

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
May 9, 2022**

**OPENING:** The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 9, 2022 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock gave the opening 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, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Mayor Russell McClintock, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Rump, Gene Kilgus, Vera Young, Jenadelle Burrows, Carolyn Powell, Hal Crozier, Dave Powell, Randy Minium, Stacie Adams, Robert Brown, MaryAnn Everetts, Cindy Crozier, Brent Frey, Erica Frey, Julia Erb, Virginia Wirth and Matt Stulberg of the Standard-Journal.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** President Greg Miller said Council recently held (3) Executive Sessions – April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm and May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for personnel matters.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 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:** Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve May's bills and transfers in the amount of \$305,594.80. 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.

**VISITORS:** Erica Frey spoke on behalf of the Watsontown Historical Association. In appreciation, she presented the Borough with their organization's 4<sup>th</sup> piece of pottery, the bean pot. She also said they have raised a total of \$109,029.88 for their Capital Campaign Fund towards the purchase of the Santander Bank. A round of applause followed.

**PROCLAMATION  
EMS WEEK:** Mayor Russell McClintock proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 21, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Borough. He thanked all those in emergency medical service to others.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

**EMA:** nothing at this time

**CEMETERY:** nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** nothing at this time

**INSURANCE:** nothing at this time

**PARKS &  
RECREATION:** Denny said (2) dead trees were taken down at the park; Jay said delivery of the pump truck will be the week of 6/20/22; installation will take place the following week.

**PERSONNEL:** nothing at this time

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

**STREETS &  
HIGHWAYS:** Jay said paving bids would be opened tonight along with the seal coat bid; Public Works has been filling holes with hot patch this week.

**REFUSE:** Fred Merrill reminded everyone about Spring Clean-up on May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>; he also mentioned brush pickup on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AMEND AGENDA:**

President Greg Miller said he was seeking approval to address action items that were received since the agenda was posted. He said he would need a motion to amend the agenda to add the acceptance of Chief Rodney Witherite's resignation, approval of the severance agreement and a motion to appoint an officer-in-charge. Todd Moyer made the motion, seconded by Fred Merrill; 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.

**SEAL COAT PROPOSAL:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the seal coat proposal as presented to Delaware Township. 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 OF LOW BID PROPOSAL FOR 2022 PAVING:**

President Greg Miller opened the following bid proposals for the 2022 paving:

- **HRI, Inc.** **\$91,530.50**
- **New Enterprise Stone & Lime** **\$80,155.00**
- **Big Rock Paving, LLC** **\$71,470.00**
- **Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.** **\$84,473.50**
- **Dave Gutelius Excavating** **\$83,169.30**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Big Rock Paving, LLC as low bidder pending review of the proposal. 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.

**BATHROOM  
UPGRADES AT  
MEMORIAL PARK:**

President Greg Miller opened the following bids for bathroom upgrades at Memorial Park:

- **Gary Stutzman** **\$4,800.00**
- **Buck's Plumbing & Heating** **\$6,880.00**

A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Todd Moyer to accept Gary Stutzman as low bidder upon review. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Confer	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- abstain

Motion carried by majority vote.

**WARRIOR RUN  
SENIOR  
PROCESSION:**

Upon receipt of a request from Warrior Run Student Council Co-Advisors, Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve a procession of seniors through Watsontown on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. 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.

**STREET  
CLOSING FOR  
AUCTION:**

A request was received from Bruce A. Musser, Auctioneer, to close the 100 block of Liberty Street on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for an auction at the residence of Diane McIntyre (101 Liberty Street) for safety reasons. Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the request. 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.

**2022 KIDS' CAFÉ:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the 2022 lunch program for Kids' Café at Memorial Park. 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.

**WITHERITE  
RESIGNATION:**

A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Dennis Confer to accept Chief Rodney Witherite's resignation and approval of the severance agreement as presented. 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.

Someone in the audience asked why our Chief of Police resigned; Mayor McClintock answered; further comments where made. The meeting moved forward.

**OFFICER  
IN CHARGE  
APPOINTED:**

After a discussion, Mayor Russell McClintock recommended appointing Leutenant Chris Snyder as the Officer-in-Charge. A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Todd Miller to approve the Mayor's recommendation. 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.

Hal Crozier of 307 Main Street asked if this was an "acting" appointment, Council confirmed it was.

**REPORTS:**

**POLICE:** written

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY**

**MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE**

**ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH**

**MANAGER:** written

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

**SECRETARY:** nothing to add

**LETTERS:** A resident made a comment regarding the anonymous letters recently received.

**FYI's:**

Brush pickup – Tuesday, May 10th  
2022 Spring Clean-up - May 16th, 17th & 18th  
Planning Commission Meeting – May 16th  
Committee Workshop – May 23rd  
Office closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day  
Council Meeting – June 13<sup>th</sup>

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer