

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

Council President Matthew DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, K. Declan Clark, Matt DeCamp, Joan Hart, Mike Wood, and Louis Prevost, Officer Brad Wilson, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette and Cindy Cop.

Councilor West made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve FCCB Sign update as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve WWII Memorial project as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Hart made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the September, 2022 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve UPMC Tax Agreement Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried with Councilor Wood casting a negative vote and Councilor DeCamp abstaining.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise 2023 Tax Ordinance – (no increase) – as advised by Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise the 2023 Budgets for adoption as follows:

| | Revenue | Expenditures |
|---------|----------------|----------------|
| General | \$3,080,070.00 | \$3,080,070.00 |
| Water | \$955,900.00 | \$955,900.00 |
| Sewer | \$871,000.00 | \$871,000.00 |

The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – Mayor was not present.

Police Report – Brad Wilson gave the following updates as provided by Chief James Bodine:

Santa Claus Event – The Chief has been in contact with Ryan Rumsey and they would like to hold the Santa Claus Parade on December 11th beginning at 5pm. The parade route will begin at the Rock L. Butler Middle School and travel down Nichols Street to Main, where it will turn and go against the flow of traffic down the Penn Wells Side of the boulevard. This will allow the parade to disburse once it gets to the Queen Street intersection of Main Street. They have agreed to have individuals pass out candy along the parade route instead of tossing candy from moving vehicles, this will help with the safety concerns since it will most likely be getting dark around the time of the parade. Ryan is to provide a blanket insurance liability letter to the Borough and once the event is approved by Council a letter of support will need to be provided for his Penn Dot Permit submission. It is expected to only take a few weeks to get the permit back.

Bicycles on Main Street – Complaints have been received about bicycles on the sidewalks on Main Street. The ordinance regarding bicycles needs to be updated to reflect that bicycles cannot be ridden on Main Street between Central and East Avenue. If the Ordinance is updated then violators can be charged with an Ordinance Violation instead of a Traffic Violation which will cost them less in fees. Signs need to be placed at every intersection once the ordinance is updated. There are signs available that fit with the historic feel of Main Street.

Councilor West made a motion to approve the request for the Santa Claus Parade to be held on December 11th at 5 pm contingent upon the receipt of proof of insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried.

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

Sewer lining completion of Main St in progress – estimated 3-4 days to complete -work will be completed during the night starting at 7PM

Replacement fleet truck is ordered and awaiting upgrades and delivery

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Councilor West made a motion to accept 2023/2024 Garbage Removal Contract Extension as presented by Northern Tier Solid Waste. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Municipal bike racks are being modified by Mark Reese and will be installed when completed.

Councilor West made a motion to set free parking in the Borough from November 19th, 2022 through January 2nd, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Prevost made a motion to award 2023,2024 & 2025 Mowing Bids as presented by Parks and Recreation with Woodland Reservoir , Hamilton Lake Dike (backside) and brush hogging awarded to Sindlinger's and all others being awarded to Pioneer. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor West made a motion to approve a full time Water/Sewer/DPW employee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

All Borough Employees Completed Annual Core-Ex Safety Training

Other Business –

Reminder of Town Wide Yard Sales October 14th&15th

Reminder of Town Fall Cleanup Week October 17th-21st please see website for schedule and permissible items

Public Comments

Cindy Copp presented the following concerns:

- Odor in Borough water
- Pressure drops in the water lines that have been triggering sprinkler systems in town
- The application of pesticides along the proposed greenway behind Pinnacle Towers
- The presence of vehicles and equipment at a property located adjacent to the Pinnacle Towers which can be seen from her window.

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. The next Borough Council Meeting is November 14th, 2022 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer