

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
October 12, 2020**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 12, 2020 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown, PA. Mayor Russell McClintock opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Mertz, Vera Young, Dave Powell, Janet Rump, Bob Simpson, Dale Winder, Dave Plotts, Stacie Adam, Robert Brown, Julia Erb, Brent Frey and Virginia Wirth

PRESENTATIONS: Chief Rodney Witherite presented Lieutenant Chris Snyder with a Meritorious Service Award for his handling of a police incident on August 16, 2020. A round of applause followed.

Mayor Russell McClintock presented certificates of appreciation to Robert Simpson and John Slother for their commitment and dedication to the Farmers Market. Jay spoke regarding the Farmers Market and thanked them for all they did to make it a success. A round of applause followed.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 Council Meeting and the September 28, 2020 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Fred Merrill made a motion seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the October bills and transfers in the amount of \$374,953.14. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**VISITORS/
CORRESPONDENCE:** There were no visitors or any correspondence.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

Jay said he will have the budget in Council's hands by 10/20/20. The first Budget Meeting will be held on October 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm prior to the Committee Workshop.

CEMETERY: Denny Confer said Tim Ranck will be leaving in 8 days and not be returning next year. He commended the crew for the excellent job done in the cemetery this year.

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

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

Jay said they are wrapping up the Farmers Market on October 31st.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

**PROTECTION
To PERSONS &
PROPERTY:** The Mayor said the committee met this morning to discuss a few things but they have nothing to add at this time.

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

WASTE MGMT: nothing at this time

**SANTANDER
BANK:** Denny asked when Santander was closing the ATM, Jay said nothing has been received from the bank yet.

PROMOTION: Denny Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the promotion of Chris Snyder to Lieutenant. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Rodney Witherite presented Chris Snyder with his promotion. A round of applause followed.

RESIGNATION: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Denny Confer to accept the resignation of Greg Drollinger. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICER - DAVID PODGORNEY: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the hiring of David Podgorney as a full-time police officer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Witherite presented David Podgorney with his appointment to the Watson town Police Department effective 10/12/20. The Mayor swore Officer Podgorney in. A round of applause followed.

OFFICER GEOFF NOVIELLO: Chief Witherite presented Geoff Noviello with his appointment to the Watson town Police Department effective 9/1/20. A round of applause followed.

PROCEED with SARGEANT Denny Confer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to allow the Watson town Police Department to proceed with Sergeant testing. A

TESTING: roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-06: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill eliminating police officer's contributions to their pension plan for the year 2021. Jay said this is a procedural thing that is done every year. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2020-04: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Denny Confer to approve Ordinance 2020-04 regulating the use of consumer fireworks in the Borough. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2020-05: Denny Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Ordinance 2020-05 regulating parades and public meetings in the Borough. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

HANDICAP SIGN – 42 PA AVENUE: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the installation of a handicap sign at 42 Pennsylvania Avenue. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: Mayor McClintock said he is glad to see a full Police Department again.

POLICE: written

Denny Confer thanked Chief Witherite for the detailed McEwensville police report. Dave Powell had questions about the report; the Chief spoke to his concerns.

EMERGENCY

MGMT: nothing to add

CODE

ENFORCEMENT: written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

BOROUGH

MANAGER: written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

SECRETARY: nothing to add

THANK YOU: Todd Moyer and others thanked the Police Department for their service in the protection of our community.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer