

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
August 10, 2020**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 10, 2020 at Pavilion #2 in Memorial Park, Watsonstown. Mayor Russell McClintock opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tara Grenoble, David Plotts, Kevin Mertz, Dale Winder, Brent Frey, Stacie Adam, Rob Brown and Ken Smith.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2020 Council Meeting and the July 24, 2020 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: After a lengthy discussion regarding police matters, Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving August bills and transfers in the amount \$256,642.37. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

MONTGOMERY HOUSE Tara Grenoble spoke on behalf of the Montgomery House Library. She thanked the Borough for its continued support, especially during this

LIBRARY: difficult time.

DEWART COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Ken Smith spoke on behalf of the Dewart Community Association; he asked for the use of a couple rooms at the Santander Bank to temporarily store yard sale items for a future online auction to benefit the Warrior Run Area Fire Department. A motion was made by Ralph Young, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing to report

CEMETERY: nothing to report

ELECTRIC: The committee addresses the issue of past due accounts due to Covid. The committee instructed Jay to monitor the accounts and report as needed. No further action was taken.

Brent Frey spoke regarding thermal imaging recently completed by Complete Electrical Services which revealed 20 "hot spots". The service costs the Borough \$1000.00 but is well worth the cost; he mentioned the possibility of the Borough investing into their own thermal imaging camera (\$6,000) to perform quarterly inspections versus yearly inspections.

INSURANCE: nothing to report

PARKS & RECREATION: Jay said Turbotville Landscaping has trimmed the trees at the south end of town today. Ralph Young mentioned an ordinance that requires (2) trees to be planted for (1) tree cut down. This was in reference to the trees recently cut down along Canal Street. There was a brief discussion regarding trees that overhang and impede traffic on Main Street; it's not clear whether these are residential issues (codes) or Borough issues.

PERSONNEL: nothing to report

PROTECTION to PERSONS & PROPERTY: Chief Witherite asked if the PPP Committee could begin meeting again. All members agreed to meet.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Brent Frey said the storm box repairs on 8th Street are scheduled.

WASTE MGMT.: Jay said “spring clean-up” in the fall has been scheduled and announced – September 21st and September 22nd.

FEDERAL \$\$\$ COVID RELIEF: Jay said Northumberland County received 8.2 million dollars in Covid Relief funds. He applied for Borough financial aid due to Covid-19, which included \$27,000.00 worth of justified expenses in employee wages and waived and forgiven late fees on electric bills. Jay hopes the Borough receives the funds.

ANNUAL LIBRARY DONATION: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the annual donation to the Montgomery House Library in the amount of \$8500.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

LOWER ANTHRACITE TEENER BASEBALL: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving a request from Lower Anthracite Teener Baseball to continue to use the field at the park through August 2021. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

PROCEEDS - YARDBALE MAP: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the donation of proceeds from the Watsontown Yard Sale Map to the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Fund. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**WABA
HALLOWEEN
PARADE:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve WABA's Halloween festivities . A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

LIONS CLUB:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer approving the Lions Club's use of the Borough Garage for sauerkraut. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing

POLICE: written

Dave Powell asked the Police Department to provide total hours spent in McEwensville. Rob Brown spoke in support of the Chief and his department. Another spoke of continued animal issues due to Covid.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** nothing

MISC. POLICE: Chief Witherite said Turbotville Borough asked for more information regarding police coverage. He spoke of Lt. Rick Faux's upcoming retirement; he mentioned Civil Service testing on August 20, 2020. They will have their list of candidates ready for the Committee Workshop on September 24, 2020.

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** nothing to add

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer