

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
June 12, 2023**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7 pm on Monday, June 12, 2023 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Russell McClintock was absent.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Greg Miller, Vice President Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Fred Merrill, Ralph Young, Roy Smedley, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, RKK Dandes of the Daily Item, Dave Powell, Crystal Moyer, Brent Frey, Erica Frey and Julia Erb

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve minutes from the May 8, 2023 Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve June's bills and transfers in the amount of \$284,943.96. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

VISITORS: Erica Frey spoke on behalf of the Watsonstown Historical Association; she requested use of the parking lot area for the organization's grand

opening August 18th, 19th and 20th. They plan to have food trucks, vendors and a band. Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMA: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time; others said the cemetery looked great for Memorial Day; Jay also spoke of the cemetery wall repair to take place in July.

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

PARKS & RECREATION: nothing at this time; Brent said the riverbank has now been cleared.

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: none

NEW BUSINESS:

**AMEND CIVIL
SERVICE
REGULATIONS:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to amend the Civil Service Regulations, extending the probation period for new hires to 12 months. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**PLAQUE
PURCHASE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the purchase of a plaque in honor of Dr. Yannacone, in the amount of \$575.00 for the fountain area. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL
LEAGUE UPDATE
CONFERENCE:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving Jay's attendance at the Municipal League Update Conference – August 2nd & August 3rd. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Young	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**PA MUNICIPAL
ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving Jay's attendance at the PA Municipal Electric Association Conference – September 6th through September 8th. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: absent

POLICE: written

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** none

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; Jay spoke regarding the Farmers' Market and Joe Snedeker of WNEP coming to Watsontown on Tuesday, July 25th at 6 am.

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** Brendi spoke of the Borough's commitment to Kids Café' through (2) meals, ice cream, school supplies and toys for their Christmas in July.

THANK YOU: A thank you card was read from Debby Bieber of the Watsontown Centennial Lioness Lions Club.

SOUND SYSTEM: Dave Powell asked if it is possible to help the American Legion with a sound system for Memorial Day Services. At times, it is impossible to hear those speaking.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:** When asked, President Greg Miller said an Executive Session was held on Monday, May 22, 2023 for personnel-contract negotiations.

**4th of JULY
PARADE:** Brendi asked Council to let her know who was planning on walking in the 4th of July parade. She will look to get shirts for the group.

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

Brush Pick up – June 13, 2023

Farmers' Market - June 17, 2023

Planning Commission – June 19, 2023

Farmers' Market – June 24, 2023

Committee Workshop – June 26, 2023

**Wednesdays in Watsonstown (Music at the Canal Boat) –
June 28th**

Farmers' Market – July 1, 2023

4th of July Celebration – starting at 9:30 am on July 4, 2023

*****Borough Office & Public Works closed*****

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer