

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
February 9, 2026**

OPENING: The February 9, 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Greg Miller, Vice President Todd Moyer, Roy Smedley, Tom Hetherington, Fred Merrill, Mark Stankiewicz, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump and Kevin Mertz of the Standard Journal

AGENDA AMENDED: President Miller announced tonight's agenda was amended to include approval of Bob Frey's vacation in March.

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the January 5, 2026 Council Meeting and January 26, 2026 Committee Workshop minutes. 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.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve February 2026 bills and transfers in the amount of \$554,548.00. 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.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMA: 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:** nothing at this time

REFUSE: nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

**ORDINANCE
2026-01:** Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer establishing a rate structure and costs for Watsontown Borough electric. 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.

**DEPUTY TAX
COLLECTORS:** Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Brendi Brooke and Lisa Davis as Deputy Tax Collectors. 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.

JESVIC 5K:

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Mark Stankiewicz to approve the JesVic 5K on Saturday, June 6, 2026. 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.

**KEVIN JOHNSON
MEMORIAL
COMMUNITY
EGG HUNT:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to approve the Annual Kevin Johnson Memorial Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, 2026, with a rain date of Saturday April 4, 2026. 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.

**RESOLUTION
2026-02:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Mark Stankiewicz to transfer PLCB Liquor License #R10136 into the Watsontown Borough. 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.

**BOB FREY's
VACATION:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley approving Bob Frey's vacation on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th. 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.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to add

POLICE: written; nothing to add

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

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: Solicitor DeWald spoke regarding the current status of the Kilgus property and the enforcement of code violations; he updated Council and said the certified judgement/writ judgement would potentially lead to a sheriff sale to pay the Borough.

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; Jay mentioned the enclosed paperwork for WABA's Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 5, 2026

PUBLIC WORKS: written; nothing to add

SECRETARY: Brendi offered an extra copy of Borough news to anyone wanting it; she read a thank you letter addressed to the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Program from the Turbotville Lions Club. Lastly, she reminded Council that ethic forms are due.

FYI's: President Miller read over the following upcoming events:

Legislative Breakfast, Friday, February 20, 2026
Committee Workshop – Monday, February 23, 2026
Next Council Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2026

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer