

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes October 9, 2017

Council President Joan S. Hart called the 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, Jennifer Mase Updyke, Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, and Craig West

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting were approved by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Session was held on October 5, 2017 for Possible Litigation. No decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

An Executive session will be held after the meeting for possible litigation. No decisions will be made.

HARB

The following was recommended for approval by HARB:

Carleton Nursing Home-request to replace roof shingles on back building with the same color as existing. The style of shingle will change from 3-tab to architectural. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

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 Sticklin, and carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for August, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin , and carried.

Audits have been completed on the Greenwood Street turn back funds and the Liquid Fuels funds.

The update of the Wellsboro Zoning Ordinance continues by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets the 4th Wednesday of every month.

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-08 Tioga County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The county's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA and adopting the plan allows the borough to be eligible for federal disaster funding. Council Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Bryant made a motion to adopt the updated Civil Service Commission Guidelines, contingent on Civil Service Commission's approval. Council Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor's Report

Police Report- Five officers have completed toxilizer training. This unit is now in service. Chief Bodine has had verbal confirmation of a grant from Shell for a unit for breaching doors that will defeat door locking mechanisms, and a radar trailer for speed enforcement for countywide usage.

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

The Eberenz Street Bridge replacement is complete, the Borough crew only lacks final cleanup to complete the project. A guardrail and hand rail will be installed later this month.

The Wellsboro Parking Authority has set free parking in the Borough from November 17th, 2017 to January 2nd, 2018.

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. has completed the paving work on Pierce Street, Sherwood Street, Wetmore Street, Antrim Street, and Prospect Street. The project was bid at \$148,053.80 and came in at a much lower cost; \$124,634.82.

Councilor Wood made a motion to authorize the Solicitor's Office and Borough Manager to enforce the ordinance requiring hookup to public sewer and public water, where available, and to act on the Borough's behalf, and provide signatures when needed on behalf of Wellsboro Borough. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Fall Cleanup is the week of October 16th on your regular scheduled garbage collection day.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the closing of Central Avenue between Main Street and Water Street from 3pm to 8pm on Sunday, October 22 for the October Block Party by the Vineyard Church of Wellsboro. Council Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

The Halloween Parade will be on October 28th at 5:30 PM beginning at Packer Park. Trick or Treat will run after the parade until 8 PM.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Borough staff attended training on underground pipeline safety; topics included –underground utility marking and safe excavation of underground pipelines and how to react to different scenarios regarding pipelines.

Other Business

Public Comments- Mr. Bruce Bilder of Dean Hill protested the decision to remove the trees bordering the tennis court.

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Councilor Wood made a motion to reverse the decision made last month to remove the trees and to let the trees remain. He asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Wood	-Yes
Councilor Bryant	- No
Councilor Hart	- No
Councilor Mase Updyke	- Yes
Councilor Sticklin	- No

The motion failed.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:22.

Council went into executive session. No decisions will be made.

Minutes respectfully submitted by 
Susan L. Keck, Secretary/Treasurer