

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes November 9, 2015

Council President Joan S. Hart called the 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, Kevin J. Connelly, and Jennifer Mase Updyke, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Chief James Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Melissa Bravo from the Williamsport Sun, Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Tim Cole, James Updyke.

Minutes: October 12, 2015 Council Meeting minutes-were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Connelly, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Strausser presented the HARB projects that were recommended for approval by the HARB Board.

1. Ginn & Vickery 99-Main Street project to enclose the old bank drive through for an office with a footprint within the steel pillars. The siding will be vinyl with a 2' high brick veneer at the bottom below the windows. Trim will be green and/or tan/beige. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve. Mike Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. **75 Main Street-next to Timeless Destination-** This entails a window sign in vinyl – gold lettering. The business is a laser engraving business. Councilor Connelly made a motion to approve. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Manager Strausser presented the Planning projects for approval.

- 1: Ferguson- 6 Morris Lane- combination of their two deed parcels situate at 6 Morris Lane into one parcel. 1 lot is .446 acres at 6 Morris Lane. Adjacent lot is .081 acres acquired in June of 2015. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Decamp to subdivide off .037 acre from Lot A, .329 acre to convey as a lot addition to neighboring lot, also owned by DeCamp. Councilor Connelly made a motion to approve. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Scharf made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for September, 2015. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Police Report- Chief Bodine announced that Halloween festivities were well attended with no safety issues.

Officer Warren took the state exam on Wednesday and on Thursday he started with the Department. He is doing well, and the Chief expects that with his Paramedic skills and recent Naxolone (OD Drug Reversal) training he will become an invaluable addition to the department.

The Chief has received local donations toward the purchase of the TruNARC laser detection device which can detect drugs or alcohol with one push of a button. A one day training is involved with the operation of the device.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to reject all bids on the Norris Street Bridge. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin reported at a recent meeting a Pool Feasibility Study is being done to assess the pool and its needs.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

We are negotiating for a new contract with the DPW and Police.

Other Business

Public Comments: Tim Cole commented on the condition of the sidewalks and streets in Wellsboro.

Adjourn at 6:20 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

