

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
March 11, 2019**

OPENING: The March 11, 2019 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, Todd Moyer, Fred Merrill, Harry Hefty, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Dan Folk, Ken Hollenbach and Chief of Police Rodney Witherite were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Mertz, David Plotts, Janet Rump, Crystal Moyer, Vera Young, Ralph Young, Stacie Adams, Dennis Confer, Tim Ranck, Brent Frey and Patrolman Tim Kiefaber.

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the February 11, 2019 Council minutes and the February 25, 2019 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- absent
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- absent
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Fred Merrill approving bills and transfers for March in the amount of \$612,230.26. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing to add

CEMETERY: nothing to add

ELECTRIC: nothing to add

INSURANCE: nothing to add

PARKS & RECREATION: Todd Moyer asked that the garbage removal rotation be increased at the 8th Street Park. Jay will talk with Bob Frey.

PERSONNEL: nothing to add

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing to add

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Harry Hefty mentioned plowing alleys and snow removal. Jay said alleys are plowed trying not to use overtime. Brent spoke to the same.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: nothing to add

Bob Frey is on vacation March 21st and 22nd.

SALES AGREEMENT FOR ULRICH PROPERTY: Jon DeWald said he has the sales agreement for Council to sign for 329 Brimmer Avenue property pending approval of financing. Once financing is approved, the proposed purchase will be forward to DCED for LGUDA approval. We expect to have financing options at the April Council Meeting. Jay spoke regarding a proposal received by First National Bank. A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Todd Moyer to proceed with the purchase pending approval. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Miller	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project Committee asked Council to consider passing a resolution supporting LCCC Branch Campus coming to Watsontown. Vera Young asked a question; Jay and Harry Hefty spoke to her concern. Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the resolution. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE
2019-01:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving to advertise Ordinance 2019-01 amending the street opening and excavation code. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**REMOVAL OF
OUTFIELD
FENCE:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to remove the outfield fence at the ballfield at the park. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Miller	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

2019 KIDS CAFÉ:

A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Harry Hefty , approving Kids Café's use of the park this summer, daily from 11 am until 1 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Miller	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2019
SPRING
CLEAN-UP:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve 2019 Spring Clean-up, April 22, 23 & 24, 2019. It was mentioned that the clean-up is scheduled for Earth Week and also starting the day after Easter. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

The Mayor spoke regarding the Women's Guild request for lighting at the sign below town.

POLICE:

written

The Mayor said the chief will be going to Lowes for cameras.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

EMERGENCY MGMT: nothing to add

CODE ENFORCEMENT: written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

BOROUGH MANAGER: written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

Brent said his department is working on the street light at Main & 10th Streets

BOROUGH SECRETARY: nothing to add

PROCLAMATION: The Mayor said he issued a proclamation regarding the 2019 Call 811 – Safe Digging.

QUESTIONS: Janet Rump asked about electric at the new walking path and plans for the pavilion down there. Jay said picnic tables are at the DPW garage and will be placed once the weather permits.

Janet Rump also asked about adding a brush/leaf pick-up soon; members of Council agreed it's needed. Brent said it would work for his department to begin in April. Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to start brush pick-up on the 2nd Tuesday of April. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

FYI's: President Miller read over the following upcoming events:

Planning Commission Meeting – March 18, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
Committee Workshop – March 25, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Council Meeting – April 8, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt- April 13, 2019
Dedication of William “Jack” Marshall Recreation Area –
May 4, 2019 at 10:00 am

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