

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 14, 2011

Council President Joan Hart called the regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council for the Borough of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, to order with a quorum of six members present at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 14, 2011, in the council room of the John E. Dugan Fire Station Municipal Building, 28 Crafton Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The following elected officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

Mayor James Daugherty-

First Ward Council Member- Michael Wood

First Ward Council Member- Rudolf Scharf

First Ward Council President- Joan Hart-

Second Ward Council Member- John Sticklin

Second Ward Council-Vice President- John E. Wheeler

Second Ward Council Member- Terry Bryana

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

The following appointed officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

Superintendent of Public Works- Mark Dieffenbach

Superintendent of Water & Sewer Plants- Daniel Brought

Police Chief- Jim Bodine

Secretary/Treasurer- Susan Keck

Assistant Secretary- Florence B. Martino

PRESS:

Wellsboro Gazette- Natalie Kennedy

Williamsport Sun-Gazette- Cheryl Clark

VISITORS:

Ron Bowers – Sears Street

Brian Kennedy- Sturrock Street

MINUTES- Council Member Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes for October 11, 2011 seconded by Council Member Scharf motion carried 6-0. Council Member Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes for October 24, 2011, seconded by Council Member Wheeler motion; carried 6-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Daugherty informed the Council the police department is working on having personnel to cover the hours for the Dickens of a Christmas event to be held on December 3rd.

CHIEF OF POLICE- TRAINING- Chief Bodine informed the Council he had returned from a week long course on patrol rifle training, held by the National Rifle Association in Pittsburgh and he is now qualified to train and qualify the officers.

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SPEED SENSORY SIGN- Chief Bodine thanked Superintendent Dieffenbach and Hershel Holsomback for their assistance in installing the display signpost on Central Avenue. Chief Bodine said he was going through the permit process with Penn DOT at this time. He is the first in the state to apply for a permanent mount.

Chief Bodine informed the Council the number of DUI charges are up and all other related offenses.

VISITOR- Brian Kennedy, a resident of Sturrock Street, had observed an increase in truck traffic and wants to offer to do whatever he could to assist in keeping the quality of our town. He had no complaints, but wanted Borough Council to know he was willing to help in way he could. Council President Hart said Council was addressing the truck traffic with Shell and other gas companies.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- Superintendent Dieffenbach said the sign needs the high intensity, so it will be nice and bright when coming in on Central Avenue. He'll get what is needed at Bradco Supply.

PLANT SUPERVISOR-SAND FILTER #2- Dan Brought informed the Council Sand Filter #2 has been drained, cleaned, and scraped and is filled back up; now ripening. He said it should be back online within the weeks. The warmer weather will assist in the process.

ROCK RUN- Dan Brought said the secondary Rock Run intake was almost complete. All but one pipe and the backfill are left and this should be done within the next week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT- Dan Brought said that Scott Bray's report stated he had contacted Shell, Appalachia and Seneca Resources concerning the effluent permitting and as of the date neither had received approval on it. He asked if they intended to pursue it to let the Authority know, due to the letters expiring soon.

PILOT PLANT- Dan Brought reported they are waiting to hear when the company is ready to control things from the plant and start testing. He said the turbidity is at .7 or .8 from the reservoir and it reduces it .012. Council Member Bryant asked if the press could do a news release. Council President Hart said they are planning to do a news release once the system is up and working.

OSRAM- Dan Brought said Osram presented a draft copy of the water effluents ratio study performed for the copper. The report proposes limits of 0.116 milligrams liter monthly average and a daily max of 0.181. The current level is 0.011, which is four times, or better. Dan Brought said the borough is submitting a letter for the reduction also. Dan Brought said at this time we are at 0.012 or 0.013.

Dan Brought said Scott has prepared the notice letters on the I & I issues and if it were acceptable the letters would be sent out. Scott Bray also thanked the Authority for the time serving the community and would work to make it a smooth transition.

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MEADE STEET RESIDENT- Superintendent Dieffenbach informed the Council a new resident is exploring the cost of a septic tank or a grinder pump station and hooking on to the borough's line. Superintendent Dieffenbach said he would take this concern to the Municipal Authority.

FIRE LINE TAP BEHIND WELLSBORO PLAZA- Superintendent Dieffenbach said they did a new fire line tap to service the new medical facility on the plaza. Superintendent Dieffenbach said the expense would be invoiced to the plaza.

X-MAS DECORATIONS- Superintendent Dieffenbach said the decorations would be put up on Wednesday.

STREET WORK- Superintendent Dieffenbach said the crew will be patching on Park Place, Penn Wells and Dante Cimorelli's place this week. Grading would be done on Cortland Street. Probation workers have been doing brushing around town and there is still some cleaning up to be done on Charleston Street.

CLEAN-UP WEEK METAL- Superintendent Dieffenbach said we have received \$450.00 with one more load of metal to take down.

COMPOST AREA- Superintendent Dieffenbach said he got an invoice for cleaning up the compost area in the amount of \$2,809.00, which is lower than the budget amount.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT- RATIFY PAYMENTS OF BILLS FOR 10/25TH, 11/2ND & 11/8TH- Council Member Wheeler made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Member Bryant motion carried 6-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT DATED 11/10th- AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TO BID ON NEW VEHICLE- Secretary Keck said he would be bidding on a new vehicle and selling two old vehicles for parts. Council Member Bryant made a motion for Superintendent Dieffenbach to make a bid on the vehicle, seconded by Council Member Wheeler motion carried 6-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSFERS- Secretary Keck said the transfers are listed on a separate sheet after the Finance Committee report. Council Member Sticklin made a motion to approve the transfers as presented, seconded by Council Member Wood motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION PROTESTING USE OF BRINE IN ROAD APPLICATION NEAR WATERSHED- Secretary Keck said she would create a letter similar to the one included in the packet protesting the use of brine on roadways near watersheds. Jim Weaver for the Tioga County Water Protection Coalition drafted the letter. The deadline for the letter is this Wednesday. Council Member Wood made a motion to create the letter, seconded by Council Member Wheeler motion carried 6-0.

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DRAFT BUDGET- Secretary Keck informed the Council there is a meeting tomorrow, November 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. and asked the members of Council for any input on the proposed budget.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/GROW BREAKFAST- Secretary Keck informed the Council the breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at the Penn Wells Hotel at 7:30 a.m. Secretary Keck said the speakers will be from the Gannett Fleming Group. Council President Hart and Council Member Scharf said they would like to attend.

ZONING HEARING FOR GREENWOOD GARDENS- Secretary Keck said the hearing would be held on December 8th. The developers are asking for a variance for the standard lot size from 10,000 square feet down to 8000 square feet. Another variance request is road frontage down from 80' to 70'. Secretary Keck said they would present the preliminary draft to the Planning Commission on November 29th.

THANKED THE SUPERVISORS- Council Member Scharf thanked the supervisors for watching the budget and that the budget looks good. He appreciated the supervisor's careful attention to expenses.

APOLOGIZED TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT- Council Member Sticklin apologized to Council President Hart for not having a meeting with Council Member Scharf and Council Member Wood concerning the dumpsite on Meade Street.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT- Council Member Bryant reported they had nine applicants however one dropped out and the committee has interviewed six and hope to interview the last two this week.

OLD TRAFFIC LIGHTS- Council Member Wheeler said a resident would like to purchase two of the old traffic lights. Secretary Keck said the old on Central Avenue and Main Street was going to Lawrenceville Borough and Council had decided to put the other lights on EBay so anyone could bid on the lights.

ADJOURNED 6:30 p.m.