

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 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, Mayor John Wheeler, Chief James Bodine, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Deb Bigley (Tioga County Planning Commission) and residents Diana & Bradley Holliday, Eve Deutschlander, and Christina VanDergrift.

Councilor West made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 10th, 2022 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

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, 2022 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve 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 West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 707 Wellsboro Borough Real Estate Tax Rate for 2023 at 7.133 mills; this rate remains the unchanged from 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 708 Amending Penalties, Sewer Rates, Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Water Rates. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 709 Amending Zoning Ordinance No. 688 – Short Term Rentals. Councilor Wood called for a roll call vote.

Councilor Kevin Clark – Aye
Councilor Craig West – Aye
Council President Matt DeCamp – Aye
Councilor Joan Hart – Aye
Councilor Louis Prevost – Aye
Councilor Michael Wood – Nay

The motion passed with a 5 to 1 vote.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 Borough of Wellsboro Schedule Fees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 Effects of Failure to Receive Real Estate Tax Notice (Act 57). The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Hebe Subdivision as recommended by Tioga County Planning and Wellsboro Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

The Borough office will be closed on Thursday November 24th and Friday, November 25th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report at this time.

Police Report – Chief Bodine reported:

- Halloween went well and there was a great turnout. The PD is now gearing up for the Dickens of a Christmas event.
- There has been an increase in the number of traffic accidents, including a couple of severe ones one on Central Avenue and one on Tioga Street.
- Recent crimes include vandalism with a bb gun to local business signs and vandalism to the air conditioning unit at the Senior Center owned by the Borough. Both perpetrators have been identified and will be charged for their crimes.
- The Santa Parade will take place on Sunday December 11th. For safety reasons the route of the parade has been changed to start at the Rock L. Butler Middle School and will proceed from there to the intersection at Central Avenue and then proceed against the flow of traffic

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up Main Street to disburse at the East Avenue intersection. No parking will be allowed on Main Street during the event and candy will be handed out instead of thrown to spectators.

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

Sewer lining of Main Street is complete.

Replacement fleet truck has arrived. DPW 2500 HD pickup with plow will be moved to Sewer/Water fleet

Municipal bike racks modified by Mark Reese have been installed in the Pearl and Water Street Parking Lots.

Councilor West made a motion to approve Hamilton/Kelsey Dam Project Deed as presented by Cox, Stokes & Lantz. P.C. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

All decisions regarding the Parks and Recreation Authority have been postponed until a meeting can be scheduled with the school district to establish involvement and terms.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business –

Councilor Clark made a motion to have Borough Manager Louis Rachiele contact UPMC to set up a meeting with representatives of Wellsboro Borough Council and Wellsboro Planning Commission regarding the intended use of the homes they own on Grant and Meade Street.

Fall clean up week was completed the week of October 17th-21st

Public Comments

Dianna Holliday, resident Central Avenue – Dianna would like to see the speed limit on upper Central Avenue decreased to 35MPH. Vehicles and trucks travel fast through the area making it extremely difficult to get out of the driveways on and around Adrian's Lane. Trucks also disturb the residents with the use of brake retarders as they enter the Borough limits. They would like signage for brake retarders moved to the borough line from their current location further down the Avenue. This has been a problem that Council has attempted to address before but have had a difficult time resolving since the road at the location is controlled by the state. They are going to continue in their request for brake retarder signage and Chief Bodine suggested that a speed study be requested for the area.

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Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and the meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm. The next Borough Council Meeting is December 12th, 2022 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Amy Kane Perry
Secretary/Treasurer