

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022

Council President Matthew DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 6:03p.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 of Police Jim Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Jean Brooks, Terry Bryant, Louis Rachiele, Laura Clarson, Paula Mitchell, and Kent Fowler.

Councilor Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

1. **11 East Avenue** - Request for signage and a façade update.

HARB recommends the version of the sign that does not have the handgun present with the possibility of goose neck lighting directed at the sign for an additional light source. HARB recommends for the building façade to be patched and repaired using like materials and to be painted a colonial/off white with lanterns to be hung on either side of the door, and dark brown aluminum shake shingles to be placed along the front and both sides of the top of the building.

A motion was made by Counselor West to approve the request with the recommendations of HARB. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried.

2. **80 Main Street** - Request for façade update.

HARB recommends the update as proposed with the front façade staying the same size as the property located next door.

A motion was made by Councilor Hart to approve the request with the recommendations from HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and passed.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

The Borough office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Local Services Tax (LST) to the Wellsboro Fire Department in the amount of \$12,000.00; and the Wellsboro Police Department of \$19,030.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to accept bid of \$18,120.00 for concrete work in the equipment room at the Wellsboro Fire Department from Dan Miller. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Motion to approve payment to Stuart Lisowski Excavation in the amount of \$58,178.24 for emergency sewer main repair with funds from the Sewer Rainy Day account. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to table advertisement of Ordinance #706, amending the Transient Retail Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – no updates to report

Police Report – Chief Bodine gave the following updates:

- They have seen an increase in incidents involving juveniles
- He has applied for funding for bullet proof vests. The funding would be a 50/50 match for 3 vests.

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

Main Street sewer repairs are all complete, with just restoration of the disturbed areas remaining. The Wellsboro Municipal Authority has agreed to initiate the process of lining the sewer main on Main Street.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

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Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street in area of the Green for STPR Thursday night showcase from 6p to 8p on September 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to Wellsboro VFW request for Memorial Day Parade on May 30th, 2022, starting at 1030a, running from the Green on Main Street, proceeding to the Wellsboro Cemetery via Queen Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Borough Manager search update – Five interviews have been conducted and second ROUND OF interviews are being conducted.

Other Business

Councilor West made a motion to approve a waiver for stormwater detention for the proposed warehouse project at 35 Charleston Street. The waiver has been reviewed by Borough Engineer Scott Bray, who is in agreement with the request. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried.

Public Comments

Laura Clarson, Tioga County Cat Project – The Tioga County Cat Project is looking for funding opportunities in the Wellsboro area to be used for the spaying/neutering of feral cats. Seven feral cat populations have been reported in the Wellsboro area. The Cat Project can capture the cats and have them spayed/neutered and given rabies vaccinations at the cost of \$55/per cat.

Paula Mitchell – Paula lives on Wetmore Street where one of the feral cat populations have been identified. There is a population of 12 feral cats in her neighborhood which has caused hazardous conditions for her husband who is immunosuppressed.

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn at 6:40pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried. The next Borough Council Meeting is June 13, 2022 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer