

# Wellsboro Borough Council Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2016

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Mayor John E. Wheeler called the reorganization meeting and regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Joan S. Hart, John M. Sticklin, and Jennifer Mase Updyke, Councilors Elect Michael J. Wood Terry Bryant, and Kevin J. Connelly, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Police Chief James Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Melissa Bravo from the Williamsport Sun, Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette and Borough resident Jenny Connelly.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Mayor Wheeler conducted the swearing in of newly elected council members:**

Michael Wood-a 4 year term  
Kevin Connelly-a 4 year term  
Terry Bryant-a 4 year term

## **Nominations and Election of Council President**

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to nominate Councilor Hart as Council President. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion. Councilor Bryant made a motion to nominate Councilor Wood as Council President. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion. Councilor Hart was elected Council President by a vote of 4-2.

## **Nominations and Election of Council Vice President**

Councilor Hart made a motion to nominate Councilor Sticklin as Council Vice President. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion. Councilor Sticklin was elected Council Vice President by a unanimous vote.

At this time Mayor Wheeler handed the gavel to Council President Hart to preside over the meeting.

## **President Pro Tem—**

Councilor Wood made a motion to nominate Councilor Connelly as President Pro Tem. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to reappoint Daniel K. Strausser as Borough Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to reappoint Cox, Stokes and Lantz as Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

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Councilor Connelly made a motion to reappoint Larson Design Group and W. Scott Bray as the borough engineers on an as needed basis. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to reappoint board members to new terms as per the following list.

<b>WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY</b> Dennison Young	(5 year term) 12/31/2020
<b>WELLSBORO BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY</b> Terry Bryant	(5 year term) 12/31/2020
<b>WELLSBORO PARKING AUTHORITY</b> Curtis L. Schramm	(-5 year term) 12/31/2020
<b>WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION</b> Vicki S. Fox	(5 year term) 12/31/2020
<b>WELLSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION</b> Ronald L. Comstock Kevin Connelly	(4 year terms) 12/31/2019 12/31/2019
<b>HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD</b> Bill Yacovissi, Planning Commission Member Darrell Stratton Teresa Capuzzo	( 4 year terms) 12/31/2019 12/31/2019 12/31/2019

The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

**Minutes: December 14, 2015 Council Meeting minutes**-were approved by motion of Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-None

OLD BUSINESS-None

## NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Connelly suggested taking politics out of the equation by rotating the Council President Position. Manager Strausser explained the procedure for this is detailed in the PA Borough Code.

Councilor Bryant recommended all receive training as to the roles and procedures, duties and limits of Councilors.

Councilor Sticklin commented on the great job the Borough Manager has been doing lead the Borough forward.

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## **Committee Reports:**

### **General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel**

Councilor Bryant made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for November, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mase Updyke and carried unanimously.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT –Mayor Wheeler explained an update in the new police car equipment costs; with equipment the cost will be \$42,000.00.

Police Report-Chief Bodine announced the Department's Trunarc training has been completed.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to give the Borough Manager authorization to sign the COSTARS SALT Contract Resolution when it becomes available. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

### **Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center**

The Parking lot at Charleston ballfields now has the bumper blocks pinned in place.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Chamber request for street closings for the 2016 calendar year of events. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

### **Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training**

#### **Other Business**

Councilors with email agreed to receive the Agenda and packet in this manner. Councilors Wood and Sticklin will receive a paper version.

#### **Public Comments**

Adjourn -Councilor Sticklin made a motion to adjourn at 6:21p.m.. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by**

