

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

Council President Matthew DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 5:06 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, Kevin Clark 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), Julie Henry (Chamber of Commerce), Cindy Copp, and Gabe Hakvaag.

Councilor Clark made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Speed Study – PennDOT has been contacted regarding the speed study on Central Avenue and Pearl Street. They will conduct the study at no cost to the Borough. Manager Louis Rachiele will be mailing a formal request letter later this week.

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 Wood and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the March, 2023 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to appoint Kerry Gyekis to the vacant Wellsboro Planning Board seat as recommended by the Wellsboro Planning Commission.

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

Councilor Prevost made a motion to consider modifications to Ordinance 338 and Zoning Ordinance 688 regarding Stationary Retail Mobile Vendors. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeCamp and discussed. After discussion Councilor Prevost officially withdrew his motion.

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Fee Schedule for Transient Vehicle/Van Permits was tabled due to failure to take action on the motion to modify Ordinance 338 and Zoning Ordinance 688 regarding Stationary Retail Mobile Vendors.

The following individuals were appointed to the Short -Term Rental Task Force:

Council Members (3 representatives)

- Louis Prevost
- Matt DeCamp
- Craig West
- Mike Wood (alternate)

Planning Commission Members (3 representatives)

- Mark Thompson
- Ron Comstock
- John Sticklin
- Kathy Eastridge (alternate)

Community Members (5 representatives)

- Julian Stam
- Teresa Capuzzo
- Terry Bryant
- Julie Henry
- Christina VanDergrift

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement as recommended by Penn DOT. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report at this time

Police Report

Chief Bodine reported the following:

- PD has been busy completing annual trainings and legal updates.
- There has been an increase in speed complaints with the nice weather.
- Coffee with Cops at the Native Bagel was a success and well attended.

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

All materials for Sears Street Storm Water Project have been delivered and construction will begin in the next couple of weeks.

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DPW crew has been busy clearing the electric lines at Brownlee, repairing storm water grates and sweeping streets.

Road repair/improvement bids are currently advertised and bids will be opened at a special meeting scheduled for April 24th 2023 @ 5PM here at the Borough Office.

Borough is looking into additional funding for the Hamilton Dam Rehabilitation project through the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

The Tioga Cat Project will be scheduling a clinic for the Boroughs feral cat issue in the upcoming months. Times and dates will be confirmed at a later date.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to obtain Request for Proposals for Master Plan at Packer Park. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business –

Maryland National Guard Aerial Training – Since the training area does not cover the Borough area, the Borough is suggesting for residents to get more information at the Green Free Library on how to submit their concerns.

Public Comments

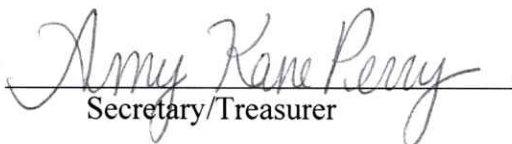
Gabe Hakvaag – Mr. Hakvaag came to further discuss the sidewalk grant application and offer assistance in it's completion.

Cindy Copp – Cindy had the following concerns:

- Ms. Copp would like to know who determined crosswalks and signage for them. She has some concerns regarding lack of signage around the Pinnacle towers and it's elderly and disabled residents' safety is a concern
- Ms. Copp would like to know if there is any ordinance regarding the use of drones.

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm. Next Borough Council Meeting is May 8, 2023 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer