

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

Council President Matt 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 Matt DeCamp, Mike Wood, Rhonda Pearson (via conference call), Rachel Smith, Louis Prevost and Julie Henry, Mayor F. Craig West, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Mark Thompson, Cindy Copp, Lewis & Linda Cover, Commissioner Marc Rice and Ellen Dunham Bryant.

Mayor F. Craig West sworn in newly appointed council member Julie Henry.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2024 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Prevost made a motion to submit the current draft with changes per Planning Commission recommendations to the Borough Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 1 with Councilor Smith voting against the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Smith made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the June 2024 Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Smith made a motion to adopt the Tioga County 2024 Response Operations Plan as presented by Tioga County Emergency Services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

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

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Mayor's Report –

- Three applicants have completed the physical and written exams for the vacant police positions. Oral examinations will be scheduled soon.

Police Report – Mayor West reported the following on behalf of the Chief:

- Laurel Festival was a successful event. The only issue was people going around barricades after they were placed.
- The Chief wanted to thank the Borough crew for their part in the Laurel Festival festivities. They did an amazing job.

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

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve UPMC's annual Halloween Path event on October 26, 2024, from 12PM – 6pm with road closures as follows: Walnut Street from Central Avenue to Norris Street, Pearl Street bordering The Green, and Charles Street from Main Street to Walnut Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

The Administrative Assistant position was accepted by the applicant, and she began work on June 24, 2024.

Other Business


Council Committee meetings starting in August will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 4pm.

Public Comments

- Cindy Copp – Cindy has concerns regarding sidewalk repairs at the corner of Cone Street and Purple Street.
- Commissioner Marc Rice – Marc asked for an update on Packer Pool. Councilor Smith updated him on fundraising plans and current progress.

Adjourn – Councilor Prevost made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm. The Next Borough Council Meeting is August 12, 2024 at 5 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer