

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
September 10, 2018**

**OPENING:** The September 10, 2018 Watson town 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, Watson town. The opening prayer was given by Mayor Russell 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, Dan Folk, Mayor Russell McClintock, Solicitor Joh Dewald, Chief of Police Rodney Witherite, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Harry Hefty was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Mertz (Standard Journal), Janet Rump, Bob Frey, Vera Young, Ralph Young, Stacie Adams, David Spotts, Virginia Wirth, Nicolette Cunningham, Courtney McHugh.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Greg Miller said prior to tonight’s meeting, Council held an Executive Session for personnel.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 Council Meeting and the minutes from the August 24, 2018 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** After a question from Brent Frey, a motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Todd Moyer, to approve the bills and transfers in the amount of \$268,555.92. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** none

**THANK YOU:** Brendi said Council was in receipt of thank you cards from the following: Liz Folk, Kids Café and the Watsontown Historical Association.

**BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY NURSING STUDENTS:** Nursing students from Bloomsburg University said they were doing a community assessment of Watsontown and will be holding a Health Promotion Day. It is a teaching and wellness program. Council invited them to come to the Borough.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** Jay said he will be preparing information for upcoming budget workshops when he returns from vacation.

**CEMETERY:** nothing

**ELECTRIC:** nothing

**INSURANCE:** Jay said he is continuing to work on getting quotes for workers compensation and liability insurance. He is working with (2) companies as well as our current company.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** nothing

**PERSONNEL:** nothing

**PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:** nothing

**STREETS & HUGHWAYS:** nothing

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:** nothing

**MEETING:** Jay said there will be a meeting with Lynda Culver on September 20<sup>th</sup>. He will keep Council informed with the details, per Brent Frey's request.

**TERMINATION:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to terminate part-time police officer David Williams. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**REFUSE BID:** President Miller said the Borough was in receipt of only (1) bid for the refuse contract. Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to award the 2019, 2020 and 2021 refuse bid to Bob Frey Disposal at \$149,715.00 per year/\$12,476.25 per month. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- abstain		

(conflict of interest)

Motion carried by majority vote.

**WATSON EXCAVATING - APPLICATION #2:** A motion was made by Todd Moyer, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve payment of application #2 for Watson Excavating for the work being done on the boat launch project in the amount of \$22,928.21. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Hollenbach	- yes
Frey	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

Jay said Lynn Watson was in contact with him regarding potential flooding and the need to move equipment. A brief discussion was held regarding the project's progress.

**WABA HALLOWEEN PARADE:** Brent Frey made a motion, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to approve WABA's request to hold their annual Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Frey	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**LIONS CLUB – SAUERKRAUT:**

A motion was made by Ken Hollenbach, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the Lion’s Club’s use of the DPW garage to make sauerkraut. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**“OUR TOWN” SERIES:**

Jay briefed Council about Watsonstown’s participation in WVIA Public Broadcasting ‘s “Our Town” series. Jay clarified that Council was approving participation, there is no financial obligation. Another spoke of the broadcasting of the Sesquicentennial last year; Jay said people might be asked to answer phones during the broadcast. Ken Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the Borough’s participation. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes		

Motion carried by majority vote.

**PROJECT NAMED:**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dan Folk, seconded by Ken Hollenbach to name the boat launch project the William “Jack” Marshall Recreation Area. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- no	Miller	- yes
Hollenbach	- yes	Frey	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McClintock said he’s seen the police department has been extremely busy and to “keep up the good work”.

**POLICE:**

written

Chief Witherite spoke regarding the current status of the dog project and a vehicle. Donations continue to come in. The county is to pay Officer Keifaber’s wages and hotel expenses during his training. The Chief and Ken Hollenbach also answered questions about his monthly incident report.

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:** nothing

**EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT:** The Mayor said the fire company received and used the pumps.  
Jay said the “Swift 911” system was used today per Ken Hollenbach’s suggestion. Brendi spoke of a few things learned with today’s call.

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:** written

**BOROUGH  
SOLICITOR:** nothing

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER:** written  
Jay also reminded Council of the upcoming Legislative Breakfast.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** nothing

**BOROUGH  
SECRETARY:** nothing

**COMMENTS:** A member of the audience said the weeds had been recently cut on Liberty Street.

**FYI’s:** Final brush pick-up – 9/11/18  
Planning Commission Meeting – 9/17/18 @ 7:30 pm  
Committee Workshop – 9/24/18 @ 7:00 pm  
Watson town Yard Sales – 9/29/18  
WABA Customer Appreciation Day – Breast Cancer Awareness  
on 10/1/18 from 11 am - 1 pm

**BRUSH PICK-UP:** Brent asked if we received any calls requested additional pick-ups. Brendi said there were not.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer