing by Alec Frey and Arianna Dyer; she also mentioned Jay's attendance at Warrior Run's

exit interviews with the Senior class. She said the Watson town Borough continues to invest in our community, children and future.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer