

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2017

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, Jennifer Mase Updyke, and Mike Hummel, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Solicitor Chris Lantz, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Craig West, and Christopher Robinson from Cox, Stokes, and Lantz.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Council Meeting were approved by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items -None

OLD BUSINESS-

We did hold executive sessions February 20th, March 9th, and March 13 for personnel matters.

NEW BUSINESS-

An update that the Hamilton Lake review meeting is April 2 @ 2 PM and the Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority will meet at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Given the announced retirement date of August 4th for Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Councilor Bryant explained that twelve resumes had been received and three people interviewed. Council Bryant then made a motion to offer the Assistant Borough Manager position to Scot Boyce, Jr. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A roll call vote was called for:

Councilor Hart-	No
Councilor Sticklin-	Yes
Councilor Hummel-	Yes
Council Mase-Updyke-	No
Councilor Wood-	No
Councilor Bryant-	Yes

Mayor Wheeler broke the tie vote by voting in favor of hiring Scot Boyce, Jr.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts.

Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for January, 2017. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Councilor Bryant made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Rice effective immediately. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution # 2017-03 approving the disposition of records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report- Chief Bodine indicated he was ready to ask for authorization to purchase a police vehicle at year end. Councilor Hummel made a motion to authorize the purchase. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. It will be either a Ford Interceptor or a Durango.

Chief Bodine will be attending a National Traffic & Highway Safety Administration event. Drug Takeback initiative will be held this year on April 29th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Chief advised those present to check the Wellsboro Police Facebook page for weather updates.

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

We have received our Liquid Fuels payment in the amount of \$114,300.00 and our Turn Back payment in the amount of \$1,360.00 for Greenwood St.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-02 to participate in the COSTAR'S salt contract for 2017-2018 season. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to purchase storm drainage pipe for Buena Vista Street from L/B Water in the amount of \$11,594.78. This is purchased through COSTARS and paid for with the Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Grant from the Tioga Conservation District.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Umbrella Bridge Inspection Program with the County. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

We have received a grant from the Tabor Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for Woodland Park phase 1. We will be applying in April for a grant for half of this \$800,000 project.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business

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Public Comments

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____
Susan L. Keck, Secretary/Treasurer