

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
June 11, 2018**

OPENING: The June 11, 2018 Watsonstown 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, Watsonstown. The opening prayer was given by Mayor Russ 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, Brent Frey, Harry Hefty, Mayor Russ McClintock, Solicitor John DeWald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Dan Folk was at the PSAB Annual Conference in Hershey, PA.

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Moyer, Tom Hetherington, Stacie Adam, Cindy Crozier, Angie Cooper, Virginia Wirth and Dennis Derr.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2018 Council Meeting and the May 29, 2018 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes	Folk	- absent

All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: After a question and answer regarding Solicitor fees, Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve June's bills and transfers in the amount of \$253,243.29. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

K-9 for DRUG ENFORCEMENT Chief Witherite presented the "Throw Away Dog Program" to Council. Many spoke in support of the Borough getting a dog from the program to be used for drug enforcement as well as public relations. Those who spoke in support of the dog included Dr. Tristan Wilhelm of Susquehanna Trail Animal Hospital, Northumberland County District

Attorney Tony Matulewicz, former Chief of Police Dennis Derr, Cindy Crozier and Angie Cooper of Haven to Home, Mayor Russ McClintock and Watsontown Police Officer Timothy Keifaber. Many offered monetary and physical support of the program. After a lengthy question and answer session, President Greg Miller vacated his Chair to Vice President Ken Hollenbach to make a motion to approve to accept the donation of a dog, a second was given by Harry Hefty. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes		(with dissention)
Miller	- yes	Hefty	- yes

During the roll call, the Chief said if the program fails, he will shut it down.

President Greg Miller returned to the Chair of the meeting.

VISITORS: Debbie Bieber was listed on the agenda but unable to come to tonight's meeting.

THANK YOU: The Borough was in receipt of a thank you from J.A. Babay from the Montgomery House Library for our annual donation.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK: Diana Johnson of First National Bank pursued an increase in interest rates on the Borough's Reserve Accounts from .9% to 1.30%. The rate is guaranteed through June 30, 2019. A thank you will be sent to thank her for her great customer service.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Harry Hefty stated the Borough's finances are in good condition.

CEMETERY: nothing

ELECTRIC: Harry Hefty spoke of the (ppa) "electric purchase power adjustment".

INSURANCE: Jay said July 1st is the insurance deadline; Jay is expecting a quote from Penn Prime at any time.

PARKS & RECREATION: Ken Hollenbach and Jay said work will begin this week on the Boat Ramp and the Walking Trail.

Ken also spoke as a committee member of the "Down Town Revitalization Project". He asked for Council to give thought to investing \$50,000.00 in seed money to the project. Jay said Council could discuss the matter further at Committee Workshop.

PERSONNEL: nothing

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Jay said the dump truck has been refurbished and returned to the Public Works Department; it will last another 5 years. Jay said it was \$5,000.00 well spent by Council versus \$65,000.00 on a new dump truck.

Todd Moyer asked about if the street sweeper was still out for repair; Jay said it was but Milton has agreed to sweep our streets to prepare for the Warrior Run Firemen’s Parade on Saturday.

Brent Frey asked if the storm water project was complete yet; Jay said it is not as he is waiting on additional pricing for (2) spots. Brent asked Jay to look at spots on 8th Street near Moran Industries. Jay said he’s been in contact with contact with Penn Dot.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming garbage contract and the need to put it out for bid; Solicitor DeWald said it exceeds the \$19,000.00 threshold. Harry Hefty said all factors are considered when awarding the garbage contract.

LAND DONATION: Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Brent Frey to accept the property donation from the Warrior Run Community Corporation. Jay said the Borough’s property insurance will only increase by \$10.00. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

DUI CHECK POINT: Sargeant Greg Drollinger explained the DUI check point program and requested Council’s permission for the Watsontown Police Department to participate in it. The program is paid for by the state and conducted on “non-working” hours. Harry Hefty made a motion, seconded by Brent Frey to approve Watsontown’s participation in the DUI check point program. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**7TH STREET
CLOSURE on
6/30/18:**

After a short conversation regarding a request from Sandy Rutherford, , Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the closure of 7th Street between Elm and Pool Streets on June 30, 2018 from to 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm for an anniversary party. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**YOGA IN
THE PARK:**

Melissa Spotts requested Council's approval to conduct Yoga in the Watsontown Park by the river in the evening and possibly a weekend morning; Jay said she has liability insurance. Ken Hollenbach made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Todd Moyer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes	Hefty	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: The Mayor thanked Council for voting to approve the K-9 for the Watsontown Police Department.

POLICE: written

Chief Witherite thanked Council for their support and stressed his department will do their very best.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT:** nothing

Jay made note that the Emergency Management Committee is to meet to look at supplies and equipment at the garage.

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: Solicitor DeWald had nothing to add.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

Ken Hollenbach asked about the leak in the ceiling of Council Chambers.

PUBLIC WORKS: written

Brent Frey thanked the Public Works Department for their work around town getting ready for Memorial Day; he commended them for all the work they do; he said they do an excellent job. Mayor McClintock said the Borough crew is a great group of guys; Chief Witherite commented on the fine job they did in the cemetery.

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** nothing

FYI's: President Greg Miller mentioned the following:

Warrior Run Area Fire Department Carnival – 6/11/18-6/16/18
Brush pick-up – 6/12/18
Warrior Run Fireman's Parade – 6/16/18 @ 5 pm
Planning Commission Meeting – 6/18/18 @ 7:30 pm
Committee Workshop – 6/25/18 @ 7:00 pm
4th of July Parade – 7/4/18 @ 10 am

Mayor McClintock spoke of attendance at Kids Café; the public is encouraged to come down.

Brent Frey spoke of Park Ranger Simpson and troubles at the park bathroom.

Ken Hollenbach asked about Council walking in the 4th of July Parade.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting by President Greg Miller at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer