

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes July 10, 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 Councilors Joan S. Hart, Jennifer Mase Updyke, Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, and Mike Hummel, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Solicitor Chris Lantz, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Kevin Clark from the Williamsport Sun, Craig West, and Janet Strausser.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting were approved by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the Warriner Subdivision contingent on the borough receiving the approved DEP sewage program postcard from the agency (card previously submitted by applicant). Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried. Councilor Bryant abstained from the vote.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for May 2017. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Act 13 for 2016 is \$86,620.40.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the following as signers on the Borough's accounts, Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Terry L. Bryant, Joan S. Hart, Susan L. Keck and Florence B. Martino effective July 11, 2017. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to adopt the 2018 Budgets for adoption as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$2,951,937.00	\$2,951,937.00
Water	\$853,359.00	\$853,359.00
Sewer	\$665,757.00	\$665,757.00

Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

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There is no increase in borough taxes, water, sewer, or garbage rates.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to adopt Ordinance #685 fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2018 at 6.33 mills. There is no increase in this rate. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

The Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority received a USDA Grant in the amount of \$65,000 to do downstream study on the effects of a 500 year storm.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report- The Chief worked with Williamsport PD testing drugs for them and networking with them on results. The Tahoe cage is inbound and waiting for installation. The Breathalyzer will be coming in and training completed. The officers will be certified in the operation of this. The testing of breath instead of drawing blood is now the preferred method.

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

The Sears Street and Eberenz Street box culverts are ordered.

Wellsboro Electric has completed replacing the necessary utility poles in Brownlee (11 total). We received the invoice today and that will be paid with Gas Royalties.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to close Charles Street on August 12th from 7 AM to 5 PM from Pearl Street to Main Street for a Hometown Science Festival on the Green. This is being sponsored by the Tioga County Conservation District. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business- Dan Strausser read a highlight review of what has been accomplished together: A new water filter plant, replacement of 8 bridges counting the two for this year, completed the Joint Comprehensive Plan, completed a Parking Study, started a quarterly Borough newsletter at no cost to the Borough, street improvements of well over one million dollars have been completed, several thousand feet of storm drainage installed and/or replaced, a new Borough Office and Police Office, the Woodland Park Master Plan, upgraded vehicles and equipment for DPW and Police, completed water, sewer and storm drainage interactive GIS mapping, the Municipal Authority is continuing to update and improve our water and sewer systems, we have secured 3.5 million in gas leases for water and sewer, Approximately \$600,000 in gas royalties to date for water and sewer, \$1.6 million in grants to the borough, and we have lowered our debt by approximately, \$1.75 million.

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Dan went on to say that it has been a great experience helping to move the borough forward. The ability of all groups, organizations and foundations to work together is a great benefit. He thanked the Mayor, Council, Solicitor, all employees and residents for working together to accomplish everything and wished Scot Boyce good luck.

Public Comments- None

Councilor Bryant thanked Dan for all of his leadership over the years.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:12

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