

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
April 27, 2020**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm by conference call on Monday, April 27, 2020. There was no opening prayer nor Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

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

OTHERS PARTICIPATING: Diane Dawson, Barb Diehl, Crystal Moyer, Brent Frey, Janet Rump

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Dennis Confer, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the minutes from the March 9, 2020 Council Meeting and the April 3, 2020 Emergency Council Meeting. 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 Ralph Young, seconded by Dan Folk approving the bills and transfers for April in the amount of \$330,007.48. 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.

BARB DIEHL - 4th of July Barb Diehl spoke regarding the 4th of July – she asked for opinions on moving forward with plans for the event or to cancel the event but

still have fireworks. Many spoke to the issue; she said the 4th of July 5K had already been cancelled. Jay said the fireworks company said they are allowed to proceed thus far; others spoke of concerns for moving the fireworks to the north end of town. Jay is to speak further with fireworks company. Barb said WABA would be having a zoom meeting in the near future to make a final decision on the event. Jay asked if she could wait until after May 8th to see what the Governor decides to do with our area. It was decided to wait until Committee Workshop on May 26, 2020 to make a decision.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

Dennis Confer asked about artificial flowers that remain in the cemetery – they are supposed to be removed April through October. Brent Frey said they would check tomorrow. Dennis also said there are branches down from the last storm.

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

**PARKS &
RECREATION:** nothing at this time

Todd Moyer thanked Brent for taking care of the tree on the towpath.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

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

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:** Dan Folk said bids for 2020 paving would be opened tonight.

**WASTE
MGMNT.:** Fred Merrill spoke about spring clean-up which was postponed.

**ORDINANCE
2020-02:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Ordinance 2020-01 approving the police services agreement with McEwensville Borough. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

RESIGNATION:

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to accept Dave Powell's resignation from the Civil Service Commission dated March 10, 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.

APPOINTMENT:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to appoint Tom Hetherington to the Civil Service Commission until December 2021. 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.

**AIR
CONDITIONING:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the replacement of the air conditioning unit at the police department by Buck's Plumbing in the amount of \$7,680.00. 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.

2020 PAVING:

The following bids were received for the 2020 paving:

HRI	\$42,964.40
Big Rock Paving	\$37,093.00
New Enterprise	\$41,583.00
Dave Gutelius	\$41,839.60
M&M Asphalt	\$62,391.68

Following further discussion, Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Big Rock Paving as the lowest bidder, pending Penn Dot review. 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.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor said the town is “heeding” the Covid-19 rules.

POLICE: written

Council requested they receive a separate report for McEwensville.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

Dennis Confer thanked Public Works for picking up bags of leaves in Ward 1 and repairing the light on Murray Street.

SECRETARY: Brendi said the Borough was in receipt of a thank you letter from the Watsontown Historical Association for the Borough's donation thru Raise the Region.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer