

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
April 8, 2024**

**OPENING:** The April 8, 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 of Allegiance 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:** Janet Rump, Virginia Wirth, Joe Sylvester of the Standard Journal, Julia Erb, Brent Frey, Erin Threet of HRG and Genie Bausinger of MRSA

**APPROVAL Of MINUTES:** Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the meeting minutes from March 11, 2024 and March 25, 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.

**BILLS & TRANSFERS:** Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the April bills and transfers in the amount of \$426,436.61. 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.

**MRSA/HRG:** Erin Threet of HRG and Genie Bausinger of MRSA spoke regarding tonight's approval of MRSA's Resolution 537 regarding the adoption of an official sewage facilities plan for Pottsgrove, Mahoning Manor

and Turbot Township. Both spoke to concerns and questions posed by Council and the audience.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

**EMA:** nothing at this time

**CEMETERY:** Jay said though the paperwork has been submitted, no check has been received from Wells Fargo regarding the trust being closed. The money will be deposited into the Perpetual Care Fund.

**ELECTRIC:** nothing at this time

**INSURANCE:** Jay said the Borough was in receipt of the workers' compensation dividend rebate check from MRM in the amount of \$9,558.91. It is a testament to our employee safety record and Council's wise decision to change workers' compensation companies.

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

**PERSONNEL:** nothing at this time

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

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS:** Brent said crack sealing is scheduled for this week; Jay said the paving bid was advertised and due April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Committee Workshop.

**REFUSE:** Fred reminded everyone of Spring Clean-up Days – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to add Warrior Run's Senior Procession to tonight's agenda. 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  
2024-01:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Resolution 2024-01 regarding MRSA's adoption of an official sewage facilities plan. 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.

**SALE of GUNS:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving the sale of Glock Model 21 handguns for \$300.00 each to Chris Snyder, Russ McClintock, Robert Baker, David Podgorney and John Robbins. 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.

**SALE of GUNS  
& AMMO:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the sale of the police obsolete guns and ammunition to Little Sportsman Shop for a total of \$2662.50. Chief Chris Snyder spoke to questions from the audience. A complete list of the items sold will be included with the Borough minutes. 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY  
PARADE &  
FUN RUN:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to approve this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Fun Run. 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.

**RESIGNATION - CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to accept the resignation of Tom Hetherington from the Civil Service Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

**APPOINTMENT - CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:**

The Civil Service Commission received (3) letters of interest to fill Tom Hetherington's unexpired term ending 12/31/27. They were Dale Winder, Ken Hollenbach and Chuck Clements. Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to appoint Dale Winder, as the first letter of interest received. 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.

**APPOINTMENT - ALTERNATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:**

Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to appoint Tom Hetherington as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission, with a term ending 12/31/2029. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

**WARRIOR RUN SENIOR**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Warrior Run High School's request to approve their 2024

**PROCESSION:** Senior Procession on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm beginning at the former Watsontown Elementary School and proceeding to Turbotville. 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.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** nothing to add

**POLICE:** written; nothing to add

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

**EMERGENCY  
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:** written; nothing to add

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

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

**PUBLIC WORKS:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH  
SECRETARY:** Brendi read (2) thank you cards received for recent donations from the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Program. One was from the Bucks who suffered a fire on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the other from the Guthries – their son Liam has cancer. Chief Snyder spoke briefly about what was done for each family and thanked the community for its continued support of our program.

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

- Planning Meeting – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm
- Brush Pick-up – Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 am

- Committee Workshop – Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm
- Spring Clean-up – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**PARKS:** Janet Rump commended Public Works for the condition of the parks/grass. She said the Annual Egg Hunt was well attended and everything was beautiful. Many families continued their day in the park at the pavilions.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer