

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
November 12, 2024**

OPENING: The November 12, 2024 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Mayor Russell McClintock began with an opening 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, , Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Tom Hetherington and Solicitor Jon DeWald were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Brent Frey and Dave Powell

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the meeting minutes from the October 15, 2024 Council Meeting and the October 28, 2024 Committee Workshop. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Merrill	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Hetherington	- 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 the November bills and transfers in the amount of \$355,238.65. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

WRCC DONATION: Al Reeves and Andrea Brouse, representing the Warrior Run Community Corporation came to present Council with a donation of \$1868.14. They are dissolving the corporation and have given the money to the Borough to maintain the tow path and Canal Boat Pavilion.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMERGENCY MGMNT: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: no check has been received yet from the Mowery/Fowler fund yet

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: Jay said insurance renewals were submitted

PARKS & RECREATION: Roy Smedley reminded Council that Winterfest is in 3 weeks; volunteers are still needed for decorating; all monies collected will be donated back to the community

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time; all is well per the Mayor

STREETS: nothing at this time

REFUSE: nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

ADVERTISE 2025 BUDGET: Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the advertising of the 2025 Budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**JOSHUA
LAIDACKER
RESIGNED:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to accept the resignation of Joshua Laidacker as a part-time police officer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**4th of JULY
FIREWORKS:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the 4th of July fireworks for 2025 in the amount of \$9,500.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR:

Mayor McClintock said everyone should visit the Watsontown Historical Association to see the veterans display; it will be up through the end of the month.

POLICE:

written

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:**

written

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:**

nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:**

written

SOLICITOR:

absent

BOROUGH MANAGER: written; Jay said the money from DCED grant for the half pipe hasn't been received yet; the USDA grant application for the backhoe has been submitted

PUBLIC WORKS: written

SECRETARY: Brendi said WABA is collecting donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the canister is on the counter and the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Program is already in full swing receiving donations and requests.

FYI's:

- Leaf pick-up as needed throughout the Borough including Spruce & Hemlock Alleys
- Committee Workshop – Monday, November 25th @ 7 pm
- FREE Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/28/24 at the First Lutheran Church from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- Borough Office & Public Works is closed 11/28/24 thru 12/2/24 for Thanksgiving
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa comes to town – Friday, Dec. 6th @ 6 pm
- Winter Wonderland – Friday, December 6th and Saturday, Dec. 7th
- Next Council Meeting – Monday, December 9th @ 7 pm

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: Jay mentioned Wreaths Across America – a ceremony and placing wreaths on veterans graves – is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14th at noon at the new cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend.

HAUNTED HAUNT: It was mentioned that the Watsontown Haunted Haunt held in the park did a fabulous job.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer