

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
September 9, 2019**

OPENING: The September 9, 2019 Watsonstown 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, Watsonstown. 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, Vice President Ken Hollenbach, Todd Moyer, Harry Hefty, Dan Folk, Fred Merrill, Mayor Russell McClintock, Attorney Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gene Kilgus, Dale Winder, Vera Young, Ralph Young, Kevin Mertz, Crystal Moyer, Tom Aber, Cindy Fawess, Jeanie Kilgus, Janet Rump, Stacie Adams, Pearl Keefer, Kevin Muffly, Brent Frey and Virginia Wirth.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2019 Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve bills and transfers for September in the amount of \$143, 850.02. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

WATSONTOWN WALKS: President Greg Miller recognized and rewarded the following individuals for their accomplishments in the Watsonstown Walks contest:

Kevin Muffly – 1262.50 miles
Pearl Keefer – 106.50 miles
Sophie Yetter – 35.50 miles

A round of applause followed.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: 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: Todd Moyer said they are continuing to work on the police contract.

**PROTECTION
TO PERSONS
& PROPERTY:** The Mayor said our 4 legged friend Mariska is continuing to be busy.

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:** nothing at this time

**WASTE
MANAGEMENT:** nothing at this time

**REPEAL
ORDINANCE
2019-05:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to repeal Ordinance 2019-05 regarding the storage of motor vehicles. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**LIONS CLUB
USE OF
GARAGE:** Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the Lions Club's use of the Public Works Garage to make sauerkraut. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2020 POLICE
PENSION MMO:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the 2020 Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation at \$135,207.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2020 NON-
UNIFORM
PENSION MMO:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the 2020 Non-Uniform Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation at \$119,497.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**VERIZON
WIRELESS
SMALL CELL
PROGRAM:**

Solicitor DeWald explained the program as presented by Verizon. The agreement is subject to Council's approval – Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve the Verizon Wireless Small Cell Program as reviewed and presented by Solicitor DeWald. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2019-09:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Resolution 2019-09 to eliminate police officer's contribution to the pension in 2020. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2019-10:**

Jay spoke to Council regarding Resolution 2019-10. Ken Hollenbach made a motion seconded by Fred Merrill to adopt written procedures for our pension plan’s professional services. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2019-11:**

Jay spoke regarding the extension of our agreement with Next Era Energy. Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the extension through 2032, another blend and extend. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

The Mayor commended the Public Works Department for the way the town looks, the town looks terrific .

The Mayor read and proclaimed September 17th thru September 23rd DAR Constitution Week. Jay offered to prepare and send the proclamation to the group.

SKATE PARK:

Dan Folk made a motion to consider and explore the possibility of a skate park in Watsontown. He recently attended the grand opening of a skate park in Williamsport. A discussion followed, Harry Hefty offered a second to consider and explore the possibility. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

POLICE:

written

The Chief highlighted the K-9 activity on the police report. He said they are always looking for funding; they are well funded at this point and the program has been very successful. Police fuel costs will be supplemented by the K-9 project.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

Brent Frey said the Public Works Department is trying to clean up the railroad from 4th Street to Vincent Avenue. Harry Hefty complimented the Department for the work that was done along the river bank.

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** Brendi read a thank you card from children at the Watsonstown Methodist Church for the Borough's support of Kids Café.

QUESTIONS: Ken Hollenbach asked about the police over-time for National Night Out and the Blueberry Festival. The Chief said the officers are always paid according to contract; the cost of protecting the public is not cheap. The conversation continued.

Another asked about the bank building and a meeting that took place with someone from Columbia County Housing regarding the use of the bank. Jay spoke to the concern and said at this time, it's not public information.

Someone asked about upcoming budget meetings; Jay said the dates will be discussed at the next workshop.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:** President Miller said Council had an Executive Session earlier this evening regarding a potential property acquisition.

FYI's: **Final Brush Pick-up – Tuesday, September 10, 2019**
 Planning Commission Meeting – September 16, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
 Legislative Breakfast – Friday, September 20, 2019 @ 7:30 am to 9:00 am
 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 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer