

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

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 11, 2021 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. Brendi Brooke opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Mertz of the Standard Journal, Dave Powell, Stacie Adam and Brent Frey

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the minutes from the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting and the September 27, 2021 Committee Workshop. 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: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the bills and transfers for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$418,313.75. 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.

PRESENTATION: President Greg Miller presented Delaney Bottorf with a Certificate of Appreciation for her contribution to the Watsonstown Police K9 Project. Delaney donated funds she raised at the Watsonstown Yard Sales. Chief Witherite and Sergeant Tim Keifaber were a part of the presentation and a round of applause followed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Brendi said the Borough was in receipt of a letter from the Watsontown Guild in support of the Watsontown Historical Association purchasing the Santander Bank property. She offered copies to Council members; she said the Borough has received 152 letters in support of the Watsontown Historical Association to date.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMERGENCY MGMNT.: Denny said Mother Nature has been easy on us.

CEMETERY: Denny said tomorrow is brush pick-up; we will soon start to pick up leaves.

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: Jay said insurance renewals were sent last week.

PARKS & RECREATION: Denny said the Homecoming Parade will be held this Thursday, forming at 5:30 pm and moving at 6:30 pm followed by the bonfire at the park.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Denny said the tree blocking visibility at the corner of 4th and Ash Streets has been removed. He thanked whomever was responsible.

REFUSE: nothing at this time

BANK BUILDING: Denny Confer gave a summary of the Borough's position regarding the sale of the Santander Bank property to the Watsontown Historical Association.

ADVERTISE ORDINANCE Jon DeWald briefed the Council regarding the Ordinance, which will regulate the boosting of the 5G network. A motion was made by Dan

2021-03: Folk, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the advertising. 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.

**ADVERTISE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS:**

A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Todd Moyer to advertise refuse collection request for proposals. 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
2021-05:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving Resolution 2021-05 regarding police officers contributing to the police pension plan for 2022. 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.

**BRENT FREY -
TRAINING:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Denny Confer approving Brent Frey to attend Key Man Technical Conference, as presented by the PA Rural Electric Association, October 26th - October 28th. 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: nothing

POLICE: written

The Chief spoke regarding the new police vehicle – possible January 2022 delivery and selling the Crown Vic to Catawissa Borough for \$2,000.00. He also mentioned the purchase of body cameras in 2022; the conversation continued regarding the need.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** nothing received

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; Jay said the budget process has begun and the first meeting will be at 6 pm on Monday, October 25th

PUBLIC WORKS: written; Brent said leaf pick-up would probably begin by the end of he week

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** Brendi asked everyone to remember Lisa Davis and her family.

FYI's

- * Brush pick-up – Tuesday, October 12th – curbside by 7:00 am
- * Homecoming Parade & Festivities–Thursday, October 14th @ 6:30 pm
- * Budget Meeting – Monday, October 25th @ 6:00 pm
- * Halloween Parade on Elm Street – Saturday, October 30th forms at 5:30 pm moves at 6:00 pm; Trick or Treating – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer