

**Watson town Borough
Re-Organization Meeting
January 2, 2024**

**OPENING
And OATH:** The January 2, 2024 Watson town Borough Re-Organization Meeting began at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock began by swearing in Councilmen Greg Miller, Todd Moyer, Roy Smedley, Fred Merrill and Tom Hetherington. The Mayor gave the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**THOSE
PRESENT:** Greg Miller, Dan Folk, Todd Moyer, Roy Smedley, Fred Merrill, Tom Hetherington, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Jay Jarrett and Brendi Brooke

**OTHERS
PRESENT:** Janet Rump, Vera & Ralph Young, Joe Sylvester of the Standard Journal and Brent Frey

PRESIDENT: Mayor McClintock took nominations for Council President. Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to appoint Greg Miller as President. 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.

**VICE
PRESIDENT:** Mayor McClintock took nominations for Vice President. Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Dan Folk as Vice President. 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.

**PRESIDENT:
PRO TEMPORE:** Mayor McClintock took nominations for President Pro Tempore. Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint Todd Moyer as President Pro Tempore. A roll call vote was taken as follow:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

At this time, the Mayor turned the meeting over to President Greg Miller.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Greg Miller announced a short Executive Session after tonight's meeting and not returning to Public Session.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint Jay Jarrett as Borough Manager. 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.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint Brendi Brooke as Secretary/Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to appoint Lisa Davis as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

SOLICITOR:

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall as the Borough Solicitor. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

DEPOSITORY: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to appoint First National Bank as the Borough's depository. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

VACANCY BOARD: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to re-appoint Virginia Wirth as the Vacancy Board Chairperson. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the January 2024 bills and transfers in the amount of \$291,800.51. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

THANK YOU: Council received a thank you from Donna Bridge of Kingdom Kidz for the donation to the Lisa K. Derr Mural Fund.

LEHIGH ENGINEERING: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to re-appoint Lehigh Engineering as the Borough's engineer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

FIRE BOARD: Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley extending Greg Miller's term on the Warrior Run Fire Board thru December 31, 2027. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

CRISWELL RESIGNATION: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to accept the resignation of Connie Criswell from the Zoning Hearing Board. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

AGREEMENT Of SALE: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to authorize Greg Miller, Council President, to sign the agreement of sale for 720 Ash Street for the sum of \$220,000.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to add

POLICE: written; Chief Snyder said the deadline for police applicants is Friday, January 5, 2024. He also said the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Program helped 165 kids directly and a total of 230 kids in conjunction with the Turbotville Lions Club and the Two Sister's Toy Drive.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** nothing to add

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

PUBLIC WORKS: nothing to add

SECRETARY: nothing to add

720 ASH STREET: A member of the audience had a few questions regarding 720 Ash Street; Jay answered.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi I. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer