

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
November 13, 2023**

**OPENING:** The November 13, 2023 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm 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, Ralph Young, Roy Smedley, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Fred Merrill was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Rump, Bernadette Albertson, Vera Young, Eric Dandes of the Daily Item, Virginia Wirth, Sean Funk, Brent Frey, Julia Erb, John Robbins and Dave Powell

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Greg Miller announced an Executive Session following tonight's meeting not returning to Public Session.

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

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to approve the November bills and transfers in the amount of \$440,340.15. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**VISITORS:** none

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing

**EMA:** nothing

**CEMETERY:** nothing

**ELECTRIC:** nothing

**INSURANCE:** Jay said the Borough purchased a special event policy for Winterfest.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Roy said they are decorating in the park the next few days; any/all volunteers are appreciated.

**PERSONNEL:** nothing

**PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY:** nothing

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** nothing

**REFUSE:** nothing

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MUNICIPAL – PUBLIC WORKS:** Roy Smedley made a motion seconded by Dan Folk to accept the bids for obsolete equipment as advertised on Muncibid. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**ATTORNEY  
BENION  
RESIGNED:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to accept the resignation of Attorney Benion as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**ATTORNEY  
BATHGATE  
APPOINTED:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to appoint Attorney James Bathgate as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**RETAIN  
AUDITORS:**

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to retain Herring, Roll & Solomon as Borough auditors from 2023-2025 at a cost of \$9,450.00 per year. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	= yes
Moyer	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**2024  
FIREWORKS:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to award the 2024 fireworks contract to Bixler Pyrotechnics at a cost of \$9,000.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
2023-06:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young approving Resolution 2023-06 to apply for a statewide local share assessment grant of \$268,988.98 on behalf of the Warrior Run Fire Department. Sean Funk from the Fire Department elated on the grant for the fire department. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
2023-07:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving Resolution 2023-07 authorizing the Power Pool Participant Schedule with AMP. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**KINGDOM KIDZ:**

Greg Miller made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young to send \$200.00 to Kingdom Kidz towards the building mural in lieu of sending flowers to Lisa Derr's funeral. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Folk	- yes	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**PART-TIME  
OFFICER HIRED:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Young, to hire John Robbins as a part-time police officer. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miller	- yes	Smedley	- yes
Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**POLICE  
HIRING  
STARTED:**

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to allow the Chief to start the hiring process due to the recent resignation of Geoff Noviello. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Young	- yes	Folk	- yes
Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**ADVERTISE  
2024 BUDGET:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to advertise the 2024 Budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Moyer	- yes	Miller	- yes
Smedley	- yes	Young	- yes
Folk	- yes		

All in favor; motion carried.

**ORDINANCE  
2023-03:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Greg Miller to increase the 2024 real estate millage by (3) mills. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Smedley	- no	Young	- no
Folk	- no	Moyer	- yes
Miller	- yes		

Motion failed.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** nothing to add

**POLICE:** written; nothing to add

**FIRE &  
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY  
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE**

**ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH**

**MANAGER:** written; nothing to add

**PUBLIC WORKS:** nothing to add

**SECRETARY:** The Borough was in receipt of numerous thank you cards; Brendi encouraged Council to stop in to see them.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary