

**Watson town Borough
Council Meeting/Committee Workshop
August 26, 2024**

OPENING: The August 26, 2024 Watson town Borough Council Meeting/Committee Workshop began at 7:00 pm in the 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, Todd Moyer, Roy Smedley, Tom Hetherington, Fred Merrill, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Mayor Russell McClintock, Chief of Police Chris Snyder, Borough Manager Jay Jarrett and Brendi Brooke, Secretary/Treasurer. Vice President Dan Folk was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Rump, Ralph Young, Katy Kirkpatrick Hoover, Gaye Jarrett, Carlee Jarrett, Julia Erb and Brent Frey

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Greg Miller said Council had an Executive Session prior to tonight’s meeting regarding police contract negotiations.

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve the Council Meeting minutes from July 22, 2024. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve the August 2024 bills and transfers in the amount of \$560,539.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: nothing at this time

EMA: nothing at this time

CEMETERY: Solicitor Jon Dewald said the transfer of the cemetery trust is still pending.

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:

**POLICE -
COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGRMNT:** Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Watsontown Police Union. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

2025 - MMO Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley approving the

UNIFORMED: 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$121,524.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

2025 - MMO Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the
NON-UNIFORMED: 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the non-uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$72,051.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

ADVERTISE Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to advertise

ORDINANCE Ordinance 2024-03 amending the current electric ordinance. A roll
2024-03: call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

WARRIOR RUN Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer
HOMECOMING approving the Warrior Run Homecoming Parade on Thursday,
PARADE: September 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

EAT SHARE 5K: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving the Eat Share 5K on Saturday, October 19, 2024. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried

HALLOWEEN TRICK or TREAT: Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to set trick or treat hours on Halloween in the Borough from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, October 31, 2024. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Todd Moyer to approve WABA's Annual Halloween Parade and Park Celebration on Thursday, October 31, 2024 starting at 6:00 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

BID FOR HALF-PIPE PAD: Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill approving Watson Excavating's bid of \$14,500.00. Installation of the half pipe is to begin October 4, 2024. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**COUNTY TAX
COLLECTION
COMMITTEE:**

Todd Moyer made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to nominate President Greg Miller to the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

**SALE of YARD
SALE SPACES:**

Fred Merrill made a motion, seconded by Tom Hetherington to sell spaces on Borough property for WABA's Annual Yard Sale this year.

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

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: nothing to add

POLICE: written; nothing to add

**FIRE &
AMBULANCE:** written; the mayor said the Fire Chief recently met with Evangelical Hospital to discuss an ambulance agreement

**EMERGENCY
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT:** written

SOLICITOR: nothing to add

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

PUBLIC WORKS: written; nothing to add

SECRETARY: Brendi read a thank you from Suncom and the vocational students.

COMMENTS: Questions were asked about the Haunted Hotel and brush pick-up in alleys.

FYI's: **Office & Public Works closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 for Labor Day
**Council Meeting on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 pm
**Brush pick-up on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 am
**Planning Meeting on Monday, September 16th at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke
Secretary/Treasurer