

**Watson town Borough  
Council Meeting  
September 9, 2024**

**OPENING:** The September 9, 2024 Watson town Borough Council Meeting began at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at 318 Main Street, Watson town. Secretary/Treasurer Brendi Brooke began with an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Rump, Julia Erb and Brent Frey

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Dan Folk to approve the Council meeting minutes from August 26, 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 to approve the September 2024 bills and transfers in the amount of \$98,646.06. 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:** none

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** nothing at this time

**EMA:** nothing at this time

**CEMETERY:** nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** Brent said the new transformers are coming next week; Jay spoke briefly about the AMP Grant for the electric vehicle charging station, the application was submitted on September 6, 2024.

**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 2024-03:** Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve Ordinance 2024-03 amending our current electric ordinance. 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.

**2025 BUDGET MEETINGS:** Dan Folk made a motion, seconded by Roy Smedley to approve the following 2025 budget meetings to be held at 6 pm prior to regular meetings:

- 10/28/2024
- 11/12/2024
- 11/25/2024 – vote to advertise
- 12/09/2024 – adopt 2025 budget

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.

**“NO TRUCKS”  
SIGNS On  
MATCHIN &  
CANAL STREETS:**

Tom Hetherington made a motion, seconded by Fred Merrill to approve “no trucks” signs on Matchin and Canal Streets. 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

**EMERGENCY  
MGMNT:** nothing to add

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT:** written

**SOLICITOR:** nothing to add

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER:** written; Jay is leaving for vacation on Thursday.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** written; Brent is leaving for vacation on Friday.

**SECRETARY:** Brendi read an email from Helen Mathias regarding the great condition of the cemetery.

**FYI’s:** Brush Pick-up – Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 am  
Legislative Breakfast – Watson Inn - Friday, September 13, 2024 @ 7:30 am  
Planning Meeting – Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm  
Homecoming Parade – Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
Committee Workshop – Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm

**INVITATIONS:** President Miller said invitations were received from Susquehanna Fire Protection for their open house on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the Watsontown Historical Association's Casino Night on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Watson Inn.

**COMMENTS:** Someone asked if the street sweeper is being used; Brent said it was fixed but not being used at this time. The same person said street signs are missing letters and need repaired; Brent said Public Works has a list and working to fix and replace street signs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brendi L. Brooke  
Secretary/Treasurer