

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
November 8, 2021**

OPENING: The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 8, 2021 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock gave the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Kevin Mertz of the Standard Journal, Erica Frey, Brent Frey, Dave Powell and Robert Brown.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2021 Council Meeting and the October 25, 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: A motion was made by Dan folk, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the bills and transfers for November 2021 in the amount of \$683,899.73. 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.

J.A. BABAY – MONTGOMERY HOUSE LIBRARY: J.A. Babay of the Montgomery House Library thanked Council for their donation of \$8,000.00. She spoke about the effect Covid had on the library during the pandemic and her concern that “things” will ever be the same. She summarized the newest direction the library is moving toward in serving our community.

OPEN HOUSE: Brendi reminded Council that the open house for Kingdom Kidz has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Miller announced there was an Executive Session held before tonight's meeting for personnel.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMERGENCY MGMNT.: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: Jay spoke of the renewals; no changes

PARKS & RECREATION: Denny Confer commended the senior class for an excellent job cleaning up after the bonfire; the event was handled well.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Dan Folk said Public Works is out picking up leaves; ready for snow; Denny Confer commended the Public Works Department for the patch work done at the cemetery and at the corner of Liberty Street.

REFUSE: Jay said refuse RFP's will be discussed on 11/22/21

SALE of CROWN VICTORIA: Denny Confer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the sale of the Police Crown Victoria to Catawissa Borough for \$2,000.00. 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.

ORDINANCE 2021-03: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Ordinance 2021-03 regulating small facility wireless. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**ADVERTISE
ORDINANCE
2021-04:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Denny Confer to advertise Ordinance 2021-04 restricting truck traffic on West 8th Street. 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.

**ADVERTISE
ORDINANCE
2021-05:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to advertise Ordinance 2021-05 updating the false alarm ordinance. 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.

**ADVERTISE
2022 BUDGET
& TAX
ORDINANCE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Denny Confer to advertise the 2022 Budget and Tax Ordinance. 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.

**WABA
REQUEST-
STREET
CLOSING:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve WABA's request to close Elm Street on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm for their Caravan of Lights Parade. 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.

**LOWE'S
FENCING FOR
K-PROJECT:**

Denny Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the fencing donation from Lowes for the K-9. 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.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to add

POLICE: written; the Chief spoke regarding cross walk signs at a cost of approximately \$150 each.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** nothing to add

FYI's: The Borough Office and Public Works Department will be closed for the holidays on the following dates: November 11th, November 25th, November 26th and November 29th.

ADJOURN: There being no further business come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer