

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
August 26, 2019**

OPENING: The August 26, 2019 Watson town Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President Greg Miller at 7:00 pm. 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, Todd Moyer, Harry Hefty, Dan Folk, Fred Merrill, Mayor Russell McClintock, Attorney Nicole Ippolito, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Vice President Ken Hollenbach arrived late.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Mary Ann Everett, Dennis Confer, Vera Young, Ralph Young, Erica Frey, Rick Wolfe, David Plotts, Dale Winder, Gene Kilgus, Stacie Adams, Brent Frey, Virginia Wirth, Kaitlin Snoddy, Barb Diehl, Rene Toro, Shane Erb, Julie Erb and Liz Folk.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 Council Meeting and the July 22, 2019 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the bills and transfers for the month of August in the amount of \$563,748.06. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION: Erica Frey and Rick Wolfe spoke on behalf of the Watson town Historical Association; they presented a painting they had restored which is on loan from the Borough. Rick spoke in more detail

regarding the time period and the town as displayed in the painting. They thanked the Borough for its continued support and look forward to a bright future. A round of applause followed.

**4th of JULY
COMMITTEE:**

President Greg Miller recognized the following members of the 4th of July Committee: Barb Diehl, Rene Toro, Kaitlin Snoddy and Liz Folk. On behalf of the Borough and all their hard work, each was given a token of appreciation. Travis Burrows was also recognized but was not present. A round of applause followed.

The committee asked for assistance from the fire and police departments next year to help with parking and traffic issues. They also said the Borough should seek bids for the fireworks, as others have expressed interest.

THANK YOU'S:

Brendi read (3) thank you cards.

QUORUM:

President Greg Miller noted a quorum wasn't necessary at last month's Committee Workshop because no votes were taken.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE:

nothing to add

CEMETERY:

nothing to add

ELECTRIC:

nothing to add

INSURANCE:

nothing to add

**PARKS &
RECREATION:**

nothing to add

PERSONNEL:

Todd Moyer said they continue to work on the police contract.

**PROTECTION
TO PERSONS &
PROPERTY:**

The Mayor thanked the police department for their commitment to the safety of the Borough.

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:**

Harry Hefty inquired regarding the recent tar and chipping that was done in the Borough. The consensus is pleasing; Brent and Jay both spoke about the process and lower cost involved versus paving.

WASTE MGMT.:

nothing to add

ADVERTISE

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Todd Moyer to

REPEAL OF ORDINANCE:

advertise the repeal of ordinance 2009-05, Storage of Certain Motor Vehicle Nuisances Permitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

AMEND WEAPONS POLICY:

The Chief spoke regarding the current weapons policy. Jay mentioned the proposed changes. Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the amended weapons policy. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

CONFERENCE:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Jay's attendance at the PA Municipal Electrical Conference on Thursday, September 12th and Friday, September 13th. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

HOMEcomings PARADE:

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the Warrior Run Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 4, 2019. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BUGLE & DRUM CORPS USE OF PARK:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the use of the ballfield at the park by the drum and bugle corps, as requested by Ken Smith. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

WABA HALLOWEEN PARADE:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve WABA's request to hold their annual Halloween Parade on 10/31/19 on Elm Street. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

TRAVIS WALTERS - RESIGNATION:

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to accept Travis Walter's verbal resignation, effective Friday, August 30, 2019. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice President Ken Hollenbach arrived.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing at this time

POLICE: written

Chief Witherite spoke of the sale of their outdated firearms to benefit the Christmas Program or the K-9 Project.

Chief Witherite said the department received a letter regarding police services to Brady Township. A lengthy discussion continued; Dale Winder asked that we not "give" our police service away. Other's agreed.

EMERGENCY MGMT.: nothing at this time

CODE ENFORCEMENT: written

Harry Hefty asked about blighted properties; Jay said our ordinances/code enforcement is complaint driven. President Miller asked about the Ash Street property; Jay said the buyer and seller are now in contact with each other. The discussion continued.

SOLICITOR: nothing at this time

BOROUGH MANAGER: written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

BOROUGH SECRETARY: nothing at this time

A member of the audience was concerned about the drum and bugle corps practicing on Sunday during church services; Council spoke to the concern.

FIRE & AMBULANCE: written

The Mayor spoke regarding Evangelical's desire to purchase local ambulance services; Warrior Run Fire Department's Board voted "no". Vice President Ken Hollenbach elated on the matter; the discussion continued.

Another asked the Borough to remove the flower pots from Bi-Lo.

FYI's: Council Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2019
Brush Pick-up – Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Planning Commission Meeting – September 16, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
Committee Workshop – September 23, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Watson town Yard Sales – Saturday, September 28, 2019

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke,
Secretary/Treasurer