

**Watsonstown Borough.
Council Meeting
June 24, 2024**

OPENING: The June 24, 2024 Watsonstown Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watsonstown. 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 Brendi Brooke, Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Brock Christine, Scott Kilcoyne, Randy Minium, Ralph Young, Eric Dandes of the Daily Item, Janet Rump, C.J. Doeble of the Standard Journal, David Powell, Crystal Moyer, Brent Frey, Julia Erb and Kristy Teisher of Eat Share

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 Council Meeting and the May 28, 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: Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the bills and transfers for May 2024 in the amount of \$502,935.84. 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: Brock Christine and Scott Kilgus representing Watsonstown Nursing and Rehabilitation spoke regarding recent power outages. They mentioned recent work done by Comcast on the electric lines and

poles. Brent Frey addressed their concerns and said the problem has been resolved.

Kristy Teisher representing Eat Share requested permission to hold a 5K in the Borough on Saturday, October 19th would end with a luncheon at the Watson Inn. Chief Snyder will meet with Kristy to work out the route details and the vote was tabled until the July 22nd Council Meeting/Committee Workshop.

Quentin Frank spoke regarding his Eagle Scout Project. He requested permission to replace the small pavilion floor with concrete and add a handicap walkway from the parking lot to the pavilion. This would add to Penn Patton's Eagle Project from last year; Mayor McClintock encouraged Quentin to check with Central Builders for materials.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMERGENCY MNGMT: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: Jay said Occupational Vocational Rehabilitation is working for the Borough free of charge for the next (4) weeks painting the cemetery fence. They have provided the labor as well as the supervision.

ELECTRIC: Brent said the power outages continue to be related to squirrels and black birds. Jay prefaced the upcoming vote regarding AMP's electric vehicle charging station grant program.

INSURANCE: nothing at this time

PARKS & RECREATION: Jay spoke of the upcoming 4th of July Celebration beginning at 9:00 am on Thursday, July 4, 2024. He reminded everyone the 4th of July Committee is continuing to look for volunteers to help in 2 hour increments.

PERSONNEL: nothing at this time

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY: The Mayor said the carnival was a success.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS Brent Frey said the patch work on the streets is now finished and they plan to crack seal tomorrow.

REFUSE: nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve Quentin Frank's request to complete his Eagle Scout Project at the small pavilion in Memorial Park. 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.

EAT/SHARE 5K: The request by Kristy Teisher to hold a 5k to benefit the Eat/Share Program on October 19, 2024 as tabled.

ORDINANCE 2024-02: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk approving Ordinance 2024-02 to adopt rules governing code generation and small power production facilities. 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.

RESOLUTION 2024-03: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving Resolution 2024-03 setting the method of calculating the Borough's avoided costs. 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.

AMP EV GRANT APPLICATION: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer approving the Borough's participation in the AMP Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Application. 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.

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

PUBLIC WORKS: written; Brent spoke of replacing the backhoe and said parts had been ordered for the street sweeper.

SECRETARY: Brendi read a card from the Watsonstown UCC Easter Egg Fund that was sent with a donation to the Chief Carl Reed Christmas Program .

**AIR BOAT
NOISE:** Someone expressed concerns about recent noise from air boats on the river between 10 pm and midnight. Chief Snyder said it is a Fish and Boat Commission issue.

**MRSA MANHOLE
COVERS:** Another expressed concern over the manhole covers constantly being hit by trucks resulting in extreme noise.

BRIDGE REPAIRS: Someone asked if the bridge was done; the Borough had no answer – it is a PennDot project.

FYI's:

- 4th of July Celebration – July 4, 2024 beginning at 9:30 am – Borough Office & Public Works closed
- (4th of July Committee is looking for volunteers to fill 2 hour slots throughout the day)
- Brush Pick-up – Tuesday, July 9th starting at 7 am
- Planning Meeting – Monday, July 15th @ 7 pm

- Combined Council Meeting/Committee Workshop – Monday, July 22nd
@ 7 pm

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer