

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting
June 8, 2026**

OPENING: The June 8, 2026 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7 pm in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Brendi Brooke 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, Mark Stankiewicz, Fred Merrill, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke. Mayor Russell McClintock was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: none

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve minutes from the May 11, 2026 Council Meeting and the May 26, 2026 Committee Workshop. 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: Mark Stankiewicz made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to approve the June 2026 bills and transfers in the amount of \$242,550.59. 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.

VISITORS: none

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMA: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: Jim Williams & Son continues working on the cemetery shed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

**ADDITION to
WHA MUSEUM:** Roy Smedley made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the Watsontown Historical Association's plan to build an addition onto the museum. 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.

**CEMETERY
RULES REVISED:** Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to revise the cemetery rules – changing the cost of pouring a grave maker foundation to .50 cents per square inch. 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.

**REDUCED
COLLEGE
TUITION:** Mark Stankiewicz made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the Borough's participation in the reduced tuition program offered by Luzerne County Community College.

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.

**S&S MFG
REPAIR:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve S&S Manufacturing to repair the bed and side rails of the 2011 T-Tag at a cost of \$1,200.00. 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.

**BIG HOUSE
CAR SHOW:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Mark Stankiewicz approving the Big House Car Show in Memorial Park on Saturday, August 16, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm. 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.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

President Miller announced an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting or personnel matters.

TERMINATION:

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to terminate Officer David Podgorney effective immediately. 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: absent

POLICE: written; Chief Snyder thanked the Public Works Department, Jay and Todd Moyer for their assistance with the JesVic 5K on June 6, 2026. A round of applause followed.

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

**BOROUGH
MANAGER:** written; Jay also reminded Council he is on vacation from 6/17/26 to 6/24/26.

PUBLIC WORKS: written

**BOROUGH
SECRETARY:** Brendi shared 81 kids attended Kid's Café today for lunch.

FYI's: Brush pick-up Tuesday, June 9, 12026
No June Committee Workshop
WABA's Music in the Park – Wednesday, June 24, 2026 6-8 pm
America's 250 – Saturday, July 4, 2026 starting at 9:30 am
Council Meeting, Monday, July 13, 2026

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer