

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes August 14, 2017

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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, Jennifer Mase Updyke, Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, and Mike Hummel, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Andrew Harding, Chairman of the HARB, Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Matt DeCamp and Craig West

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting were approved by Councilor Hummel, seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS-** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HARB-**

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve HARB's recommendation of the request by Heather Mee for replacement of an existing sign at the Inn on the Green. The sign will be smaller than the original and use the same posts. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve HARB's recommendation for St. Peter's Church to replace shingles with same style and color shingles. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Hummel made a motion to approve HARB's recommendation for a metal roof at Albert and Tammy Tompkins residence at 13 West Avenue. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

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

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

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve LST (Local Services Tax) payment to the Wellsboro Fire Department in the amount of \$15,000.00 and the Wellsboro Police Department in the amount of \$23,886.75. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-07, approving J.H. Williams & Co., LLP as auditors for the Borough and the Wellsboro Municipal Authority. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to lock in natural gas pricing with UGI Central Penn Gas Utility for twelve months (September 2017 – August 2018) at \$4.36 per dth. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

### Mayor's Report

Councilor Hummel made a motion to allow the Chief to make offer to replace Officer Levindoski with a full time officer. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried, with Councilor Wood voting against.

Councilor Hummel made a motion to request the Civil Service Commission make a list of eligible officers. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Police Report- The DEA is coming to Mansfield for a one hour briefing on heroin statistics. This will be in Mansfield on October 25, with details to follow. There has been significant underage drinking arrests made recently.

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

Sears Street Bridge Replacement - Delivery of box culvert and work is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>. The bridge is scheduled to be closed for 2 days, beginning August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sherman Street Water Line Replacement – Borough crew has completed replacing the cast iron line with an 8” ductile iron line. The patching of the road is currently scheduled for mid-September.

Buena Vista Drainage Extension Project – Borough crew has completed installing drainage from the Scoops driveway to the access road to the Wellsboro Electric Company substation. The materials and equipment rental were paid for by a Low Volume Road Grant from the Dirt and Gravel Road program administered by the Tioga County Conservation District. The patching for the cross pipe installation is currently scheduled for mid-September.

The Eads Group is working on the parking map that is called for in the 2016 Parking Study. The First draft has been sent back with changes.

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the Glenn O. Hawbaker bid of \$148,053.80 for the 2017 Street program. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

The Shade Tree Commission has contacted landowners concerning 4 hazard trees along West Avenue. The landowners have been receptive to removing the trees. The Shade Tree Commission is awaiting pricing from contractors.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request of the Rock L. Butler Middle School PTO to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wellsboro Turkey Trot 5K/Fun Run November 18, 2017 starting at 9 AM. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Relay for Life event scheduled for July 14, 2018, running from 10am to 10pm. The request includes closing Pearl Street (from Central Avenue to Charles Street) and Charles Street (from Pearl Street to Main Street). Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

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

### **Other Business**

### **Public Comments**

**Adjourn-** Meeting adjourned at 6:14

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