

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
December 10, 2018**

**OPENING:** The December 10, 2018 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, Vice President Ken Hollenbach, Todd Moyer, Dan Folk, Harry Hefty, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ralph Young, Vera Young, Kevin Mertz, Dennis Confer, Genie Bausinger, Erin Threet, David Madl, Janet Rump, Virginia Wirth, Brent A. Frey, Kent Kilgus, Maris Kilgus and Stacie Adams

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the November 12, 2018 Council minutes and the November 27, 2018 Committee Workshop minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the December bills and transfers in the amount of \$ 231,407.44. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ERIN THREET-MRSA ENGINEER:** Erin Threet, MRSA Engineer spoke regarding a resolution that is before Council for consideration and adoption this evening. She summarized; it is a change in the treatment process at no extra cost to our residents and continued by answering questions.

**RESOLUTION  
2018-06:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the adoption of Resolution 2018-06 for MRSA. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**THANK YOU:**

The Borough and Police Department is in receipt of a thank you card from the Warrior Run Middle School. A gift card was sent to be used in their afterschool mentoring program.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing to add

**CEMETERY:** nothing to add

**ELECTRIC:** nothing to add

**INSURANCE:** Jay said there is a resolution regarding insurance later on the agenda.

**PARKS &  
RECREATION:** Ken Hollenbach said he is looking into dog waste receptacles.

**PERSONNEL:** nothing to add

**PROTECTION to  
PERSONS &  
PROPERTY:** Mayor McClintock publicly welcomed Officer Robert Baker to the force.

**STREETS &  
HIGHWAYS:** nothing to add

Jay said Friday was the last day for the leaf picker, from here forward, leaves should be bagged.

**WASTE MGMT.:** nothing to add

Residents can now pay their sewer bills at the MRSA office in Milton.

**COUNCIL  
APPLICANT:**

President Miller said the Borough is in receipt of (1) application for the vacant Council seat. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Harry Hefty to hold a special meeting on December 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm to appoint a new Council member.

**RESOLUTION  
2018-05:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve Resolution 2018-05 to join the Municipal Risk Management Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty, accepting Max Foust's letter of resignation from the Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer, to appoint Jillian Yevics to the Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**GUILD  
DONATION:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Harry Hefty to make a \$250.00 donation to the Watsontown Guild for the Welcome to Watsontown sign on Brimmer Avenue. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**LIGHT-HEIGEL  
APPOINTMENT:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to reappoint Light-Heigel for 2019 at a cost of \$62.00 for zoning and \$65.00 for property maintenance. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- no	Hefty	- yes
Folk	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes		

Motion carried by majority vote.

**SEWER ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Dan Folk to re-appoint James Sanders as the Borough’s Sewer Enforcement Officer for 2019 and Kenneth Young as the Alternate. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**HANDICAP PARKING:**

Council received a request for handicap parking at 414 Elm Street for Geraldine Alexander. A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carrier.

**GIFT CARDS:**

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A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to purchase \$25.00 gift cards for employees for Christmas. A roll call was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2019 RAISES:**

Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve .35 cent raises for those employees not covered by the collective bargaining agreement. It includes Brendi Brooke, Lisa Davis; raises for the subsequent years will follow the collective bargaining agreement for the next 5 years. The part-time employees Tim Haluck and Tim Ranck were also given .35 cents and a 2.5% increase was approved for Chief Rodney Witherite. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**DPW  
COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Folk	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** The Mayor spoke of the tremendous program that WABA put on for the tree lighting and Santa coming to town.

**POLICE:** Chief Witherite spoke of the Christmas Program and the K-9. He thinks the dog will be on the streets of Watsontown by mid-January.

**FIRE  
DEPARTMENT:** written

**EMERGENCY  
MGMT:** nothing to add

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER:** Jay said the sign for the walking track will be installed on Wednesday.  
Jay also said Santander is working on the lease for the ATM.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** nothing to add

**MEETING  
SCHEDULE:** Jay said a 2019 meeting schedule will be voted on at the special meeting on December 28, 2018.

**BOROUGH  
SECRETARY:** Brendi spoke of the Christmas program – wrapping gifts this week and the Christmas luncheon as provided by First National Bank on December 21<sup>st</sup> at noon.

**FYI's:** President Greg Miller mentioned the following events as listed on tonight's agenda:

Planning Commission Meeting – 12/17/18 @ 7:30 pm  
Christmas luncheon provided by First National Bank on 12/21/18  
Special Meeting on Friday, December 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm  
Upcoming Borough Holidays – Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday,  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday, December 31, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer