

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
September 11, 2023**

**OPENING:** The September 11, 2023 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 11, 2023 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, Fred Merrill, Roy Smedley, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Solicitor Jon Dewald & Ralph Young were absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Rump, Robert Reinitz, Jennifer Reinitz, Thomas Reinitz, Shannon Smedley, Julia Erb, JA Babay, Dave Powell, Virginia Wirth and Brent Frey

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Fred Merrill made a motion seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2023 Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve bills and transfers for the month of September, 2023 in the amount of \$426,287.89. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Moyer   | - yes | Miller  | - yes |
| Smedley | - yes | Merrill | - yes |
| Folk    | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:**

Tom Reinitz of Boy Scout Troop 610 presented plans for a Gaga ball pit at Memorial Park for his Eagle Scout Project. Fred Merrill made a motion; seconded by Dan Folk to approve the project. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Smedley | - yes | Merrill | - yes |
| Folk    | - yes | Moyer   | - yes |
| Miller  | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**WINTER WONDERLAND:**

Shannon Smedley of the Watsonstown Winterfest Committee spoke regarding the upcoming event. They have set the event for December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and held in conjunction with WABA's Santa Claus arrival and tree lighting. They have applications for 70 vendors and many more exciting things.

**LIBRARY:**

J.A. Babay of the Montgomery House Library gave a summary of current happenings at the library. She thanked Council for their continued support.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:**

nothing at this time

**EMERGENCY MGMNT:**

nothing at this time

**CEMETERY:**

nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:**

nothing at this time

Jay mentioned the recent PMEA Conference & business meeting.

**INSURANCE:**

nothing at this time

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Jay spoke about the grant for the half pipe track.

**PERSONNEL:**

nothing at this time

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

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

**REFUSE:** nothing at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HANDICAP PARKING:** Todd Moyer made a motion seconded by Roy Smedley to approve a handicap parking space at 19 East Third Street for Tim Felix. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Folk    | - yes | Moyer   | - yes |
| Miller  | - yes | Smedley | - yes |
| Merrill | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**LIONS CLUB:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the Lions Club use of the Public Works garage to make sauerkraut. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Miller  | - yes | Smedley | - yes |
| Merrill | - yes | Folk    | - yes |
| Moyer   | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving WABA's Annual Halloween Parade on Elm Street on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |        |       |
|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| Merrill | - yes | Folk   | - yes |
| Moyer   | - yes | Miller | - yes |
| Smedley | - yes |        |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**TRICK OR TREATING:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the Borough Trick or Treating on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Moyer   | - yes | Miller  | - yes |
| Smedley | - yes | Merrill | - yes |
| Folk    | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**HOMECOMING PARADE:**

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the Warrior Run Student Council's Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm on Main Street. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Smedley | - yes | Merrill | - yes |
| Folk    | - yes | Moyer   | - yes |
| Miller  | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**BUDGET MEETINGS:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded Todd Moyer approving to advertise the 2024 Budget Meetings. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Folk    | - yes | Moyer   | - yes |
| Miller  | - yes | Smedley | - yes |
| Merrill | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**POLICE – 2024 MMO:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation at \$127,708.00 for the Police Pension fund. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Miller  | - yes | Smedley | - yes |
| Merrill | - yes | Folk    | - yes |
| Moyer   | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**NON-UNIFORM 2024 MMO:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation at \$69,561.00 for the Non-

Uniform Pension Fund. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |        |       |
|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| Merrill | - yes | Folk   | - yes |
| Moyer   | - yes | Miller | - yes |
| Smedley | - yes |        |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**TRUCK/CAR/  
BIKE SHOW:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving a Truck/Car/Bike Show on October 15, 2023, hosted by Olivia Reed of Meadowbrook Christian School. The event is covered under the Borough's insurance policy. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Moyer   | - yes | Miller  | - yes |
| Smedley | - yes | Merrill | - yes |
| Folk    | - yes |         |       |

All in favor; motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:**

The Mayor spoke regarding the grand opening of the Watsontown Historical Association's Museum.

**POLICE:**

written

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:**

written

**EMA:**

nothing to add

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:**

written

**SOLICITOR:**

absent

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER:**

written

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

written

**SECRETARY:** Brendi and Jay spoke of the upcoming yard sales and the Borough's sale of yard sale permits for non-Borough residents to benefit the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Fund.

**FYI's:** Farmers' Market – every Saturday – 9am to noon – Canal Boat Pavilion  
Brush pick-up – September 12, 2023  
Planning Commission – September 18, 2023  
Watsonstown Yard Sales – September 23, 2023  
Committee Workshop – September 25, 2023  
Breast Cancer/Customer Appreciation Day – Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer