

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
October 10, 2022**

**OPENING:** The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2022 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Greg Miller, Vice President Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Dennis Confer, Fred Merrill, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Ralph Young was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Ann Everetts, Janet Rump, Dale Winder, Roy Smedley, Randy Minium, Virginia Wirth, Tim Ranck, Julia Erb and Brent Frey

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve minutes from the September 12, 2022 Council Meeting and the September 26, 2022 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the bills and transfers from September 2022 in the amount of \$525,051.96. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** Todd Moyer said they had a phone call meeting with the auditor this week. The auditor said everything continues to be transparent with good bookkeeping and good management. Todd thanked Jay, Lisa and Brendi for continuing to do a great job.

**EMA:** nothing at this time

**CEMETERY:** nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** nothing at this time

**INSURANCE:** Jay completed his part of the insurance renewal.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Dennis Confer said 12 trees have been planted along Canal and First Streets. Brent Frey said 8 were planted on Canal Street and 4 at the park.

**PERSONNEL:** nothing at this time

**PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY:** The Mayor said the Police Department continues to be busy.

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** Dan Folk said as of last week paving has been completed; Brent said UGI continues to work on Pennsylvania Avenue. Big Rock Paving is to return to fix a few problems.

**REFUSE:** Fred Merrill said the last brush pick-up will be tomorrow & leaf pick-up is to start soon on an "as needed" basis.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-03:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Resolution 2022-03 regarding Northumberland County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2022-04:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve Resolution 2022-04 eliminating contributions to the police pension plan for 2023. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION** Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve

**2022-05:** Resolution 2022-05 implementing Act 57 of 2022 regarding property tax penalty waiver requirements. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK SALE on MUNICIBID:** A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve listing the Public Works 2006 Ford F250 for sale on Municibid. Bids will be due by the next Council Meeting, November 14, 2022. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

Brent said the 2006 Ford F350 will be listed once this one is sold.

**REFUSE CONTRACT:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to advertise requests for proposals for the refuse removal contract. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**SALE of 2014 K-9 VEHICLE:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the sale of the Police 2014 K-9 vehicle to the Milton School District for \$13,0000.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**DENNIS CONFER's RESIGNATION:** A motion was made with regret by Todd Moyer, seconded by Dan Folk to accept Dennis Confer's resignation from Council to be affective October 15, 2022. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

**ADVERTISE  
COUNCIL  
VACANCY:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to advertise the Council vacancy, allowing 2 weeks for letters of interest to be submitted for the Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**HAL CROZIER  
RESIGNATION:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk accepting Hal Crozier's resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**ADVERTISE  
ZONING HEARING  
BOARD VACANCY:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to advertise the Zoning Hearing Board vacancy, allowing 2 weeks for letters of interest to be submitted for the Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:**

The Mayor spoke of the successful homecoming parade.

**POLICE:**

written; Todd Moyer commended Chief Snyder for his police report.

Chief Snyder said the Civil Service Commission met on October 7<sup>th</sup> to prepare for testing scheduled for October 28, 2022 at 8:00 am. The Police Department received (2) Act 120 certified applicants.

**FIRE & AMBULANCE:** written  
The Mayor added that Fire Board has a meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** written

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

**BOROUGH SECRETARY:** nothing to add

**FYI's:** President Miller announced the following upcoming events:

- **Final Brush pickup – Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Planning Commission Meeting – October 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Committee Workshop – October 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Halloween Parade & Trick or Treating-Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm**
- **Office closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 - Veteran's Day**
- **Council Meeting – Monday, November 14, 2022**

**2023 BUDGET MEETINGS:** Jay said 2023 Budget Meetings are being advertised in the newspaper; the first meeting will be held on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm prior to the Committee Workshop; the public is invited to attend.

**WORK IN THE BOROUGH:** Someone asked what Kelly Contracting and UGI were working on in Borough; Brent Frey said Kelly Contracting is subcontracted to install fiber optic cable and UGI is working on gas lines on Pennsylvania Avenue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke,  
Secretary/Treasurer