

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

OPENING: The February 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 and the Pledge to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Miller, President, Dan Folk, Vice President, 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: Gary and Susan Leech of the train club at Buck’s Plumbing, Janet Rump, Brian Harrison, Dave Powell, Ralph Young and Virginia Wirth

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the meeting minutes from the Re-Organization Meeting on January 2nd. 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: After a few questions, Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the February 2024 bills and transfers in the amount of \$391,230.88. 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.

VISITORS – GARY LEECH: Gary Leech representing the model railroad club at Buck’s Plumbing asking the Borough to consider donating to their club. He also asked if they could display an elevated train at the corner at Buck’s and lastly

he asked for clarification on the Borough's 24 hour snow removal ordinance. Jay answered all questions.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing at this time

CEMETERY: nothing at this time

ELECTRIC: nothing at this time

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

**PARKS &
RECREATION:** nothing at this time

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

**PROTECTION
TO PERSONS
& PROPERTY:** nothing at this time

**STREETS &
HIGHWAYS:** Jay said we are not going to be tar and chipping this year but we are looking at paving a few alleys. Jay and Brent will meet with Barry Garverick from Penn Dot in the near future to make plans for this year's paving project.

NEW BUSINESS:

**MATTHEW
DeSANTO
HIRED:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to hire Matthew DeSanto as a full-time police officer pending the positive outcome of his psychological evaluation. A roll call vote was take as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**JOHN ROBBINS
HIRED:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to hire John Robbins as a full-time police officer pending the positive outcome of his psychological evaluation. A roll call vote was take as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**BRENT FREY
CHANGED TO
SALARY:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to change Brent Frey's employment status from hourly to salary as Public Works Supervisor. 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.

**DCED GRANT
PRICE MATCH
INCREASE:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to expend an additional \$3,897.00 as part of the DCED grant match due to price increases. 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.

**KEVIN
JOHNSON
EGG HUNT:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the annual Kevin Johnson Memorial Community Easter Egg Hunt set for Saturday, March 23, 2024 at our Memorial Park. 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.

JESVIC 5K:

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to approve the annual JesVic 5K to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. 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.

**ENRADD
To be SOLD:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the sale of the police ENRADD system to Hemlock Township for \$1,000.00. 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.

**OFFICE of
VOCATIONAL
REHAB:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to partner with the Office of Vocational Rehab to supply volunteer labor from June 17th to July 19th, 2024. 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.

**ADVERTISE
ORDINANCE
2024-01:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to advertise Ordinance 2024-01 which provides a earned income tax credit of up to \$300.00 for volunteer fire fighters at the Warrior Run Area Fire Department. 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.

**SALARY
INCREASE
FOR CHIEF:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve a 2.5% salary increase for Chris Snyder, Chief of Police, retroactive January 1, 2024. 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.

**SALARY
INCREASE
FOR BOROUGH
MANAGER:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to approve a 2.5% salary increase for Jay Jarrett, Borough Manager, effective February 15, 2024. 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.

**ZONING
HEARING BOARD
August Memmi:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to appoint August Memmi to the Zoning Hearing Board until December 31, 2024. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**ZONING
HEARING BOARD
Craig Rodabaugh:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to appoint Craig Rodabaugh to the Zoning Hearing Board until December 31, 2028. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**BOB FREY –
VACATION:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving Bob Frey’s vacation – March 21st and March 22nd. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**OFFICE CLOSED
FEBRUARY 19th:**

Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to close the Borough office on Monday, February 19, 2024 for a scheduled power outage, Comcast will be resetting a pole behind the office – affecting both the Borough Office and the Post Office. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to add

POLICE: written; nothing to add

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

**EMERGENCY
MNGMT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; nothing to add

PUBLIC WORKS: written

SECRETARY: Brendi read (2) thank you cards.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer