

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
May 10, 2021**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 10, 2021 at Pavilion #2 in Memorial Park, Watsonstown. Mayor Russell McClintock opened with prayer, 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: Janet Rump, Kevin Mertz and Dave Powell

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the meeting minutes from April 12, 2021 and April 26, 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 May's bills and transfers in the amount of \$203,078.90. 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.

VISITOR - JAMES CORDETSKY: James Cordetsky of Watsonstown spoke about the Borough upgrading the basketball courts in Memorial Park. His proposal included an estimated cost of upgrades totaling \$18,000.00. He offered bake sales/hot dog stand/candy sales to help with the cost of the upgrades.

Many would benefit from the upgrades including a Monday, Wednesday, Friday league currently using the courts. He asked Council to possibly consider a redesign of the basketball courts; someone suggested we could apply for a grant to offset costs; another asked about the current recreation budget. A resident spoke about mini camps and youth summer leagues that were held in the past. Brent Frey, Public Works, spoke concerning recent vandalism in the park with regards to glass back boards – possibly substitute polymer/plexiglas instead. James suggested a “pledge to respect each other and the equipment” as a possible solution. The conversation continued, President Miller asked Mr. Cordetsky come to the May 24th Committee Workshop.

POSTCARD: Brendi said the Borough was in receipt of a postcard from the new (2) pastors at the Watsonstown Baptist Church; the police department also received a postcard saying they are praying for us. We are a blessed community.

COMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

Jay said the Borough will be in receipt of a rebate of \$3,224.89 for workers’ compensation insurance from EHD. The rebates were one of the reasons we switched to EHD.

PARKS & RECREATION: Dennis Confer said he has been in contact with Shane Erb of the Watson Theatre; he has agreed to post Borough events on the theatre marque throughout the year. Denny provided Council with a copy of the scheduled events.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION to PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: nothing at this time

REFUSE: nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

CRACKSEALING: Brent Frey said they've opened the crack sealing bids – they came in around \$47,000.00 – approx. \$9,000.00 lower than expected. Jay said this will allow a cushion in the Highway Aid Account. Brent said he'd like to add from Pennsylvania Avenue from 3rd to 1st Streets.

CEMETERY WALL: Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the bid from Watson Excavating to fix the cemetery wall on Brimmer Avenue for \$5,000.00. Jay said it will be paid from the Perpetual Care Fund. 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.

SECURITY CAMERAS: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the purchase and installation of (4) security cameras at Memorial Park from Surrounded by Security for \$2,400.00. Brent said they are going to utilize existing polls for the overhead wiring; installation is to take place next week. They are going to house the computer in the pool house. 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.

BATHROOM DOORS: Brent said the new doors for the men's bathroom are scheduled to come on May 27th. They were a hard find trying to match what was already there.

RESOLUTION 2021-04 - Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve Resolution 2021-04 – to apply for a DCED grant in the amount of

**DCED GRANT –
SKATE PARK:**

\$32,094.00 with a 15% match to install a portable skate park to be installed in the Farmers’ Market area of the park. Jay said the grant application is due at the end of the month and he intends to finish it up and send it tomorrow. 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
PARKING –
UCC CHURCH:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve handicap parking on 6th Street at the UCC Church to be used on Sundays. 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.

**SKID STEER
LOADER:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to purchase a skid steer loader for the Public Works Department. Jay said there were (2) bids received and though it wasn’t included in this year’s budget – there is money from the Municibid sale as well as other areas in the budget to cover the expense. 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.

2021 KIDS CAFÉ:

Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve use of the Park for the 2021 Kids’ Café drive through lunch program. 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.

**BIC's
WATERSPORTS:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Bic's Watersports launching and retrieving of kayaks just below the River Pavilion, thus helping alleviate some of their costs. They will provide the Borough with a certificate of insurance. The conversation continued. 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.

**PUBLIC WORKS
EMPLOYEE –
Part-time:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to hire Jeffrey Burkhart of Watsonstown as a part-time Public Works employee. He will start on Monday, May 17, 2021 and will work through August until he goes back to school. 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.

**Former DEWART
COMMUNITY
STAGE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to purchase the former Dewart Community stage, which is now owned by the Keystone Drum and Bugle Corps for \$3,000.00. It will be used for 4th of July festivities. The discussion continued. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**EMS
PROCLAMATION
WEEK:**

Mayor McClintock proclaimed May 16th through May 22, 2021 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor asked that a committee be formed to begin dialogue regarding the bank building.

POLICE: written

Jay reminded the Chief that the American Legion has an agenda prepared for Memorial Day services being held in the park.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** none

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** none

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing at this time

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

SECRETARY: nothing at this time

Brendi is to contact the Warrior Run Fire Department regarding the fire and ambulance report.

**ZONING HEARING
EXPENSES:** Dennis Confer raised concern regarding the Lehigh Engineering invoice for zoning expenses; Jay reminded Council of the (2) zoning hearings held last month and the expenses associated with hearings.

30 PA AVENUE: Dennis Confer said a neighbor is concerned with the chimney falling onto his property; Jay will look into it and advise.

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

- Brush pick-up on Tuesday, May 11th. All brush must be curbside by 7 am.
- Memorial Day ceremony will be held at the Watsonstown Park on May 31st beginning at 9 am
- JesVic 5K will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 starting at 9 am

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer