

**Watsonstown Borough  
Council Meeting  
June 14, 2021**

**OPENING:** The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 14, 2021 in Council Chambers, 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. Dennis Confer updated Council regarding his wife's current health condition; 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:** Vera Young, Kevin Mertz, Janet Rump and Brent Frey

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** A motion was made by Fred Merrill, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the meeting minutes from May 10, 2021 and May 24, 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:** A motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve June's bills and transfers in the amount of \$244,053.76. 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.

There were no visitors or correspondence.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Miller announced an Executive Session to follow tonight's meeting.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

Jay said the audit is ongoing; he assumes we will have something within the next couple weeks at which time the Finance Committee will meet to present the 2020 Audit Report to Council.

**CEMETERY:** Brent Frey spoke of the picture included in Council's packet - a wall to improve the appearance of the cemetery wall along Brimmer Avenue. He said there would be (4) tiers from DanBer in Danville at a cost of \$1,500.00 and Public Works would do the work. The discussion continued; Jay asked for a sample for Council to see.

**ELECTRIC:** Brent Frey said we had a power outage this evening; it was restored at 5:15 pm.

**INSURANCE:** nothing at this time

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Due to the carnival, the park is being used. The cameras have been installed; slight vandalism in the park. The new restroom doors were installed; Jay said after the carnival – the officers will start locking the bathroom doors at dusk.

**PERSONNEL:** Executive Session tonight; no action will be taken.

**PROTECTION to PERSONS & PROPERTY:** The Mayor asked to discuss the use of the Santander Bank Building. The Watsontown Historical Association met with Ed Wenger; Brent spoke on behalf of his wife and the Historical Association – a proposal is coming. The discussion continued; Jay, Dan Folk, the Chief, Todd Moyer, Fred Merrill, Ralph Young, Dennis Confer and Greg Miller all spoke regarding their concerns, opinions and desires for the bank building and parking lot. The conditions of the current Borough Building was discussed; the Chief said Josh Lloyd's proposal was approx. \$270,000.00 to renovate the bank. Others spoke including the Solicitor regarding the need for public comment before action is taken and the appraisal process; Brent asked Council to make their decision so the Historical Association knows which direction to go. President Miller asked for the bank to be placed on the agenda for the Committee Workshop.

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** nothing at this time

**REFUSE:** nothing at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CEMETERY WALL:** Jay and Brent suggested Council table their decision on the cemetery wall; the color of the material is of concern to some members.

**UNICO QUOTE – Basketball Sealcoating:** Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer approving Unico’s quote for \$1,450.00 to sealcoat the basketball courts; Public Works will paint the lines. 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.

They continued with talk of backboards and rims for the basketball court; additional discussion followed regarding the parking lots at the Park and the Borough Building.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** nothing to add

**POLICE:** written

The Chief mentioned his department has received their yearly mandatory firearms training.

**FIRE & AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY MGMT.:** nothing to add

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** written

Jay said he has submitted comments to the Treasury Department regarding the stimulus money use rules; he is expecting a return call from the Senator Casey’s office. The money hasn’t been received yet.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

Brent said the light at Lingle's was installed today.

**BOROUGH**

**SECRETARY:** nothing to add

**MOVIE MARQUIS:** Dennis Confer mentioned Shane Erb's use of the theatre's marquis for advertising local events. Jay said he has spoken to Shane regarding USDA grant opportunities. The discussion continued.

**FYI's:**

- **Firemen's Carnival – Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**
- **Firemen's Parade – Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration – Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 10 am**

**PARADE -  
JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Jay asked Council to walk in the parade on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**NO PARKING:**

Jay asked Kevin Mertz to include "no parking on Main Street on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm until after the Firemen's Parade" in the newspaper.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer