

**Watsonstown Borough
Council Meeting
July 11, 2022**

OPENING: The Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 11, 2022 in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. 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, Ralph Young, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Fred Merrill was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Harrison, Gene Kilgus, Doug Bridge, Vera Young, Ken Hollenbach, Stacie Adam, Robert Brown, Dave Powell, Crystal Moyer, Brent Frey, Erica Frey, Matt Stulberg of the Standard-Journal and Julia Erb

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving the June 13, 2022 Council Meeting and June 27, 2022 Committee Workshop minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving July's bills and transfers in the amount of \$373,444.31. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Donna and Doug Bridge of Kingdom Kidz presented Officer Geoff Noviello and Fire Chief Doug Funk with gifts of appreciation for their

recent heroism. Both men responded to a recent accident at the Kingdom Kidz home. A round of applause and pictures followed.

WATSONTOWN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Erica Frey of the Watsonstown Historical Association asked permission to use the lawn at 109 Main Street on July 24, 2022 from 6 to 8 pm for an Ice Cream Social. Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the request. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

ROB BROWN:

Rob Brown said he was interested in hearing publicly the dollar amount from Rodney Witherite's severance package, how it was determined and how it could be justified. Solicitor Jon DeWald answered his questions. Rob Brown continued by expressing his concern and opinion and also questioned the precedence it sets for future employees. Lastly, he asked about plans for proceeds from the bank, the use of the cemetery property and the use of the economic stimulus monies. President Miller encouraged Rob Brown to bring these issues to committee workshop.

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:

Dennis Confer spoke of the carnival and the 4th of July. Jay mentioned a future ribbon cutting at the pump track; he is hoping T.K. Tackle can do another event to include a ribbon cutting ceremony with Representative Lynda Culver and Senator John Gordner. Both were instrumental in getting us monies from DCED. The Mayor and Dan

Folk spoke about the successful T.K. Tackle event; suggestions, signage and rules were further discussed.

President Miller commended the 4th of July Committee for their great job. Dan Folk spoke about record numbers at the car show.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

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

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:** Ralph Young spoke of his concern for dangerous truck traffic on Liberty Street; Chief Chris Snyder said signs are at both ends of the street prohibiting truck traffic and his department patrol of the area. A resident spoke regarding trains blocking the railroad crossing on Eighth Street.

REFUSE: nothing at this time

**AGENDA
AMENDED:** President Greg Miller announced a few amendments to tonight's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

**KINGDOM KIDZ
BLOCK PARTY:** Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve a request from Kingdom Kidz to close a portion of 3rd Street to hold a block party on August 6, 2022 from 4 to 8 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**WARRIOR RUN
YOUTH
FOOTBALL
REQUEST:** Dennis Confer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve a request from Warrior Run Youth Football to use our fields at Memorial Park for practice; they will provide proof of liability insurance. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

TURBOTVILLE LANDSCAPE - PRUNING QUOTE: Ralph Young made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve a pruning quote from Turbotville Landscape for \$1,350.00 to trim the trees at the South end of town. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

AMEND CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS: Chief Snyder spoke regarding a few changes in regulations the Civil Service Commission is requesting to their examination and evaluation process. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

YOUTH MEMORIAL CENTER BOARD: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Dennis Confer to appoint Greg Miller and Todd Moyer the Watsonstown Memorial Youth Center Board. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: Mayor McClintock commended the police department for their good job over the holiday.

Dennis Confer asked about our assistance of the Milton Police Department; Chief Snyder spoke to the concern. Dennis also commended the department's "foot patrol" and police presence.

POLICE: written

Chief Snyder said the K9 Project provided lunch at Kids Café today; Sergeant Kiefaber and Mariska gave a presentation to approx. 30 kids.

KIDS CAFÉ: Dennis Confer and Mayor McClintock spoke regarding this year's school and church food and snack donations to Kids Café.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

Dennis Confer thanked the fire company for assisting the Montgomery Fire Department with their carnival. Brian Harrison spoke further about mutual assistance and support between fire departments. A round of applause followed.

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT.:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: Jon said he was in receipt of information from Jennifer Freeze from Comcast; he will have further information at Committee Workshop.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: written

Brent Frey spoke to Rob Brown's concern for the cemetery property and Public Work's use of the property; he also thanked Borough Council for making a great business decision in paying the Chief's severance as he and his family were a target; a round of applause followed.

THANK YOU'S: Brendi read cards received by the Borough from Jim Robison of the Watsontown Historical Association, the Hetherington's and the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Todd Moyer thanked, Brent, Public Works, Lisa and Brendi for the job they do.

FYI's: **Brush pickup – Tuesday, July 12th**
 Planning Commission Meeting – Monday, July 18th
 Committee Workshop – Monday, July 25th
 National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2, 2022
 Council Meeting – Monday, August 8th

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer