

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
April 8, 2019**

OPENING: The April 8, 2019 Watson town Borough Council Meeting was called to order by President Greg Miller at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. The opening prayer was given by Mayor Russell McClintock, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present were President Greg Miller, Vice President Ken Hollenbach, Todd Moyer, Fred Merrill, Harry Hefty, Dan Folk, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph Young, Vera Young, Kevin Mertz, Janet Rump, Dave Powell, Gene Kilgus, Dale Winder, Kathy Handiboe, Debbie Bieber and Carlene Weaver of the Lions/Lioness Club, Dennis Confer, Julia Erb, Brent Frey and Stacie Adams.

APPROVAL of MINUTES A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 Council Meeting and the March 22, 2019 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Ken Hollenbach approving the bills and transfers for April in the amount of \$396,231.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

LIONESSE DONATION: At this time, Carlene Weaver, Kathy Handiboe and Debbie Bieber of the Watsontown Centennial Lioness Club presented Chief Witherite a \$1,000.00 donation for the K-9 Project. A round of applause and pictures followed.

THANK YOU: Brendi said the Borough was in receipt of thank you's from the following: Levin Kennel of the Warrior Run High School National Honor Society and Donna Bridge of Kingdom Kids.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Harry Hefty talked at length regarding the Borough's "healthy" financial condition.

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: The brief electric outage today was mentioned; it was PPL.

INSURANCE: nothing to report

PARKS & RECREATION: Ken Hollenbach said he is looking into wheel chair accessible swings for the parks.

Janet Rump asked for the status of the "People's Memorial".

PERSONNEL: Todd mentioned the upcoming police contact.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: The Mayor spoke of the excellent work by the police department and Mariska. The Chief said people who donated from the beginning are being recognized now; he also elated on the recent work Mariska has been involved in.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Dan Folk spoke regarding the excellent job the Public Works Department did with crack sealing.

Denny Confer asked that the alley between Lingle's and the theatre be looked at; it is in bad shape.

Brent Frey said it would be beneficial to further crack seal in the fall; Jay spoke of the use of Liquid Fuels and balancing what is spent.

WASTE MGMNT.: nothing to report

329 BRIMMER AVENUE:

Harry Hefty made a motion to approve the purchase of 329 Brimmer Avenue for \$140,000.00 using Borough funds – no financing; a second was given by Ken Hollenbach. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- no
Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- no	Hefty	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

RECYCLING AGREEMENT:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve continuing the recycling agreement with Lewis Township at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00 per year. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- no	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- no	Moyer	- yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

BOROUGH WEBSITE

Jay elated regarding the work to be done on the Borough's website and how this project originated; he also mentioned other Boroughs who have had EJS design theirs. The motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Ethan, Jacob, Scott and Associates to update the Borough's website for \$3,600.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

CHANGE IN CEMETERY RULES:

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to change the cemetery rules from March 1st to April 1st for the removal of decorations. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

MILTON ELITE SOFTBALL:

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving Milton Elite Softball team's use of the ballfield at the park. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**DOZPAT
RESIGNATION:**

A motion was made by Harry Hefty, seconded by Todd Moyer accepting the resignation of part-time police officer Joie Dozpat with regret. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hefty	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE
2019-01:**

Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve Ordinance 2019-01 regarding street openings. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2019-05:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach approving Resolution 2019-05 regarding the disposal of 52 ½ cubic feet of Borough records. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

**ATM LEASE
AGREEMENT:**

Jay said he talked with the realtor this morning; Santader bank is asking for an agreement with the Borough to lease the ATM and parking lot for the next 5 years at a rate of \$400.00 per month. The conversation continued; Jay said the bank can opt out of the agreement at any time with proper notice but the Borough cannot. Harry Hefty made motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to accept the agreement; a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Folk	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

Council concluded they are ready to close on both the bank property and 329 Brimmer Avenue asap.

Many other things were mentioned at this time including moving the fountain, the use of the Santander Bank and the Revitalization Committee.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor said the police department continues to be very busy and the dog is giving Watsontown a great reputation. When asked about Turbotville decision on police coverage, the Mayor said it will be a long drawn out process but McEwensville is ready now; White Deer Township spoke of police coverage years ago.

POLICE: written

The Chief spoke of T-shirt sales for the K-9 Project and Sampson.

FIRE & AMBULANCE: written

EMERGENCY MGMNT.: nothing

CODE ENFORCEMENT: written

BOROUGH SOLICITOR: nothing

BOROUGH MANAGER: written

Jay said the CSVT is offering Part 2 of Updated Zoning Ordinance on April 30, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Warrior Run Fire Department Social Hall. Jay plans to attend and extended the invitation to Council, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board. RSVP's are due by April 23, 2019.

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** nothing

FYI's: President Miller mentioned the following upcoming events:

Brush Pick-up - April 9, 2019
Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt- April 13, 2019
Planning Commission Meeting-April 15, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
Committee Workshop - April 22, 2019 @ 6:00 pm
Spring Clean-up - April 22, 23 & 24, 2019
Council Meeting - May 13, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
**Dedication of William "Jack" Marshall Recreation Area -
May 4, 2019 @ 10:00 am**
Planning Commission Survey - due by May 15, 2019

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary Treasurer