

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
May 26, 2020**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in Council Chambers, 318 Main Street, 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, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Solicitor Nicole Ippolito attended by conference call.

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Moyer, Kevin Mertz (Standard Journal), David Plotts, Norman Easley, Brent Frey, Dave Powell, Vera Young and Julia Erb.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2020 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 Fred Merrill, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the bills and transfers for May 2020 in the amount of \$286,155.72. 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.

DAVE POWELL: Dave Powell spoke regarding the March 9, 2020 Council Meeting and the Police Agreement with McEwensville. The Chief spoke to Mr. Powell's questions and concerns and encouraged Mr. Powell to come see him anytime.

President Miller encouraged the public to attend Committee Workshop; Jay explained the meeting, workshop and minute process.

REPORTS:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

Denny mentioned a dead tree in the cemetery needing attention and also commended the Borough crew for the condition of the cemetery.

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

Jay said our insurance carrier EHD has been a great source of information and has remained in constant contact with the Borough during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jay said Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association has also been a great resource of information.

PARKS & RECREATION: Jay confirmed the park is open but the play equipment remains off limits while in the yellow phase.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION to PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Dan Folk said paving and crack sealing is done and looks great. Brent said there is a small issue between 4th and 5th Streets that he will pursue.

**WASTE
MGMNT.:**

Fred Merrill asked about rescheduling Spring Clean-up. Jay said until the county goes green, we cannot reschedule until possible fall. At this point, it's still up to the Governor.

4th of JULY:

Barb Diehl representing WABA spoke regarding the parade and fireworks; after much discussion and consideration, based on the Governor's guidelines – the entire event and all festivities were cancelled.

**FARMERS
MARKET:**

Jay clarified that Watsonstown's Farmers Market is handled similar to a grocery store with regards to the current pandemic.

**CIVIL SVC. –
POLICE
APPLICATION
EXTENSION:**

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Fred Merrill to extend the application deadline for the police office position to August 1, 2020 and the application for the lieutenant's position to October 1, 2020. 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.

**LJS – LAND
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN**

Jay briefly explained the plan; a few questions were answered, Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the land development plan for LJS Real Estate Company to build 4 additional units. 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.

**RESOLUTION
2020-01:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Resolution 2020-01 - to apply for \$65,025.00 from the flood mitigation program from DCED regarding Tannery Run. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2020-02:**

A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Ralph Young for Resolution 2020-02 – waiving any fee or penalty for the Borough’s real estate property taxes paid on or before September 30, 2020. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

KIDS CAFÉ’:

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Kids Cafés use of the park for the summer of 2020. The Mayor said there would be no sit down meals – drive thru only. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to report

POLICE: written – the Chief spoke of Mariska’s recent surgery.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT:** nothing to report

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

- SOLICITOR:** nothing to report
- BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written
- PUBLIC WORKS:** Brent Frey said he'd like to offer brush pick up to our residents every Tuesday through the month of June to allow people to get caught up. They will return to the regular schedule in July.
- CEMETERY RAIL:** Public Works installed a handrail at the cemetery on the First Street side; the money was donated by Diane Dawson.
- A few other issues were briefly discussed.
- TREES:** The Mayor asked if Jay could check into trimming the trees at the South end of town.
- RAILROAD
PROPERTY:** A resident asked about conditions of railroad property; the Chief said our codes officer could force the railroad to comply. A short discussion followed about the purchase of the railroad property at the end of town.
- ADJOURNED:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer