

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes October 10, 2016

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Council President Joan S. Hart called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Joan S. Hart, Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, and Jennifer Mase Updyke, and Mike Hummel, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Solicitor Bill Stokes, Chief Jim Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Craig West

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items -None**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HARB**

1. Johnny'z Hot Rod Café- A motion was made by Councilor Sticklin to approve the Flat Facade sign centered over front door of 76 Main Street. Some light gray painting will be applied on the section below the marble tile. If the lights are moved, they will be painted to match the light color. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center- Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Free Standing Sign for front of Art and Cultural Center at 134 Main Street to replace the existing sign. Sizing to meet ordinance requirements. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.
3. Mountain Home Magazine-Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Perpendicular Hanging Sign at 87 1/2 Main Street. Sizing will need to meet ordinance requirements. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.
4. In My Shoes- Repair of building front. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve conditional on Andrew Hardings review and approval of a substitute 'shake' material. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel**

Councilor Bryant made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for August 2016. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to advertise the 2017 Budgets for adoption as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$2,962,385.00	\$2,962,385.00
Water	\$833,433.00	\$833,433.00
Sewer	\$665,782.00	\$665,782.00

The Water Budget includes an increase of \$3.00 on the minimum and \$.25 per thousand gallons. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to advertise Ordinance # 684 fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2017 at 6.33 mills. There is no increase in this rate. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve General Code of Rochester, NY quote of \$6,790.00 to finish the Codification of our ordinances. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

## **Safety, Police, Fire, Protective Inspections, Codes, EMA**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Police Report- Homecoming parade will be at 4:15 on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> to allow time for buses to get to Mansfield for the Homecoming Game. Two were arrested over the weekend in the Smokin Joes and PennWells Hotel robberies. The Halloween parade will be Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the EADS Group proposal to update our Zoning Ordinance at a cost of \$19,985.00. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

## **Public Works, Solid Waste, Highways, Parking, Water, Sewer**

We are currently in a Voluntary Water reduction situation.

Norris Street Bridge and Riberolle Street Bridges are moving along nicely.

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the bid from Allstate Power Vac, Inc for \$90,900.00 for the cleaning and repair of the oxidation ditch at the sewer plant. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Fall Borough Yard Sale is October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Fall Cleanup is the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> on your regular scheduled garbage collection day.

## **Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center**

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Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the bids for mowing and cleaning for 2017-2019. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Halloween Parade will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM beginning at Packer Park. Trick or Treat will run after the parade until 8 PM.

### **Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training**

**Public Comments-** Craig West commented on the condition of Bodine Street

Adjourn –Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan L. Keck