

**Watson town Borough
Re-Organization Meeting
January 5, 2026**

OPENING: The January 5, 2026 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7 pm in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Vincent Difonzo and Julia Erb

PRESIDENT: Mayor McClintock took nominations for Council President. Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to appoint Greg Miller as President. Tom Hetherington made the motion to close nominations. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Hetherington	- yes	Stankiewicz	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT: Mayor McClintock took nominations for Council Vice President. Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to appoint Todd Moyer as Vice President. Tom Hetherington made the motion to close nominations. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hetherington	- yes	Stankiewicz	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: Mayor McClintock took nominations for Council President Pro Tempore. Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to appoint Fred Merrill as President Pro Tempore. Tom

Hetherington made the motion to close nominations. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Stankiewicz	- yes	Hetherington	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Jay Jarrett as Borough Manager. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Stankiewicz	- yes	Hetherington	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**SECRETARY/
TREASURER:**

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

Stankiewicz	- yes	Hetherington	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

**ASSISTANT
SECRETARY/
TREASURER:**

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

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Hetherington	- yes	Stankiewicz	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

SOLICITOR:

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

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Hetherington	- yes	Stankiewicz	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

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

Hetherington	- yes	Stankiewicz	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

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

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Stankiewicz	- yes	Hetherington	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the Council Meeting minutes from December 8, 2025. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Merrill	- yes
Stankiewicz	- yes	Hetherington	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- 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 \$457,673.26. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Stankiewicz	- yes	Hetherington	- yes
Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

THANK YOU: Brendi read a letter to Council from J. A. Babay at the Montgomery House Library thanking Council for their recent donation to the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

CIVIL SERVICE: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to re-appoint Harry Hefty to the Civil Service for a (6) year term. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Hetherington	- yes	Stankiewicz	- yes

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: Mayor McClintock said there is a light out on the bridge; Bill Buck said traffic and weather have not been cooperative in the replacement of the last light that is out.

POLICE: written; nothing to add

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written; nothing to add

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; Jay said we are expecting a check from our insurance company regarding the mishap at the Dollar General for \$14,500.00; our insurance company will go after reimbursement from Dollar General's insurance company. Also, we had to take out a separate

liability policy to cover Zack Yetter as Selective would not cover him because of his age.

PUBLIC WORKS: written; nothing to add

SECRETARY: nothing to add

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer