

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2022

Council President Matthew DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 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, and Louis Prevost. Mayor John Wheeler, Chief of Police Jim Bodine, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Christina VanDergrift, Steve Conard and Charles Swimelar.

An Executive Session was held Monday August 15, 2022 at 4pm to discuss legal matters. No decisions were made during this session.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

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 West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the July 2022 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise the Short-Term Rental Ordinance as presented with the allowance of a 4 sq. ft. sign permissible. The motion was seconded by Councilor West. The motion carried with a 4/1 vote with Councilor Hart casting the dissenting vote.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise for 2023 mowing bids. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the Kelsey Creek As-Built plans as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – No update at this time

Police Report – Chief Bodine gave the following updates:

- Comic Con went off without any issues. If continues to grow it will need to be re-evaluated.
- Recently the Fire Department and the Police Department have been hosting and giving tours to pre-school groups.
- Representatives from the PD attended the beginning of year crossing guard meeting.
- Officers recently completed their CPR Certification Course.
- There has been an increase in retail theft and vandalism.
- Officers will be completing a 1hr online legal update in the coming month.

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

Insight completed proposed Main St and Pearl St sewer lining project. Invoice has been submitted and will be paid by WMA.

Midland applied dust oil to the following streets: Buena Vista, Siemens, Meade, Sears, Bodine, West Water, Bryden and Cortland.

Phase 2 of the Buena Vista Stormwater Project is underway and is estimated to take 4-5 weeks to complete.

Councilor West made a motion to install bicycle racks in municipal parking lots. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Councilor West made a motion to table the request to place recycling bins next to the garbage cans on Main Street until a suitable solution can be found. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor West made a motion to execute the deed for Hamilton Lake/Kelsey Dam Easement as prepared by Cox, Stokes & Lantz, P.C. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Pool is closed due to excessive water loss. Refunds for 1/3 of the season passes purchased online have been processed and checks will be issued for the remaining swimming pool passes purchased in person.

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Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry attended the PAMA Conference from August 7th – 10th. It was very informative and a great experience.

Other Business – none

Public Comments

Steve Conard – Mr. Conard would like to start Street Corner Astronomy in Wellsboro. Local individuals who have an interest in astronomy would set up telescopes on street corners to teach individuals about astronomy. Mr. Conard will work out a location with Borough Manager Louis Rachiele.

Charles Swimelar – Mr. Swimelar resides on Pearl Street and is concerned with the current stone fill that was used to fill in the patch that was dug up during the sewer lining project. The Borough does have plans to remedy the problem by applying cold patch to the area.

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn at 5:16pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried. The next Borough Council Meeting is September 12th, 2022 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer