

**Watsonstown Borough  
Council Meeting  
March 9, 2020**

**OPENING:** The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on March 9, 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:** President Greg Miller, Vice President Dan Folk, 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:** Charlotte McClintock, Bucky Allis, Gene Kilgus, Dale Winder, Janet Rump, Sylvia Joy Brown, Robert Brown, Vera Young, Buzz Reynolds, Robert E. Raup II, Brent Frey, Virginia Wirth, Julia Erb and Harry Hefty.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the meeting minutes from the February 10, 2020 Council Meeting and the February 23, 2020 Committee Workshop. 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:** A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the bills and transfers for the month of March in the amount of \$321,562.33. 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.

**CIVIL SERVICE PROCESS:** On behalf of the Civil Service Commission, Bucky Allis announced the Commission has begun the process to hire a police officer and fill the lieutenant position.

**THANK YOU'S:** Brendi read thank you cards from the Turbotville Elementary School and Denise Musser.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

**CEMETERY:** nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** nothing at this time

**INSURANCE:** nothing at this time

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Dennis Confer said he and Jay met with the coordinators for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 5K. They were able to express their concerns for the race route; the coordinators are to come back with an alternative plan.

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

**PERSONNEL:** nothing at this time

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** Jay said the approval to advertise the 2020 paving bids is on tonight's agenda; he said the Borough also received the 2020 Liquid Fuel monies totaling \$71,668.58.

**WASTE MGMT:** nothing at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-01:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Ordinance 2020-01 reducing the number of Planning Commission members from 7 to 5. 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.

**2020 SPRING  
CLEAN-UP DAYS:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Borough Clean-up Days on Monday April 27, 2020 and Tuesday, April 28, 2020. 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.

**ADVERTISE  
2020 PAVING  
BIDS:**

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve advertising for the 2020 paving bids. 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.

**POLICE SERVICES  
AGREEMENT  
WITH  
McEWENSVILLE:**

President Greg Miller asked for a motion to approve the police services agreement with McEwensville, hearing no motion or comment from other Council members, the motion died.

The Mayor commented regarding the agreement and his disappointment in the lack of a motion and an approval. Charlotte McClintock, Councilmen Fred Merrill, Dan Folk, Dennis Confer, Todd Moyer, Chief Witherite, a former Councilman, Rob Brown and others spoke in support of the agreement, the police department and their responsibilities. President Miller encouraged more people to come to Committee Workshops; he said the agreement has been discussed for months.

Following the lengthy discussion, President Miller made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the Police Services Agreement with McEwensville pending a signed intergovernmental agreement. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- no
Merrill	- yes	Confer	- no
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

**ORDINANCE  
2020-02:**

Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve advertising Ordinance 2020-02, an intergovernmental agreement between Watsonstown and McEwensville. 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.

**MILTON  
ELITE  
SOFTBALL:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve a request from the Milton Elite Softball Team to use the ballfield at the park to practice as they have done in the past. 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.

**LOWER  
ANTHRACITE  
TEENER  
LEAGUE:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve a request from the Lower Anthracite Teener League to use of the ballfield at the park with the understanding that all teams will work out a fair and equitable arrangement. 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.

**WATSONTOWN  
HISTORICAL  
ASSOCIATION  
DONATION:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving a \$3,000.00 donation to the Watsonstown Historical Association during Raise the Region. 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.

**MONTGOMERY  
HOUSE LIBRARY  
DONATION:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve a \$4,000.00 donation to the Montgomery House Library during Raise the Region. 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.

**DIAMOND  
DEFENDER  
WIFFLE BALL  
TOURNAMENT:**

A motion was made by Dennis Confer, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the use of the ballfield at the park by the Diamond Defenders for a wiffle ball tournament on May 19, 2020. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion was carried.

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
KEVIN JOHNSON  
MEMORIAL  
EASTER EGG  
HUNT:**

A motion was made by Dennis Confer, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kevin Johnson Memorial Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 1 pm. 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.

**PAID HOLIDAY  
ON JULY 6<sup>th</sup>:**

A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk to move the paid holiday of July 4<sup>th</sup> for Borough employees to Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** The Mayor thanked Council for their approval of the police department's moving forward with McEwensville.

**POLICE:** written

Chief Witherite mentioned the sale of the Crown Victoria to Catawissa for \$2,500.00. The car was bought with K-9 funds. Council tabled the issue for workshop. The Solicitor said when property is sold between municipalities no bid is required. The Chief spoke further regarding the purchase of a new police vehicle in the future.

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:** nothing at this time

**EMERGENCY  
MGMNT:** nothing at this time

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** The Solicitor requested a short Executive Session after tonight's meeting regarding a legal matter.

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER:** written

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

Brent Frey asked for Council's opinion on the new streetlights – they have been changed to LED bulbs; Council was pleased. Jay is to discuss the savings to convert all streetlights to LED lights with Council.

**SECRETARY:** nothing at this time

**FYI's:** Planning Commission Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2020 @ 7:30 pm  
Committee Workshop - Monday, March 23, 2020 @ 7:00 pm  
Council Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

**THANK YOU:** Ralph Young thanked Public Works for hand sweeping Main Street.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer