

**Watsonstown Borough  
Council Meeting  
January 11, 2021**

**OPENING:** The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 11, 2021 via conference call.

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

**OTHERS:** Janet Rump and Kevin Mertz of the Standard Journal

**BIRTHDAY:** President Miller announced this evening was Ralph Young's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and thanked him for his many years of service to the Borough. A round of applause followed.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ralph Young, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the December 14, 2020 Council Meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** A motion was made by Dennis Confer, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve bills and transfers for the month of January 2021 in the amount of \$358,166.64. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**THANK YOU:** Brendi read a card from Borough employees thanking Council for the D&D, Ciro's and Buzz's Pizza gift cards received for Christmas.

She also read a thank you letter from JA Babay of the Montgomery House Library for the Borough's annual donation to the library.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** Jay spoke briefly about the 2020 Budget, he was pleased overall with the numbers; he said it could be discussed further at the Committee Workshop. Todd Moyer also spoke regarding the December Cash Position Report and the Borough's year-end numbers; he thanked Jay, the Chief, Brent and Brendi for the excellent job done in 2020.

**CEMETERY:** nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** nothing at this time

**INSURANCE:** nothing at this time

**PARKS & RECREATION:** nothing at this time

**PERSONNEL:** nothing at this time

**PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY:** nothing at this time

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** Dan Folk commended Brent Frey and the Public Works Department for the outstanding job they did in December with the snow storm, decorations, etc.

Jay said there are a few Public Works items to be sold on Auction.zip and Municibid; they will discuss further at the Committee Workshop. These items include leaf blowers, a tamper, a wood chipper, a zero turn mower and a salt spreader.

**WASTE MGMT.:** nothing at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2021 WRAFD CARNIVAL:** Todd Moyer made motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the Warrior Run Area Fire Department Carnival the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June 2021. They've asked to use the park from June 8, 2021 through June 23, 2021 for setup and teardown. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**FIREWORKS:** Everyone agreed the New Year's Eve 2020 fireworks were a huge success – they were spectacular!

**2021 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY FIREWORKS:** Denny Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving the 2021 contract for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks with Bixler Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$8,050.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2021-01:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Resolution 2021-01 for the sale of old and unused police department firearms. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 2021-01:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the advertising of Ordinance 2021-01 amending the snow emergency routes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Confer	- no
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** The Mayor commented on the snow fall as well.

**POLICE:** written

Chief Witherite called Council's attention to the annual K-9 Report. He said training for the new plate reader is scheduled for tomorrow. He spoke of a new light bar installed on the truck and also about ordering

another police car for 2022. Todd Moyer asked about the Crown Vic – the Chief said it eventually will be sold or traded.

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY  
MGMT.:** nothing to add

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:** written  
Jay said the change in code enforcement from Light-Heigel to Lehigh Engineering took place as of January 1st.

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER:** written

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

**SECRETARY:** Brendi summarized this year’s accomplishments of the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Fund including expenses, donations and the ending balance. She said it was a GREAT year and Covid didn’t ruin Christmas!

**FOOD DRIVE:** There was mention of the upcoming food drive being organized by Shannon Smedley; it is scheduled for Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer