

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes November 10, 2014

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, Michael J. Wood, Rudolf K. Scharf, John M. Sticklin, Jennifer Mase Updyke, and Kevin J. Connelly, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Chief of Police James Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Janet Strausser, Jeff Himes, Natalie Kennedy, Andrew Harding, Gary Copp

**Minutes:** Minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Scharf, and carried unanimously.

**ZONING-COPP:** Gary Copp described the proposed project. He wants to put a carport along the side of the home, extending into the front yard, however the Zoning Ordinance prohibits any portion of any accessory structure to be located in front of the principle building. Approximately 7 feet of the structure will be in front. An excessive amount of fill and a retaining wall would be required to extend into the back yard, as it drops off significantly. Planning Commission recommended approval. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to recommend approval. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HARB- GREEN FREE LIBRARY-** Andrew Harding discussed the project: to rebuild the porch foundation with cinder block, and apply stucco (parge). The contractor plans to put in footers, treated lumber, and composite. The trees and shrubs will come out. The columns and porch are important to preserve the integrity. The Library is getting revised estimates and was asked to provide that information to the Council. Councilor Connelly made a motion to approve the project. Councilor Scharf seconded and it passed unanimously. In discussion, it was revealed that Act 13 Funds could be used on this venture.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for September 2014. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

**2015 BUDGET:** Councilor Scharf made a motion to adopt the 2015 budget as follows:

General Fund Receipts at \$2,962,118.00 and Expenditures at \$2,962,118.00.

Water Fund Receipts at \$960,616.00 and Expenditures at \$960,616.00.

Sewer Fund Receipts at \$785,831.00 and Expenditures at \$785,831.00.

Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

**TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE:** Councilor Scharf made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-10 appointing Tax Collection Committee Delegate Susan Keck and alternates Daniel Strausser and Joan Hart. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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**Chief of Police:** Two more parts are needed for the new Tahoe. Then, as early as the end of November, we could take delivery. Training has included Firearms Instructor, Advanced Roadside Impaired, Class A Wire Tap, and High Risk Vehicle Stop Training. There is a heroin case in court waiting for a hearing date and also a Dui case. A new Assistant DA and a new County Detective have recently been hired.

## **PUBLIC WORKS, SOLID WASTE, HIGHWAYS, PARKING, WATER, SEWER**

**RECIND STREET LOAN MOTION:** Councilor Wood made a motion to rescind the motion made last month on entering into a street loan. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Bodine Street storm drainage will start later this week.

Wetmore Street may be paved yet this year if the weather cooperates.

Greenwood Street update: Paving is completed. There is still signage and guide rail left to do and this should be done by the end of the year.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION, TREES, BEAUTIFICATION, SENIOR CENTER**

Dickens of a Christmas festival will be held on December 5th & 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, NEGOTIATIONS, INSURANCE, SAFETY, TRAINING**

We have received the police Arbitration Award.

Councilor Mase Updyke made a motion to accept and authorize our Borough Manager to initiate all aspects of the Award. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

**Adjourned at 6:24 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Susan L. Keck