

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 28, 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 28, 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

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 Bryant

**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

**PRESS**

Jason Preciewcz – Wellsboro Gazette

Cheryl Clarke – Williamsport Sun

**VISITORS:**

Teri Carson- Wilkinson Dunn Insurance Company

Teri Carson described the MRM Trust Property & Liability Insurance premium; stating the increases are due to the one more police officer, one more new vehicle, and the inflation factor; bringing the totals o \$81,935.00. Mrs. Carson again urged Council to get an appraisal done. Without the appraisal there is a risk that we are underinsured. The Borough's insurance costs are bases on a 3% increase per year. Mrs. Carson suggested Council consider at least having the larger items appraised. MRM has been very stable in their pricing and we receive dividends yearly. The dividend last April was \$34,000. Council member Sticklin made a motion to approve the MRM Trust Insurance for 2012 at a cost of \$81,935.00. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion and it passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-** Superintendent Dieffenbach said PennDOT officials will be moving in on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to do two of the intersection traffic signals per day. On the 7<sup>th</sup> the lights should be in operation. The Sand Filters are

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running and ripened and we are now selling water again. The Membrane Filter Unit is working continuously.

ROCK RUN- The Superintendent said the secondary Rock Run intake was complete and the paperwork has been submitted to DEP .

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT-**

**Engineer Scott Bray's Correspondence** - Council Member Wood made a motion to accept Scott Bray's proposal to remain on as engineer for the Borough. This was seconded by Council Member Scharf and carried 6-0.

**Agreement for Gas Light Maintenance-** Council Member Sticklin made a motion to accept the agreement with Mike Pierce with one addition; to specify monthly inspections of the gas lights. This was seconded by Council Member Wood, and the motion carried 6-0.

**Parente Beard** proposed a cost range of \$3500 to \$5800 for performing the Central Avenue Bridge Audit. Council Member Wheeler made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Scharf, carried 6-0.

**Long Consulting Contractor proposal-** Long presented a letter of request to have Council consider qualifying CGG Veritas draft the Community and Environmental Impact Analysis required by per Section 14.19.9 of the Zoning Ordinance. Council Member Scharf made a motion to accept the proposal. This was seconded by Council Member Wheeler, and the motion carried 5-1, with Terry Bryant abstaining.

**2012 BUDGET ADOPTION** – Council Member Sticklin made a motion to authorize Notice of Intent to adopt the 2012 Budget with a 15% increase in garbage rates, and a 3% increase in Water and Sewer rates. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scharf and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNED 6:45 p.m.**