

# WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

## February 12, 2018

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Council President Mike Hummel called the public hearing to order at 5:30p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street.

Attending were Chief Jim Bodine, Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Mike Wood, Terry Bryant, Craig West, Mike Hummel, Matt DeCamp, John Sticklin, Solicitor Chris Lantz, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., and Assistant Secretary Florence B. Martino.

**VISTORS-** Kristine Shaw, Simon Shaw, Cathy Shumway, Skip Shaw, Chris Bull, Charlene Williams, Grant Cavanaugh, Jim Weaver and Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette.

**New Business** – Public Hearing regarding Conditional Use Application for an Animal Hospital proposed at 23 Water Street.

Solicitor Chris Lantz stated the meeting was to consider a Conditional Use for 23 Water Street. Solicitor Lantz presented exhibits to be entered into the hearing:

- B-1 Notice of advertisement of Special Meeting
- B-2 Application from Grand Canyon Veterinary Hospital
- B-3 Wellsboro Borough Zoning Map
- B-4 T.C. Planner's document
- B-5 Wellsboro Planning Commission letter

Dr. Kristine Shaw explained to the Council, her plan for 23 Water Street met the Conditional Use criteria;

14.1.1 There was an adequate, safe and convenient facility for pedestrians and motor vehicles. She said there would be 13 parking spaces.

14.3.1 Animal Hospitals – Dr. Shaw explained there would be a fenced area where staff would be able to walk the dogs and the dogs would not be left outside without a staff member.

14.3.2 Animals would be confined by either being on a leash or in a carrier.

14.3.3 Dr. Shaw stated the building was serviced by municipal water and sewer. She said they would immediately clean up all waste when walking the animals. There would also be bags available for customers to clean-up their pets waste when they are coming or leaving the facility.

A-2 Floor plan- Dr. Shaw said she plans to change the front entrance way to make it handicap accessible. She is also planning to have a double door entry, to secure animals from getting out when one door is open.

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A-3 Tax Map- Shows the property outline. Dr. Shaw said she would like to locate the dumpster inside the enclosed area where they would walk the dogs.

A-4 Dr. Shaw presented a proposed sign for the front lawn.

Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce recommended she speak with Secretary/Treasurer Sue Keck considering the size of the sign.

Councilor Matt DeCamp asked how many dog runs there would be and if the dog runs would be outside or in the building. Dr. Shaw said she would have either 6 or 7 runs and the runs would be interior runs.

Dr. Shaw said she is currently planning on having office hours one evening each week and one Saturday per month. Dr. Shaw said she has good techs where she is currently and is planning on having a staff of approximately 9 people.

**Public Comments-** Chris Bull informed the Council; he knew Dr. Shaw and recommended the plan. Mr. Bull said Dr. Shaw has a good plan for the facility and it will bring jobs and income to the town.

Councilor John Sticklin made a motion to accept the plan. Councilor Craig West seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Adjourn-** Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Florence B. Martino  
Assistant Secretary