

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
November 9, 2020**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 9, 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: President, Greg Miller, Vice President Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Ralph Young, Dennis Confer, Fred Merrill, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Vera Young, Janet Rump, Kevin Mertz (Standard-Journal), Virginia Wirth, Dave Powell and Mary Ann Everetts

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Greg Miller said an Executive Session would follow tonight's meeting regarding a property acquisition. There is no plan to re-open to the public.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the October 12, 2020 Council Meeting and October 26, 2020 Committee Workshop minutes. 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: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving bills and transfers for November in the amount of \$679,267.09. 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.

VISITORS: none

THANK YOU'S: Brendi read thank you cards from Emma Miller, Jessica Vognetz and Richard Faux

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Jay said the Finance Committee will meet with the auditor on Thursday at 11 am. Copies of the 2019 audit will be available for Council's review.

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: Jay said liability checks were received for the light pole and the police cruiser.

PARKS & RECREATION: nothing at this time

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: The Mayor said their next meeting would be held December 14th.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: nothing at this time

REFUSE: nothing at this time
(name changed)

PROMOTION: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Tim Kiefaber's promotion to Sergeant. 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.

Lieutenant Snyder, Chief Witherite and Mayor Russell McClintock presented Tim with his promotion. A round of applause followed.

**ADVERTISE
2021 BUDGET:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer advertising the 2021 Budget. 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.

**ADVERTISE
ORDINANCE
2020-06:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to advertise Ordinance 2020-06, setting the 2021 tax rate at 18.25 mills, which remains the same. 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.

**RETAIN
AUDITORS:**

A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Dan Folk to retain Herring, Roll and Solomon as the Borough's auditor for the next 3 years at \$9,000.00 per year. 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:

The Mayor said the Police Department continues to be 2nd to none in the area – he is very proud of them and encouraged them to continue doing a great job.

POLICE:

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Mr. Powell had questions that were addressed by Chief Witherite. His concern continues to be regarding police time logs for McEwensville. Council members and others in the audience spoke to the matter as well.

Chief Witherite said Riverside Borough would be here tomorrow at 8 am to demonstrate the license plate reader. He invited Council to attend.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** nothing at this time

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: Brent Frey said the Public Works Department is busy with leaf pick-up; he spoke of a recent power outage; the department is short employees due to vacations.

SECRETARY: Brendi mentioned “No Shave November”, a meeting of the Christmas Fund Committee and a need for volunteers to shop and wrap for this year’s Christmas program.

PHOTO CONTEST: Jay spoke of the recent Photo Contest and the winner chosen; he will be presented with a prize at the December Council Meeting.

FYI: President Miller mentioned Watsonstown’s upcoming Christmas Celebration beginning on Friday, December 4, 2020 with the Annual Tree Lighting. The public is encourage to watch Facebook & the Borough’s website for additional information.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer