

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
January 13, 2025**

OPENING: The January 13, 2025 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7 pm in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Doug Funk representing the Warrior Run Area Fire Department, Janet Rump, Randy Minium, Joanne Minium, Bre Kapp, Easton Kapp, Ralph Young, Christa Confair, Crystal Moyer, Julia Erb and Brent Frey

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Greg Miller said an Executive Session will follow tonight’s meeting for legal matters and they will not return to a public session.

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the December 9, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Hetherington	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve January’s bills and transfers in the amount of \$450,260.90. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hetherington	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

FLOOD MAP: Connor Blackwell presented Borough Council with a flood plain map that he designed and created using his education and skills to “give back” to Watson town. The map will be a great asset to the Borough

and used by many. President Miller thanked Connor; pictures were taken and a round of applause followed.

**WRAFD
LSA GRANT:**

Fire Chief Doug Funk representing the Warrior Run Area Fire Department thanked Council for their help and support in obtaining the LSA Grant of \$270,000.00. This grant will allow the upgrade of our police and fire department radios. They are on order as of January 10, 2025. A round of applause followed.

**WINTER
WONDERLAND:**

Members of the 2024 Winter Wonderland Committee came to thank Council and Public Works for their continued support of their event. They mentioned the many vendors, food trucks, churches, boy scouts, etc. that participated in last year's event. Shannon Smedley introduced JoAnne Minium as their new committee chair- person. Next year's event will be December 5th and 6th, 2025. Pictures were taken and a round of applause followed.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE:

Tom Hetherington said per the auditors – the 2023 audit was “a job well done”!

EMA:

Mayor McClintock said the Connor Blackwell's map will be an asset!

CEMETERY:

nothing at this time

ELECTRIC:

nothing at this time

INSURANCE:

nothing at this time

**PARKS &
RECREATIONS:**

nothing at this time

PERSONNEL:

nothing at this time

**PROTECTION
TO PERSONS &
PROPERTY:**

nothing at this time

**STREETS
HIGHWAYS:**

Brent Frey introduced the Borough's new Public Works Supervisor, Bill Buck.

REFUSE:

nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL STIPEND JOHN ROBBINS: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving a \$1,000.00 annual stipend through 2029 for John Robbins for his retirement. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hetherington	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

WRIT of EXECUTION: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the Solicitor to file a Writ of Execution regarding Watsontown Rehabilitation at a cost of \$2,000.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Folk	- yes	Hetherington	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-01: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington approving Resolution 2025-01, which established the electric base purchase power adjustment (PPA) per recommendation of Norm Baron, Utility Engineering. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Hetherington	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

WRAFD CARNIVAL: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the Warrior Run Area Fire Department's use of Memorial Park from June 3, 2025 through June 20, 2025 for their annual carnival. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Hetherington	- yes	Folk	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to add

POLICE: written; Chief Snyder spoke briefly regarding the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Program; another huge success!

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; nothing to add

PUBLIC WORKS: written; nothing to add

SECRETARY: nothing to add

FYI's: President Miller read over upcoming events:

- Christmas trees are still being picked up through January 31st
- Next Committee Workshop January 27, 2025 @ 6 pm
- Next Council Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 7 pm

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke, Secretary/Treasurer