

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
March 13, 2023**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 13, 2023 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. Mayor Russell McClintock gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Greg Miller, Vice President Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Fred Merrill, Ralph Young, Roy Smedley, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Randy Minium, Dave Powell, Erica Frey, Crystal Moyer, Julia Erb and Virginia Wirth

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the meeting minutes from the February 13, 2023 Council Meeting and the February 27, 2023 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk, approving bills & transfers for March 2023 in the amount of \$344,002.79. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

WATSONTOWN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION: Erica Frey representing the Watsonstown Historical Association presented the Borough with their (3) quart cookie jar and cookies. President Greg Miller accepted the gift, followed by pictures from the press.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing at this time

CEMETERY: Todd Moyer spoke of a \$5,700.00 cemetery wall repair to be discussed later in the meeting.

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:** Dan Folk mentioned a handicap parking request to be discussed later in the meeting.

REFUSE: nothing at this time

**AGENDA
AMENDED:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk amending tonight's meeting agenda adding a handicap parking request and approving a \$5,700.00 repair to the cemetery wall. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

**ORDINANCE
2023-01:**

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving Ordinance 2023-01 updating the name of the fire department from West Branch to Warrior Run Area Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**START PROCESS
To ADOPT INT'L.
PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE
CODE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill instructing the solicitor and the code officer to start the adoption process of the International Property Maintenance Code. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**2023 SPRING
CLEAN-UP:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the 2023 Spring Clean-up scheduled for May 1st and May 2nd. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**ALBERT
FOUNTAIN
TO BE MOVED:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve moving the Albert fountain to the corner of Main and 1st Streets. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**PURCHASE
MOWER FROM
LAND PRO:**

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the purchase a mower for the Public Works Department from Land Pro Equipment at a cost of \$10,787.97, which includes a \$3,000.00 trade in. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

KAYAK EVENT:

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving Northcentral PA Conservancy's use of the park for a kayak event on June 11, 2023. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**UPGRADE
FIREWALL
FOR POLICE
COMPUTERS:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the purchase of an upgraded firewall for the police computers from Topp Business Solutions at a cost of \$2,272.00 from the Borough's stimulus money. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**WINTERFEST
ALLOCATION:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk allocating \$5,000.00 for WinterFest. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**WATSONTOWN
BREWFEEST:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving “the concept” for Watsontown’s Brewfest to be held in the park on Saturday, September 23, 2023. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**PURCHASE 7200
LOCATOR KIT:**

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the purchase of a 7200 locator kit from Eastcom for Public Works in the amount of \$5,885.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**CEMETERY
WALL REPAIR:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve a \$5,700.00 repair to the cemetery wall by Meyers Masonry Restoration Company. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**HANDICAP
PARKING:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving a handicap parking space for Thomas Raup at 106 East 4th Street. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to add

POLICE: written; Chief Snyder mentioned the recent string of vandalism – (3) youth have been identified; a resident spoke of broken bottles in alleys

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT.:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** no report received

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; nothing to add

PUBLIC WORKS: written; nothing to add

SECRETARY: nothing to add

REMINDER: President Greg Miller reminded the everyone that there is no garbage collection on Thursday, March 16th or Friday, March 17th. Bob Frey will be on vacation.

FYI's: Planning Commission – March 20, 2023
Committee Workshop – March 27, 2023
Council Meeting – April 10, 2023

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer