

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
December 9, 2025**

OPENING: The December 9, 2024 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7 pm at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 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, Tom Hetherington, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Julia Erb, Ralph Young and Brent Frey

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting and the November 25, 2024 Committee Workshop. 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 Fred Merrill to approve the December 2024 bills and transfers in the amount of \$273,721.09. 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.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMA: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: Jay said he received the Borough's insurance renewals – minimal increases.

PARKS & RECREATION: Roy spoke regarding the success of this year's Winter Wonderland.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION To PERSONS & PROPERTY: nothing at this time

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Jay said the USDA application for the backhoe was successfully submitted and the backhoe has been ordered. The first payment will be the backhoe trade in.

REFUSE: nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 BUDGET: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the 2025 Budget. 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.

RESOLUTION 2024-07: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to set the 2025 tax millage rate at 21.25 mills. A roll call vote was taken:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**LEHIGH
ENGINEERING:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to retain Lehigh Engineering as the Borough's code enforcement and building code firm. 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.

**EMPLOYEE
GIFT CARDS:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve \$25 gift cards for employees. 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.

**DONATION
TO LIBRARY:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve an \$8,000.00 donation to the Montgomery House Library. 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.

**2025 MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to advertise the 2025 Borough meeting schedule. 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.

**SALARY
INCREASES:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve salary increases for those employees not covered by the collective bargaining agreement. 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.

**RE-APPOINT
AUGUST MEMMI:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to re-appoint August Memmi to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 year term. 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.

**RALPH HUMMEL
RETAINED:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to retain Ralph Hummel as the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officer. 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.

**EXCESS HAND
GUNS SOLD:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the sale of excess police hand guns and the donation of auxiliary police accessories. 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.

**WILLIAM BUCK
HIRED:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to hire William Buck as the DPW Working Foreman, with an effective date to be determined. 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.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: Mayor McClintock commended the Winterfest Committee for another fantastic job this year.

POLICE: written; Chief Snyder spoke regarding the upcoming funeral for Michael Bastian on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMT.:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written

PUBLIC WORKS: nothing to add

SECRETARY: Brendi updated Council regarding the Chief Carl Reed Christmas program.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer