

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes September 11, 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, 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, and Matt DeCamp.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting were approved by Councilor Hummel, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Executive Session was held on August 14, 2017 for Personnel Matters

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

The following were recommended for approval by HARB:

1. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve –Dr. Bair’s, 141 Main Street request to replace roof with 2 types of dark gray architectural shingles: rectangular shape and scallop shape. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.
2. Councilor Hummel made a motion to approve-Lou Prevost’s, 20 West Avenue request to replace roof with asphalt shingles; with front porch roof of black metal. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.
3. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve- St. Peters Church’s, 47 Central Avenue, request to construct a 6’ by 8’ vestibule entrance to the Samaritan House at 3 Morgan Terrace. . The motion was seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.
4. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve - Hanna’s Nail Spa at 73 Main Street request to replace existing sign with new of same size with light grey and black letters with the recommendation that the lettering be centered and fill the sign area appropriately. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.
5. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve- Ben Stambaugh’s 84 Main Street request to install new awning to match color at Timeless Destination, new painted wood to replace lower black panels at front. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried.
6. Councilor Hummel made a motion to approve –Harry Webster’s 8 West Avenue request to repair front porch with like material and colors, except for porch decking which would be stained a natural color instead of painted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

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Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Bryant made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for July, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the 2018 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for police and non-uniform pensions. The motion was seconded by Councilor and carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to move Scot Boyce from probationary status to permanent status as of October 1, 2017 with a \$5,000.00 raise in pay. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – The new police car has arrived. The new officer is prepared to begin on the 18th.
Police Report

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

Sears Street Bridge Replacement – Work is complete except for the guard rails which will be installed once the Eberenz Street Bridge is complete.

Eberenz Street Bridge Replacement – Work is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of September 18th.

Revisions have been submitted to the EADS Group for completion of the Borough Parking Map. The mapping will be completed soon.

Councilor Wood made a motion to purchase two new Interrogators from LB Water for \$6500 apiece. The Borough would buy one from the water account and one from the sewer account. The Borough would be taking advantage of the Interrogators being approximately half-priced. They normally run \$10-12,000 apiece. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hummel, and carried.

The Brewery Lane Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning Tuesday, September 12th. The bridge will remain open to pedestrians. Please note, foot traffic will be directed towards the middle of the bridge. The replacement of the bridge is scheduled for next year and the permits are already in hand for the bridge replacement project.

2017 Street Program – Work is currently scheduled for late September

Fall Cleanup is the week of October 16th on your regular scheduled garbage collection day.

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Crack sealing within the borough will start this week, weather permitting. The affected roads are: Meade St, American St, Cherry St. Ext, Highland St, Nichols St, Crafton St, Waln St, Old Tioga St, and the driveway to the wastewater treatment facility and the three borough parking lots. The crack sealing will be completed as part of an agility program with PennDOT.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Halloween Parade will be on October 28th @ 5:30 PM beginning at Packer Park. Trick or Treat will run after the parade until 8 PM.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve Lions Club request to hold its annual White Cane Day on Saturday, October 7th, 2017. This is the 28th year of the event and members will be stationed at the ends of the boulevards, near the red lights, on Main Street. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to remove the 5 Maple trees damaging the tennis court surface at Packer Park at a cost of \$1,575. The Borough will be responsible for removal from the site. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion. Councilor Wood called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to take out the railroad ties and install concrete curbing in its place. Cost incurred to be funded out of the Parks Budget. Councilor Mase-Updyke seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business

Public Comments

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:27

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