

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020

Council President F. Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, John Sticklin, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Lou Prevost, Joan Hart, Mayor John E. Wheeler, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief of Police Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, and Andrew Moore from the Wellsboro Homepage.

Minutes of the October 12, 2020 Public Hearing 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of the October 12, 2020 Public Hearing 4:35 p.m.

Minutes of the October 12, 2020 Council Meeting

Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Council Meeting

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes of the four October, 2020 Council Meetings (above). Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-None

OLD BUSINESS – An executive session was held for legal matters on October 19th, 2020 from 10am to 10:32 am. No decisions were made during the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

HARB: Did not meet in November due to lack of applications.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Hart made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the September, 2020 Treasurers Report. . Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Hart made a motion to adopt the 2021 Budgets for adoption as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$2,891,770.00	\$2,891,770.00
Water	\$861,650.00	\$861,650.00
Sewer	\$658,890.00	\$658,890.00

There is no increase in borough water, sewer, or garbage rates. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to adopt Ordinance #700 fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2021 at 7.133 mills; this rate remains the unchanged from 2020. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Borough has been awarded \$250,000 in COVID-19 Relief Block Grant through Tioga County.

Police Report-Chief Bodine reported the Halloween Celebration went very well, despite the lower turnout. On November 19, the new police vehicle will arrive at the dealership and be outfitted soon after. The Risk Vulnerability Assessment Team will be at performing their assessment of the Deane Center and then assess the churches for their vulnerability level.

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

Councilman Prevost had a follow-up with PennDOT on the Air Brake Restriction Signs. He is still in discussion with them and intends to contact Clint Owlett, and ask PennDOT to revisit the Ordinance on air brakes. He'll give an update next month.

The borough has received the final reimbursement of \$28,121.50 from the Tioga Conservation District's Dirt and Gravel Road Program for the Bodine Street Stormwater Project. The stormwater system now extends the length of Bodine Street.

The Wellsboro Municipal Authority has installed two new well buildings with more secure concrete buildings. The Authority has now replaced the buildings at 4 of the 6 wells in the Public Water Supply.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

The tree planting program is scheduled for November 11th, to replace the trees along Nichols and Queen Streets. The 2020 program also includes two trees on Main Street and 2 at the Charleston Ballfields.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to hire Amy Kane Perry to the position of Borough Secretary/Treasurer, with a starting date of November 10th, 2020 and a starting salary of \$45,000.00. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comments- Raquel Rogers, a resident of Bodine Street, asked members of council to give their reasons for not allowing chickens in the Borough. Councilor Sticklin explained the ordinance had merit at the time it was put in place and still has merit today.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. Next Borough Council Meeting is December 14th, at 5pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer

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Council President F. Craig West called the Public Hearing to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street.

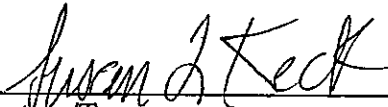
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Also attending was Andrew Moore from the Wellsboro Homepage.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 701- allowing a Non-Commercial Recreational Vehicle Park in a Rural Residential District as a Conditional Use. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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