

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

**OPENING:** The October 14, 2019 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, Todd Moyer, Dan Folk, Fred Merrill, Mayor Russell McClintock, Attorney Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Vice President Ken Hollenbach and Harry Hefty were absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Mertz of the Standard Journal, Vera Young, Ralph Young, Janet Rump, Gene Kilgus, Dale Winder, Stacie Adam, Dave Powell, Dennis Confer, MaryAnn Everetts and Brent Frey.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Miller announced there was an Executive Session at 6 pm this evening regarding the police contract.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 Council Meeting and the September 23, 2019 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- absent
Hefty	- absent	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Todd Moyer to to approve bills and transfers for October in the amount of \$779,257.31. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
THANKED:** Dave Powell commended and thanked Public Works Supervisor Brent Frey and the Public Works crew for the fine job they do for the Borough.

He also asked why the PennDot surveyors are in town. Jay spoke to Dave's concern. Traffic studies are being completed at both red light intersections in the Borough.

**THANK YOU'S:** Brendi read thank you cards from Mary Young and Kevin Muffly.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

Jay said Council will have copies of the preliminary budget by Monday, October 21, 2019. The first Budget Workshop will be held at 6:00 pm on October 28, 2019 prior to the Committee Workshop.

**CEMETERY:** nothing at this time

Brent Frey asked if the cemetery fence could be discussed at Committee Workshop.

**INSURANCE:** nothing at this time

**PARKS &  
RECREATION:** nothing at this time

**PERSONNEL:** Todd Moyer said the police contract will be wrapped up by the next meeting.

**PROTECTION  
TO PERSONS &  
PROPERTY:** nothing at this time

**STREETS &  
HIGHWAYS:** nothing at this time

Someone mentioned a hole on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Brent Frey said he'd check it in the morning.

**WASTE  
MANAGEMENT:** nothing at this time

**HALLOWEEN  
HOURS:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the Borough's Halloween hours on October 31, 2019 from 6:30 to

8:30 pm which follow WABA's Halloween Parade at 6:00 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**LIGHT THE NIGHT EVENT:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the Kingdom Kidz Light the Night Event on October 31, 2019. It will include closing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Railroad Street. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**EJS – WEBSITE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:**

A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the EJS website maintenance contract at \$60.00 per month. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**BUDGET WORKSHOPS:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the budget meeting schedule as follows:

**October 28, 2019 @ 6 pm**  
**November 12, 2019 @ 6 pm**  
**November 20, 2019 @ 6 pm**  
**November 25, 2019 – vote to advertise at Committee Workshop**  
**December 9, 2019 – vote to approve at Council Meeting**

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2020 FIREWORKS CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the 2020 fireworks contract at \$8050.00. The price remains the same. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** nothing to add

**POLICE:** written

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT:** nothing to add

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:** written  
Todd Moyer asked about the property on Ash Street; Jay spoke to his concern.

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER:** written

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

**BOROUGH  
SECRETARY:** nothing to add

**SKATE PARK:** Someone asked about the status of the skate park; Jay said the budget is the priority at this time.

**FYI's:** Leaf Pick-up – Monday thru Thursday as needed until further notice.  
Planning Commission Meeting – October 21, 2019 @ 7:30 pm  
Committee Workshop – October 28, 2019 @ 7:00 pm  
Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer