

**WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

Council President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor James Daugherty, President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors, Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin, and Terry L. Bryant. Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS: Police Chief James R. Bodine, Cheryl Clarke from the Williamsport Sun Newspaper, Steve Cramer from the Hospital and Janet Strausser

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Council Meeting –were approved by a motion made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Fireball Run –A great success and those who helped were appreciated.

BULLOCK PROPERTY: The Bullock property has finally cleared. We have received from the courts \$10,538.35 which represents the amount of judgment (\$8,538.35) and the refunds of Sheriff fees (\$2,000.00).

WARRINER: The Warriner property on Buena Vista Street has been cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS

HARB:

1st Baptist Church Sign, 25 Central Avenue- approved as presented by the Church with curliques on the bottom by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Wheeler. This was carried 4-1 with Councilor Sticklin against.

Gas Light roof –The upstairs porch roof was issued an emergency repair permit. HARB recommended this for approval. Council Bryant made a motion to approve. Councilor Wood seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Laurel Health parking lot: Laurel Health will be demolishing the buildings at the corner of Water St. and Queen St. This will be to enlarge the parking area for their building. Steve Kramer agreed to install shrubs and trees.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

A Motion to pay bills for 9/12, 9/18, 9/20, 9/26 and 10/4 as presented was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

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Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously. The following are listed revenues and expenditures for 2013.

	Receipts	Expenditures
General Fund	\$2,886,630.72	\$2,886,630.72
Water Fund	\$870,016.00	\$870,016.00
Sewer Fund	\$691,650.00	\$691,650.00

ORDINANCE 671 – FIXING TAX RATE FOR 2013: A motion to advertise Ordinance #671 for consideration at the November 12th council meeting fixing the 2013 Real Estate Tax at 6.33 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation for property tax was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Central Tax removed/Keystone Collection Group Appointed: A motion to approve Resolution # 2012-08 removing Central Tax and appointing Keystone Collection Group as our LST tax collector was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

1984 Truck Authorized for Sale; A motion to place the 1984 Ford truck on Auction International to sell was made by Council Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried unanimously.

Duane Hoffman Hired: A motion to hire Duane Hoffman as a laborer to work mainly in the water and sewer areas, starting October 23rd was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

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

Chief Bodine Police reported on the many active cases and parking complaints over the yard sales weekend. Homecoming Parade had a big turnout this year and plans are stepping up for Dickens traffic control.

HOLLOWEEN FESTIVITIES will be held October 27th with the Parade at 5 PM. Trick or Treat will be the same night 6 PM to 8 PM.

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING EFFORT FUNDING PROMISED. A motion to approve up to \$5,000 as the borough's share of the joint comprehensive plan was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

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

WASD Sign –The Zoning Hearing Board announced the withdrawal of approval for the School sign previously given. This will allow us to halt the appeal process. The street paving project is completed.

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CHANGE ORDER APPROVED FOR STREET PAVING PROJECT: A motion to approve change order #1 for the 2012 street paving in the amount of \$10,521.55 was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously. This brings the total for the street paving project to \$240,731.80.

APPROVAL TO PAY FROM STREET LOAN 2012: A motion to draw the \$240,731.80 to pay for the 2012 street work from the Loan at Northwest Savings Bank was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

Tar & Chip roads are completed

FEMA/PEMA road repairs from 2011 are now repaired.

RESOLUTION 2012-10 APPROVED: A motion to approve Resolution # 2012-10 authorizing the Borough Manager and Borough Secretary to sign the Supplemental Reimbursement Agreement for the King Street Bridge project was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

GREENWOOD STREET TURNBACK RESOLUTION #2012-09 APPROVED A motion to approve the Greenwood Street Turnback Resolution # 2012-09 and accept the \$272,735.00 from PennDOT to reconstruct the street was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously. This does not include the bridge on the street.

NUTRIENT CREDITS SECURED: We have secured our nutrient credits from Lancaster Area Sewer Authority at \$3.50 per nitrogen credit and \$3.00 phosphorus credit.

Fall Cleanup is October 22nd-26th.

Northern Tier Solid Waste is supplying a dumpster for us to put the electronics in that can no longer be landfilled.

BIDS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION AUTHORIZED: A motion to authorize the borough manager to advertise for bids for garbage collection was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried unanimously.

COUNTY STREAMBANK CLEANUP GRANT RECEIVED: We have applied and have been accepted by Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission and the County for assistance with manually removing vegetative debris in our streams. We now need to identify the areas that could benefit from this and coordinate landowner permissions to accomplish the clean out.

SEARS STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PLANNING: A motion to authorize the borough manager to proceed with the planning of the replacement of Sears Street

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bridge with a pipe was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously. This will be planned for next Spring.

LEASE MONEY RECEIVED FOR WMA PROPERTY: Lease revenue in the amount of \$2,783,250.00 has been received by the Municipal Authority.

ACT 13 IMPACT FEE NOTICE: The Borough received notice of \$171,000 impact fee awarded for the year 2012.

TREE REMOVAL AT TENNIS COURTS AUTHORIZED: Of the five trees along the tennis courts, one tree was authorized for removal, with the possibility of more being removed if they are unhealthy. This was made a motion by Councilor Wood, seconded by Bryant and carried 4-1 with Councilor Sticklin against. Councilor Wood requested the arborist meet with him.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION TO PERFORM STUDY: A motion to authorize our Shade Tree Commission to present a proposed long range plan for the trees on Main Street was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS: A motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce request for Dickens of A Christmas December 1st was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

LION'S CLUB REQUEST: A motion to ratify the Lion's Club request to hold its annual White Cane Day fundraiser on Saturday, October 13th from 9 am to 3 pm was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried unanimously.

WOOD LAND PARK AND THE LIONS CLUB: The Lion's Club is working with us to develop a plan of improvement for Woodland Park. We thank them for their support in the park area.

COMMUNITY CENTER USE RULES: A motion to adopt the Rules of use as proposed by the Recreation Committee for the Community Center was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck