

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
February 10, 2020**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on February 10, 2020 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. The opening prayer was given by Mayor Russell McClintock, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Miller, President, Dan Folk, Vice President, 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: Kevin Mertz of the Standard Journal, Vera Young, Virginia Wirth, Brent Frey, Julia Erb and Gene Kilgus.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the January 6, 2020 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes and the January 27, 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: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve February's bills and transfers in the amount of \$374,024.08. 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

CORRESPONDENCE: none

COMMITTEES -

FINANCE: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

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

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

**PROTECTION
TO PERSONS &
PROPERTY:** nothing at this time

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

**WASTE
MANAGEMENT:** nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS -

**WARRIOR RUN
FIREMEN'S
CARNIVAL:** Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the 2020 Warrior Run Firemen's Carnival from June 8th through June 13th. 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.

**DISCONTINUE
SWIFTREACH
911 SERVICE:** Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to discontinue our SwiftReach 911 Service. Jay said it costs the Borough around \$1200.00 per year and we have not used the service. 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.

**PELRAS
CONFERENCE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve Jay's attendance at the 2020 PELRAS Conference in State College from March 18th to March 20th. 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.

**CIVIL SERVICE
PROCESS:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to begin the Civil Service process to hire another police officer once Rick Faux retires. The Chief said there would also be a Civil Service process for the lieutenant's position. 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.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER
SALARY
INCREASE:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving Jay Jarrett's 2020/2021 salary increase of \$2,500.00 each year to be effective on 2/16/20, his anniversary date. 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.

**SANTANDER
BANK-GRAPHITE
GRANTWORKS:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the Graphite Grantworks proposal for grant writing services at the Santander Bank at a rate of \$25/hour and a cap of \$500.00. 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.

**ORDINANCE
2020-01:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the advertising of Ordinance 2020-01 to reduce the members on the Planning Commission from (7) members to (5) members. 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.

**POLE
BANNERS:**

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the purchase of (15) pole banners at \$69.00 each, to dress up the downtown as other communities have done. Also included is a banner for the upcoming Farmer's Market at a cost of \$85.00; the total is \$1,120.00 and the monies will come from Community Development. 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.

JESVIC 5K:

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the 14th Annual JesVic 5K on Saturday, June 6, 2020 starting at 9:00 am. Dennis Confer confirmed with Chief Witherite that the race does not pose any conflicts with the police department. 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.

**BOB FREY
VACATION:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Bob Frey's vacation request for March 19th and 20th. 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 stated the Police Department continues to be busy protecting our community. He also commended the Public Works Department for their great work.

POLICE: The Chief reviewed and called Council's attention to the Police Department's annual numbers on the police report. He spoke further regarding Mariska and the work she has done and continues to do. Others commented.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

President Miller asked about the property on Ash Street; Jay said there was no new information to report.

Dennis Confer spoke regarding abandoned cars in the alleys; Jay asked for the addresses.

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**SIGNS FOR
INTERSECTION:** The Chief said we need more signs for the crosswalks in the Borough, though they are expensive, the signs we have need replaced and we need additional ones. After much discussion, the Chief said his department is going to have to take more of an enforcement stance. More comments followed.

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** nothing to add

PAVING LIST: Jay and Brent will have a paving list to discuss with Council at the Committee Workshop. They are also working on a wood chipper grant through DEP and they will discuss it with Council at the Committee Workshop.

PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE: Ralph Young asked about the progress at the Public Works Garage. Brent said it is close to finished.

FYI's: Planning Commission Meeting – Monday, February 17, 2020 @ 7:30 pm
Committee Workshop - Monday, February 24, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Council Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer