

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
June 13, 2022**

**OPENING:** The Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 13, 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, Dennis Confer, Fred Merrill, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Mayor Russell McClintock, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Ralph Young participated by telephone.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Hontz, Ginny Wertman, MaryAnn Everetts, Janet Rump, Gene Kilgus, Jenadelle Burrows, Roberta Brown, John Burrows, Carolyn Powell, Dave Powell, Dennis Derr, Jennifer Gainer, Larry Bieber, Laura Kitner, Troy Kitner, Crystal Moyer, Donna Reeder, Erica Frey, Brent Frey, Harry Hefty, Julia Erb and Sue Hefty

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the meeting minutes from the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting and the May 23, 2022 Committee Workshop. 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:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the June's bills and transfers in the amount of \$361,301.70. 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:** On behalf of the Watsontown Historical Association, Erica Frey, Diana Johnson and Larry Bieber presented Borough Council with a check to purchase the Santander Bank. A round of applause and pictures followed.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** Laura Kitner from T.K. Tackle requested permission to plan a family fun night on July 9, 2022 from 4-8 pm to include music, bikes, skateboards, roller skating and a few vendors. Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to approve the event. 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.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Russell McClintock issued a Pride Month Proclamation for the month of June 2022.

**REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

**EMA:** nothing at this time

**CEMETERY:** nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** Jay had a phone conference with AMP – they will make recommendations on distribution charges after an auction next month. The Borough is covered another 7 years by contract for the energy cost itself.

**INSURANCE:** nothing at this time

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Denny mentioned carnival and Kids Café at the park. Others gave more information regarding the lunch program including Officer Keifaber’s K-9 project and the Borough providing a lunch for Kids Café.

**PERSONNEL:** nothing at this time

**PROTECTION  
To PERSONS &  
PROPERTY:**

The Mayor said the police department will be busy with the carnival and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**STREETS &  
HIGHWAYS:**

nothing at this time

**REFUSE:**

Fred Merrill reminded everyone of brush pick-up tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEW CHIEF  
APPOINTED:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Lt. Christopher Snyder as Chief of Police. 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. A round of applause followed; the Mayor swore Chief Snyder into office followed by another round of applause and pictures. Chief Snyder spoke briefly regarding his excitement to begin this new chapter. A resident asked the Chief to introduce each officer in attendance, each stood to be recognized.

**POLICE  
COMPUTER  
UPGRADES:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve a Topp Business Solutions invoice for \$2574.00 to upgrade computers for the Police Department. 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.

**RESOLUTION  
2022-02:**

Officer Keifaber spoke regarding the succession of K9 Mariska. He said when K9 Mariska is ready to retire, she will retire to his home as his pet. He reminded Council that neither are certified without the other. She currently has 4 years of service and the average working life of 7 years. A motion was made by Dennis Confer, seconded by Dan Folk to approve Resolution 2022-02. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the social media policy as presented by Solicitor Jon DeWald. 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.

**RESIGNATION:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to accept Bucky Allis' resignation from the Civil Service Commission. 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.

**NEW CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBER:**

Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint Brian Harrison to the Civil Service Commission until December 31, 2023. 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.

**PAY INCREASE – TIM HALUCK:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve a pay increase for Tim Haluck, Public Works, from \$10.80 to \$13.00. 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.

**CONFERENCES:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill for Jay to attend the PA Municipal Legal Update conference on July 27th and 28th and the PA Municipal Electric Association conference on September 8th and 9th. 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.

**HANDICAP PARKING:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve handicap parking space at 416 Main Street by William Young. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor McClintock congratulated Chief Snyder.

**POLICE:** written

**FIRE & AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY MGMNT.:** nothing to add

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH**

**MANAGER:** written

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written

**SECRETARY:** Brendi asked for shirt sizes for those walking in the parade.

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

**Brush pickup - Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Planning Commission Meeting - June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Committee Workshop - June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Office closed on Monday, July 4<sup>h</sup> for Independence Day**

**Council Meeting - July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer