

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes June 12, 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, Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, and Mike Hummel, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Assistant Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Solicitor Chris Lantz, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Craig West, and Matt DeCamp.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 15, 2017 Council Meeting were approved by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Scott Barton's 147 Main Street request to remove and replace existing shingles with IKO Brand gray asphalt shingles. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Akiko's, 33 East Avenue request to replace existing free standing sign with two signs- Akiko's sign to be 3' X 4' and tenant sign to be 3' X 4' mounted on 4" X 4" posts. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Karschner, 133 Main Street to demolish existing garage and construct new 25' X 32' garage with eye brow roof. On porch of house replace wagon wheel with new architectural feature to match garage feature. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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

Our Municipal Authority has paid off our water/sewer loan early, in the amount of \$181,965.94.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to change Scot F. Boyce, Jr. title from Assistant Borough Manager to Borough Manager effective immediately.

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Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to appoint Scot F. Boyce, Jr. as Zoning Officer. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to appoint Scot F. Boyce, Jr. as the Borough's Right to Know Officer. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-06 replacing our Floodplain Administrator with Zoning Officer Scot F. Boyce, Jr. as Floodplain Administrator and Assistant Zoning Officer Susan L. Keck as Assistant Floodplain Administrator. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-05 appointing Susan L. Keck as Primary voting delegate, John M. Sticklin as First Alternate and Scot F. Boyce, Jr. as Second Alternate Delegate for the Tax Collection Committee. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to advertise 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

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

Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the proposal from MP2 Energy NE, LLC through Muirfield Energy to supply our electric for 46 months at a cost of \$0.066025 per kilowatt hour, saving the borough approximately \$25,000 per year at the current rates charged. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report- The Children's Health Fair day went well. The State Police participated in this program. The notorious "Rumi Tagger" has been apprehended.

Lake vandalism is being looked into by our officers. Laurel Festival traffic control has been organized.

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Councilor Hummel made a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to start the process of looking into hiring another police officer and report back to council next month with his findings. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept Zeiser Wilbert Vault bid for Sears Street and Eberenz Street box culverts in the amount of \$57,160.00 and Sears St. alternate in the amount of \$5,244.00 contingent on the approval of our engineer and borough manager. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request of the First Baptist Church to hold a Mission Possible 5K Run/Walk on November 4, 2017 starting at 9 AM. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business-

Public Comments- None

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:10

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