

**Watson town Borough
Re-Organization Meeting
January 6, 2020**

NEW MEMBERS: The Re-Organization Meeting of the Watson town Borough began with the swearing in of Councilmen Todd Moyer, Ralph Young, Greg Miller, Fred Merrill and Dennis Confer.

OPENING: The meeting began at 7:00 pm 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.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Other members present were Dan Folk, Attorney Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Vera Young, Kevin Mertz, Bucky Allis, Mary Ann Everitts, Stacie Adam, Erica Frey, Brent Frey, Crystal Moyer and Virginia Wirth.

PRESIDENT: Mayor McClintock took nominations for Council President. Todd Moyer nominated Greg Miller as Council President. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT: Mayor McClintock took nominations for Council Vice President. Greg Miller nominated Dan Folk and Dennis Confer nominated Todd Moyer; a vote was taken by show of hands – Dan Folk won the nomination by majority.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM: Mayor McClintock took nominations for Council President Pro Tem. Greg Miller nominated Todd Moyer; having no other nominations, a roll call was taken:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

At this time, the Mayor turned the meeting over to President Greg Miller.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

Dan Folk made motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Jay Jarrett as Borough Manager. 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.

**SECRETARY/
TREASURER:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to appoint Brendi Brooke as Secretary/Treasurer. 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.

**ASSISTANT
SECRETARY/
TREASURER:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Lisa Davis as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. 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.

SOLICITOR:

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall as the Borough's Solicitor. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORY:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to appoint First National Bank as the Borough's depository. 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.

VACANCY BOARD:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to appoint Virginia Wirth to the Vacancy Board. 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.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2019 Council Meeting. 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.

BILLS & TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk to approve bills and transfers for January 2020 in the amount of \$290,454.67. 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.

THANK YOU:

On behalf of employees, Brendi thanked Council for the gift cards.

DONATION:

Brendi said a donation was made on behalf of the Borough by Uni-Tec to the Northumberland County Area of Aging's home delivered meal program.

BUCKY ALLIS-CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

Bucky Allis spoke on behalf of the Civil Service Commission; he said the commission met prior to tonight's meeting and appointed the following members: Bucky Allis-Chairman, Harry Hefty-Vice Chairman, David Powell-Secretary and Viola Ranck-Alternate.

ERICA FREY-WATSONTOWN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

Erica Frey spoke on behalf of Watsonstown Historical Association and their vision for the Santander Bank Building. President Greg Miller asked for the matter to be put on the Committee Workshop agenda. He also reminded Erica that there's money in the Borough's budget for the Historical Association.

RESIGNATION: President Miller read Erica Frey’s letter of resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board. A round of applause followed.

APPOINTMENTS: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Wayne Greiner to the Zoning Hearing Board through December 2021. 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.

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Sarah Hanna to a 4 year term with the Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor commended Brent Frey and the Public Works Department for their work through all the Christmas festivities.

POLICE: written

Chief Witherite reminded Council of Lieutenant Faux’s upcoming retirement/resignation. President Miller said it would be discussed further at the Committee Workshop.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

Jay spoke briefly regarding the property on Ash Street; a current address has been obtained for the owner and a registered letter has been sent.

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** Brendi gave a summary of this year's Christmas program.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer