

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
September 14, 2020**

OPENING: The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 14, 2020 at Pavilion #2 in Memorial Park, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Mertz, Standard Journal, Janet Rump, Virginia Wirth, Stacie Adam, Julia Erb and Rob Brown

FAUX - HONORABLE DISCHARGE: Chief Rodney Witherite presented Lieutenant Richard Faux with his honorable discharge from the Watson town Police Department. A round of applause followed the presentation.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk approving the minutes from the Council Meeting on August 10, 2020 and the August 24, 2020 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Ralph Young approving the September bills and transfers in the amount of \$371,998.62. A roll call vote was taken as follows;

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Merrill	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

VISITORS &

CORRESPONDENCE: There were no visitors nor any correspondence.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

PARKS &

RECREATION: Todd Moyer mentioned the gently trimmed trees at the end of town.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

**PROTECTION
To PERSONS &
PROPERTY:** The Mayor said the committee met and discussed various items.

The Chief said the Lieutenant interview for Officer Snyder will take place on 10/2/20; the Civil Service will present his name to Council at the October Council Meeting. The commission will also have the name of the next police officer candidate for hire at the next meeting as well. The opening for Sergeant will be discussed after October's meeting.

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:** Jay said the 8th Street storm drain is complete.

WASTE MGMT.: nothing at this time

**FAUX
RETIREMENT:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving Rick Faux's retirement. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Folk	- yes
Young	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**FAUX -
PART/TIME
POLICE OFFICER:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill hiring Rick Faux for an as needed part-time police officer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Folk	- yes
Young	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2021 MMO -
Non-Uniform:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the 2021 Non-Uniform Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$114,821.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2021 MMO -
Uniform:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the 2021 Uniform Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$134,329.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2020-04:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Resolution 2020-04, adding an alternate member to the Borough Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2020-05:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving Resolution 2020-05, authorizing the Borough Manager to sign the PA DOT snow contract. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Merrill	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADDITION -
CEMETERY
RULES:**

A motion was made by Ralph Young, seconded by Dan Folk to add "the Borough does not charge for Veteran's foundations" to the Watsontown Cemetery Rules. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Folk	- yes
Young	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE
2020-04:
(advertise)**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to advertise Ordinance 2020-04, which regulates fireworks in the Borough. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Folk	- yes
Young	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE
2020-05:
(advertise)**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to advertise Ordinance 2020-05, which regulates parade permits in the Borough. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**WR FALL
FESTIVAL
PARADE:**

Fred Merrill presented the Council with a request by the Senior Class at Warrior Run for approval to have their Homecoming Parade on Main Street on October 17, 2020. The Chief agreed to assist the group in obtaining a permit. A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Ralph Young approving the request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

The Mayor said he recently had the honor of swearing in Watsontown's newest police officer Geoff Noviello.

POLICE:

written

Todd Moyer thanked the Chief for the detailed police report.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:**

none

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:**

written

Jay gave an updated status on the Ash Street property.

SOLICITOR:

nothing further

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

written

PUBLIC WORKS:

written

Jay reminded everyone that Fall clean-up is scheduled for 9/21/20 & 9/22/20.

- SECRETARY:** nothing to add at this time
- UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS:** Jay said a 2021 Budget Meeting schedule will be presented to Council at the September Committee Workshop.
- YARD SALE QUESTION:** A member of the audience asked about hand sanitizing stations for the upcoming yard sales.
- DIANE DAWSON:** Ralph Young spoke of the recent passing of Diane Dawson. Others spoke of a recent article in the newspaper.
- The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of Diane.
- ADJOURNED:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer