

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
January 14, 2019**

OPENING: The January 14, 2019 Watson town Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President Greg Miller at 7:00pm. 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, Vice President Ken Hollenbach, Todd Moyer, Dan Folk, Harry Hefty, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Charlotte McClintock, Ken Smith, Janet Rump, Vera Young, Ralph Young, Kevin Mertz, Stacie Adams, Virginia Wirth, Brent Frey, Maris Kilgus, Julia Erb and Dale Chomas.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 Council Meeting and the December 28, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. 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: Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve January's bills and transfers in the amount of \$505,741.78. 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.

K-9 PROJECT: Chief Witherite thanked Council for their support of the Police Department's K-9 Project. Officer Tim Kiefaber brought Mariska into the room to show the group her ability to find drugs that were hidden.

Chief Witherite and Officer Kiefaber spoke of Mariska's ability and training.

**KEN SMITH –
PARK STAGE:**

Ken Smith, President of the Dewart Community Association, said they have a mobile stage that WABA has used in the past. They are looking to sell it for \$5,000.00. Rene is to take the request to the Fire Company; maybe they would consider going halves with the Borough. Jay and Brent will go look at it before the next Committee Meeting.

Ken also asked for use of the park on June 22, 2019 for the Hawthorne Caballeros to use during the nearby drum and bugle corps competition. Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Ken's request for use of the park. 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.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing to add

CEMETERY: nothing to add

ELECTRIC: nothing to add

INSURANCE: nothing to add

**PARKS &
RECREATION:** nothing to add

PERSONNEL: nothing to add

**PROTECTION
TO PERSONS &
PROPERTY:** Mayor McClintock spoke regarding possible police coverage for Turbotville and McEwensville. He stressed that everything will be brought back to Council for approval; nothing will be done without Council's knowledge. Chief Witherite spoke to the same.

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:** Jay said the Public Works truck ordered last year should arrive within the week.

**WASTE
MGMT.:** nothing to add

**RE-APPOINT
ZONING
HEARING BOARD
MEMBER:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Fred Merrill to re-appoint Linda Daubert to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 year term. 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.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION
VACANCY:**

Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to advertise the current Planning Commission vacancy – a 4 year term. Monika Powell will not be seeking reappointment. 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.

**KELSEY'S
DREAM 5K:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach approving the Kelsey's Dream 5k on March 9, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. After a brief discussion, 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.

**RESOLUTION
2019-01:**

A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Resolution 2019-01 for the disposition of records. Jay elated on the proper procedure to dispose of Borough records, 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.

**REFURBISH
ALGERT
FOUNTAIN:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to refurbish the Algert Fountain at a cost of \$725.00. 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.

NEW MOWERS: Jay said the cost of the (2) mowers was included in this year's budget and thanks to Brent, the mowers will be exactly what the Public Works Department needs for the cemetery. A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Dan Folk to purchase the mowers from Buffalo Valley Repair, LLC at a cost of \$11,193.18. 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.

HANDI-CAP PARKING: Council is in receipt of a request from Beverly Harman of 116 East 3rd Street for a handicap parking space. A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the request. 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.

PELRAS CONFERENCE: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill, approving Jay's attendance at the PELRAS Conference from March 20th through March 22nd, 2019. 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.

BOB FREY VACATION: Council is in receipt of a request from Bob Frey to have off on March 21st and March 22nd, 2019 to attend the NCAA Wrestling Championships in Pittsburgh, PA. A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Bob's request. 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.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: Mayor McClintock read a proclamation he issued for Linda Smith and her work with Kids Café.

POLICE: written

Chief reminded Council that included in their packets was November, December and the year-end police report . He also thanked Council for their support of the K-9 project. Todd Moyer spoke about the heavy police activity on the report; the Chief elated.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

Mayor McClintock said the fire company will soon have 2 ambulance crews from 10 am to 6pm starting in March or April.

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** Brendi said the Police Program provided Christmas for 122 children this year.

Harry Hefty asked that a recycling reminder be put in the newsletter. Currently, the Borough is under contract with Lewis Township for recycling. The conversation continued.

Janet Rump of 19 Canal Street asked for an update on the Borough's Santander Bank purchase. Jay spoke to her concern.

FYI's: President Greg Miller read over the following upcoming events:

Planning Commission Meeting – January 21, 2019 @ 7:30 pm

Committee Workshop – January 28, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

WABA General Membership Dinner Meeting – 2/7/19 @ 6:30 pm

Council Meeting – February 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

WABA DINNER: Jay reminded Council of the WABA Dinner on 2/7/2019. Reservations are due by 1/21/2019

UPCOMING ELECTION: Harry Hefty asked that a reminder be included in the newsletter regarding the upcoming election and seats that will be available and to include the wards.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer