

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
November 14, 2022**

OPENING: The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 14, 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, Fred Merrill, Ralph Young, Roy Smedley, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett, and Secretary Brendi Brooke.

Others Present: J.A. Babay, Genie Bausinger, Rob Brown, Vera Young, Erica Frey, Julia Erb Bob Frey, Jess Frey, Brent Frey, Janet Rump, Dave Powell

Approval to Amend the Agenda: President Miller stated that the agenda needed to be amended to include approval to accept the high bid for the sale of the 2006 F250. Motion to amend the agenda was made by Fred Merrill, second by Dan Folk. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 Council meeting and October 24, 2022 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Bills & Transfers: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer, to approve the bills and transfers from October 2022 in the amount of \$486,222.24. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Visitors: JA Babay from Montgomery House Library addressed Council regarding activities at the library and to request a donation from the Borough.

Genie Bausinger from Milton Regional Sewer Authority addressed Council to request approval for Lewis Township to hook on to the system join the Authority.

Committees:

Finance: nothing at this time

EMA: nothing at this time

Cemetery: nothing at this time

Electric: nothing at this time

Insurance: Jay reported that 2023 renewal was done and the cost is within \$300 of 2022 and the policy now includes Cyber Security coverage.

Parks and Recreation: nothing at this time

Personnel: nothing at this time

Protection to Persons & Property: Chief Snyder reported that the Civil Service hiring process is continuing

Streets & Highway: Brent Frey reported that UGI is close to finishing their project on PA Ave and intends to restore the road surface before year end.

Refuse: Fred Merrill reported the bids for refuse removal were due today

Old Business:

Sale of 2006 F250: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the sale of the F250 to the high bidder, Shawn Hershey for \$16,800. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

New Business:

Lewis Township To Join MRSA: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Lewis Township being added to the Milton Regional Sewer Authority. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Montgomery House Library Donation: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to donate \$8000.00 to the library before the end of 2022. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Municipal Lease First Columbia Bank & Trust: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the Municipal Lease offered by First Columbia Bank & Trust. The terms are 5 years at 4.35% with quarterly payments of \$5781.48. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Resolution 2022-06: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Resolution 2022-06 naming signatories for the lease with First Columbia Bank & Trust. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Refuse Contract: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to award the refuse contract to to Frey’s Disposal for the years 2023,2024, and 2025. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

2023 Budget: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to advertise the proposed 2023 budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Ordinance 2022-01: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to advertise Ordinance 2022-01 setting the millage rate at 18.25. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer – yes	Smedley - yes
Young – yes	Folk - yes
Merrill – yes	Miller- yes

All in favor; motion carried

Reports:

Mayor: The Mayor spoke of the cub scouts that visited before the meeting tonight.

Police: written

Fire & Ambulance: written. The Mayor added that there will no longer be an ambulance stationed at Evangelical Hospital.

Code Enforcement: written. Jay added that two properties are the subject of enforcement activities beyond our usual procedures due to non-compliance with previous notices.

Solicitor: nothing to add

Borough Manager: written

Public Works: Brent apologized for not completing his report but told council the crew spent the past month mainly picking up leaves.

Borough Secretary: nothing to add

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

- Meter reading on November 17
- Library Toy Auction on November 19
- Lions Club Saurerkraut Dinner on November 20
- Borough Office and Public Works closed November 24th, 25th, and 28th
- Free Thanksgiving Dinner – 1st Lutheran Church on November 24
- Committee Workshop November 29
- WABA's Holiday Decorating Contest – entries due by December 6

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Jarrett
Borough Manager

