

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
April 12, 2021**

**OPENING:** The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2021 via conference call.

**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:** Other people were on the conference call.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the meeting minutes from March 8, 2021 and March 22, 2021. 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:** Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving April's bills and transfers in the amount of \$327,536.36. 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.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

Jay stated the 2020 audit is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with the auditors.

**CEMETERY:** Jay said Eric Watson is putting a bid together regarding the cemetery wall that collapsed on Brimmer Avenue; per Brent the wall will be tiered down and squared off – at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00.

**ELECTRIC:** nothing at this time

**INSURANCE:** nothing at this time

Jay said as suspected – unfortunately, the cemetery wall was not covered by insurance.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Dennis Confer mentioned recent vandalism at the park; Todd Moyer said ball games are taking place at the park; Jay said Midget football will be submitting a request to use the fields for practice.

**PERSONNEL:** nothing at this time

**PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY:** Mayor McClintock said the committee met with the Chief and toured the bank building – he encouraged the remainder of Council to do the same. The Chief said he as well as Jay are looking for solutions for the building; Jay stated the building is not costing the Borough any money – the ATM fees more than cover the few expenses (sewer and water) associated with the building. Todd Moyer said he wants to see business in the building; the Chief also encouraged Council to tour the current Borough Building. Brent Frey said (2) parcels could be sold to get the Borough’s money back and still retain (3) parcels including a parking lot.

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** Brent Frey said crack sealing is done; crack sealing works. Paving bids are due by April 29<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions for the stimulus was discussed – infrastructure – Brent would like to see monies earmarked for additional paving in the alleys and Third Street. There was a brief discussion about MRSA’s paving on South Main Street – paving didn’t start today, possibly because of the weather.

**REFUSE:** Fred Merrill mentioned Spring Clean-up on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SKATE PARK:** Dennis Confer asked about the skate park; Jay said he is currently working on a DCED application for a “pump track” – movable,

portable and usable by skaters and bikes; Brent mentioned the use of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street lot, Jay wants to see it in the park. Jay is encouraged by what he has seen online and feels this is a good investment for kids in the community.

**BASKETBALL COURTS:**

Jay said Tom Hetherington is working with a young man regarding upgrades and replacements of the basketball equipment; Jay hopes he will come to present his ideas at Committee Workshop. The Council agreed the basketball courts are heavily used by the community.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MUNICIPAL:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Municipal offers for obsolete Public Works equipment for a total of \$15,821.00. 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.

**FROZEN FAVORITES:**

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Frozen Favorites to sell ice cream on Sundays beginning May 9, 2021. 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.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to advertise for a Public Works employee. 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.

**HANDICAP**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving a

**PARKING:** handicap parking request made by Diane Walter at 107 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street. 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:** nothing to add

**POLICE:** written; the Chief also introduced the department's intern Savannah of McCann's Criminal Justice program. He also said both Geoff and David are officially off probation.

**FIRE & AMBULANCE:** written; the Mayor said they are having the carnival and parade

**EMERGENCY MGMT.:** nothing to add

The river gauge was briefly discussed.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Jay said Ed Wenger is out for knee replacement surgery. Dennis Confer said 32 and 34 Pennsylvania Avenue left items behind the garage; Jay said he would send letters.

**SOLICITOR:** Jon Dewald spoke regarding the Ash Street property; he said relief was granted by summary judgement in Northumberland County – final arguments are expected on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – he will advise the decision.

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** written

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

Brent asked about the overhead bridge – Jay said Penn Dot is responsible for inspections. Jay is to meet with Brent tomorrow to go look at some concerns with the bridge.

**SECRETARY:** nothing to add  
**180 BRIDGE** Todd Moyer mentioned the closing of the 180 Bridge on 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
**On 8<sup>th</sup> STREET** until November. Others spoke of truck traffic using Moran's 8th  
**CLOSING:** Street address versus their Liberty Street address. It was concluded  
that all signage needs Penn Dot approval.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting  
adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer