

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

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, Matt DeCamp, Mike Wood, Joan Hart, Rachel Smith and Louis Prevost, Mayor John Wheeler, Chief James Bodine, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Rhonda Pearson, Cindy Copp, Kerry Gyekis, and Wayne Grey.

Councilor West made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Special Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the new signage for 39 Central Avenue (Green Home Inc./The Laurels) as recommended by the HARB Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor West 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 October 2023 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the 2024 Budgets for adoption as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$3,177,730	\$3,177,730
Water	\$1,032,450	\$1,032,450
Sewer	\$1,059,285	\$1,059,285

The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise the 2024 Tax Ordinance with a millage rate of 4.1138 which does not reflect an increase in tax revenue for the Borough. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the bid from Tioga Garage Door in the amount of \$55,517.00 for overhead doors at 28 Crafton Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and carried. Project is to be paid with Act 13 funds.

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

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report.

Police Report – Chief Bodine reported the following:

- The Halloween Parade was successful.
- Officer Cook gave a presentation on Halloween safety to the Wellsboro HeadStart.
- Veteran's Motor Parade to local schools was a huge success. The parade was coordinated by Dawn Pletcher from Goodies for the Troops.
- Chief Bodine attended the UPMC Critical Incident Training.
- Justice Ed. ride-along will start again soon.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 adopting the Tioga County Response Operation Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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

Problematic sewer laterals identified have been scheduled to be lined on November 27th. If this project is successful, the Borough will be reaching out to residents/business owners in hopes of offering an economical solution to avoid costly repairs in the future.

Councilor West made a motion to approve the 2024 Ordinance Amending Penalties, Sewer Rates, Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Water Rates. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

New signs have been purchased for the restriction of bicycles on Main Street. Installation will be in the upcoming weeks.

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Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

The Parks and Recreation Director is looking into Parker Park Pool rehabilitation options and will be presenting these options in the near future.

Fall tree planting was completed on November 2nd.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Employee Jason English will be attending Water Operating Certification Training. Classes start December 14th, 2023.

Employee Mat Decoursey will be attending Wastewater Operating Certification Training. Classes start December 14th, 2023.

New software will be implemented over the next couple of months with training for employees.

Other Business

Wreaths for Main Street have been ordered and will be hung the week of November 17th. Trees are scheduled to go up at the same time.

Free holiday parking will be from November 17th through January 2nd.

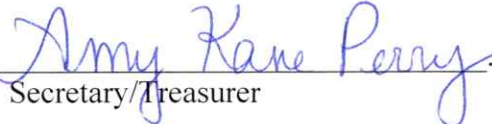
The Borough Office will be closed November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day and November 23rd & 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Public Comments

- Cindy Copp – Cindy wanted to thank the Borough for the sidewalk repairs made near UPMC General Surgery.

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:13pm. Next Borough Council Meeting is December 11, 2023 at 5pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer

Special Meeting Minutes
Wellsboro Borough Council
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Council President Matthew DeCamp called the special meeting to order at 4:50 pm in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street.

Attending were Councilors Matt DeCamp, Craig West, Rachel Smith, Mike Wood, Joan Hart, Louis Prevost, Mayor John Wheeler, Chief of Police James Bodine, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also, in attendance were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Cindy Copp, Rhonda Pearson, Kyle Bower, A. Fogelsonger, Chris Vandergrift, Victoria Murphy, Shana Gerges, Kathy & Ron Eastridge, Mark Thompson, Terry Bryant, Mark Spencer, Ron Comstock, Wayne Gray and Kris Parsons.

Public Comments on Agenda Items –

Items –

Councilor Prevost made a motion to not approve Ordinance 713 amending portions of Ordinance No. 688 relating to Short-Term Rentals as advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and a roll call vote was taken.

Rachel Smith – No
Craig West – Yes
Matt DeCamp – Yes
Joan Hart – Yes
Lou Prevost – Yes
Mike Wood – Yes

The motion passed.

Councilor West made a motion to continue working on changes to portions of Ordinance No. 688 relating to Short-Term Rentals. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and carried. Discussions will begin again in 2024.

Public Comments –

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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