

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
October 8, 2018**

OPENING: The October 8, 2018 Watson town 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, 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, Brent Frey, 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: Kevin Mertz (Standard Journal), Crystal Moyer and Stacie Adams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Greg Miller said an Executive Session would follow tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2018 and September 24, 2018. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: After questions from Brent Frey and Todd Moyer were answered by Chief Witherite and Jay, a motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve October's bills and transfers in the amount of \$865,217.72. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Harry Hefty said they are looking into an electric rate reduction –

a proposed kilowatt rate reduction in 2019 is to be looked into at the October Budget Workshop

CEMETERY: nothing

ELECTRIC: nothing

INSURANCE: Dan Folk said we are looking to approve a new insurance broker later in the meeting

PARKS & RECREATION: nothing

PERSONNEL: nothing

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: Mayor McClintock commended the police department for the good job they continue to do

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: nothing

WASTE MGMT.: nothing

RESOLUTION 2018-04: After a brief explanation from Jay, a motion was made by Brent Frey, seconded by Ken Hollenbach, eliminating police contributions to their pension plan (of which they do not currently contribute). A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

UPDATED CIVIL SERVICE RULES & REGULATIONS: After a detailed explanation from Jay and the Chief, a motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the updated Civil Service Rules and Regulations. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

START CIVIL SERVICE HIRING A telephone call was made to Bucky Allis; Bucky asked for Council's approval to start the Civil Service hiring process for a police officer.

PROCESS:

A long discussion followed; Brent Frey asked about the 2019 budget numbers for police overtime and part-time police officers; Jay and the Chief said numbers would be reduced. Other Council members spoke to the issue and asked questions as well; Jay reminded everyone of the upcoming budget meetings

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Harry Hefty to approve the start of the Civil Service hiring process of a police officer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Frey*	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

*(with stipulations)

All in favor. Motion carried.

**UPDATE
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Brent Frey to approve the Planning Commission to update Watsontown's Comprehensive Plan. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**EHD
INSURANCE
BROKER:**

Jay spoke to questions regarding EHD's plan for the Borough's workmen's compensation and liability insurance. Though the Borough will continue with Selective Insurance, EHD will be our broker. The change in broker offers rebates, customer service and education. A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Todd Moyer to name EHD Insurance as the Borough's insurance broker of record for 2019. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Frey	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**AMP PEAK
SHAVING
GENERATION
PROJECT:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the Borough's participation in the AMP Peak Shaving Generation Project. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Re-ADVERTISE
PUBLIC WORKS
SUPERVISOR:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to re-advertise the Public Works Supervisor position. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

The Mayor thanked Borough Council for allowing the process to begin for hiring a 6th police officer.

He also asked if the garbage cans on the telephone poles can be removed during Watsontown Yard Sales and replaced with barrels; they are a terrible draw for bees and were overflowing. It was suggested that WABA require food stands to have garbage cans at their stands.

POLICE:

written

Chief Witherite spoke regarding the North Central Regional DUI Enforcement Project Agreement being renewed and the associated reimbursable expenses.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:**

nothing

Brent thanked the Borough for donating water pumps to the fire department; he recently used them and was appreciative.

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:**

written

SOLICITOR:

nothing

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Harry Hefty spoke in detail about next year's election. He would like to see 3 people run for 4 year terms and 1 person run for a 2 year

& WARDS: term. Currently, we will be electing 4 people next year for 4 year terms; he'd like to eventually see 3 people for each election. He also spoke about combining the Borough's (2) wards into (1); eliminating the wards and voting at large. He feels there is too much confusion for the public. Many others spoke to the concern.

BOROUGH MANAGER: written
Jay asked for clarification on the start time for Budget Meetings. It was decided for 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS: nothing

BOROUGH SECRETARY: nothing

SANTANDER BANK: Brent asked about the Borough purchasing Santander Bank as an investment. He said it could possibly house the Historical Association, the Library and a Senior Action Center. Jay was asked to look into it.

YARD SALES: Todd Moyer asked if WABA policed the people setting up in our parks for the yard sales; others spoke to Todd's concern. Many had ideas and concerns that will be passed onto WABA.

FYI's: Warrior Run Homecoming Parade 10/12/18 at 5:30 pm
Planning Commission Meeting – 10/15/18 @ 7:30 pm
Committee Workshop – 10/22/18 @ 7:00 pm
WABA Halloween Parade on Elm Street – 10/31/18 @ 6:00 pm
Watsonstown Halloween – 10/31/18 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER: Harry Hefty said the Community Youth Center is in need of repair. He said the Borough continues to be a member of their board. President Miller said the issue could be discussed further at Committee Workshop.

ADJOURN: There being no further information to come before Council, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer