

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
March 8, 2021**

OPENING: The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 8, 2021 via conference call.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Ralph Young, Dennis Confer, Fred Merrill, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor John DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. President Greg Miller was absent.

OTHERS: Other people were on the conference call.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young, approving the minutes for the February 8, 2021 Council Meeting and the minutes for the February 22, 2021 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- absent

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer, approving the March bills and transfer in the amount of \$367,220.74. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Confer	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNER: At this time, there was a presentation of the 2020 Photo Contest Winner - Adam Blead; a round of applause followed.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: Denny Confer commended Public Works for the excellent job they are doing at the cemetery.

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

PARKS & RECREATION: nothing at this time

Jay said there is a grant opportunity through DCED for a "Pump Track" skate park – they will talk further at the Committee Workshop.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Dan Folk said they are preparing for the paving, tar & chip and crack sealing season; The Mayor expressed concern for the street area around Shortstop/school. Jay said he would reach out to the superintendent at Warrior Run.

REFUSE: nothing at this time

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION DONATION: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve a donation of \$3,000.00 to the Watsontown Historical Association. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Confer	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

LIBRARY DONATION: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve a donation of \$8,000.00 to the Montgomery House Library. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Confer	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**4th of JULY
CELEBRATION
MOVED to 3rd:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to move the the 4th of July celebration, which falls on Sunday this year, to Saturday, July 3rd. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2021-03:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve Resolution 2021-03 opposing the "Municipal Fee" for state police coverage as proposed by Governor Wolf. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2021 SPRING
CLEAN-UP DAYS:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer approving Monday, April 26th and Tuesday, April 27th as the Borough's 2021 Spring Clean-up Days. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Confer	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**2021
JESVIC 5K
RUN/WALK:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the 2021 JesVic 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 5, 2021. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Confer	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**SOUTH MAIN
STREET
PAVING w/
MRSA:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve paving on South Main Street in cooperation with MRSA in the amount of \$9,657.90 from the General Fund. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Confer	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**TAR & CHIP
BIDDING:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve partnership with Delaware Township and other municipalities for tar and chip bidding; we are possibly looking at between \$50,000 and \$55,000.00 in tar and chipping throughout the Borough this year. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried. The conversation continued.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor spoke about the ongoing problem regarding McEwensville.

POLICE: written

Chief Witherite said the department will be updating uniforms.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

nothing

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:**

nothing

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:**

Jay said 23 letters were sent out for not cleaning sidewalks of snow ice; he said we did not actively patrol for problems but rather if we received notification, a letter was sent. Though this year was a snowy year, Jay, Brent and the Chief may need to look further into a "patrol policy" for the future.

SOLICITOR:

nothing

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

written

PUBLIC WORKS:

written

**CARDS &
FUNDRAISERS:**

Brendi said she had a card for Council to sign welcoming Todd Hauck back home after a serious injury and rehabilitation in Philadelphia. Also, there are (2) fund raisers – both low in cost but will go a long way to help the family recover from their loss.

**LIONESSE CLUB
DONATION:**

Jay said he donated a pavilion rental as a prize towards the Adult Easter Egg Hunt for the Lioness Club.

**TRACTOR
TRAILER
PARKED:**

Janet Rump said there is a tractor trailer parked in the municipal parking lot 3 to 4 days per week. Dan Folk said a letter was put on his truck recently. She said it parked there on Thursday and was still there through this AM. Per the Chief – please notify the Police Department – the driver will be ticketed and the truck will be towed.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer