

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 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, 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), Cindy Copp, Diana & Brad Holliday, Walt Colton, and Sean & Robin Minnick.

An Executive Session was held on Monday May 8th, 2023 from 4:35pm until 4:42pm to discuss personnel matters. No decisions were made during this meeting.

Councilor West made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor West made a motion to accept the official resignation of Councilor Kevin D. Clark. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried.

HARB

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Wilkinson Dunn Company sign as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood 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 April, 2023 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to begin the process of modifying Ordinance 275. The modifications will include adding the distinction that pedalcycles will not be permitted on both sides of Main Street between East Avenue and Central Avenue. Signs will also be placed alerting

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the public of the restriction and fines that will be assessed. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

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

Mayor's Report

Police Report

- Speed lines have been updated and will be patrolled.
- There has been a recent increase in overtime due to some current ongoing investigations.
- Officer Deveney is currently attending a training course out of town.

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

Sears Street Storm Water project has started and is projected to take 2-3 weeks to complete.

2023 Road Improvement bids have been awarded. Midland Asphalt Materials Inc has been awarded the Tar & Gravel Bid and Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc has been awarded the Paving Bid.

Borough is looking to fill a full-time position vacancy for the DPW/Water/Sewer Department. Job is currently advertised and will remain open till filled.

The Sewer Departments replacement truck has been delivered. DPW's replacement truck is scheduled to be ready in June.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Arbor Day was celebrated with a tree planting held at 25 Queen Street. Representatives of Shade Tree Commission, Council and Parks & Rec were in attendance.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business

Public Comments

Cindy Copp – Cindy had the following concerns:

- Ms. Copp would like to have the placement of the Rail Trail reconsidered where it runs through the property owned by the Tioga Housing Authority.

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- 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

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm. Next Borough Council Meeting is June 12, 2023 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer