

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

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, Jennifer Mase Updyke, Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Mike Hummel, Terry L. Bryant, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief James Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Matt DeCamp and Craig West were in attendance.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting were approved by Councilor Hummel, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

HARB

The following were recommended for approval by HARB:

1. Century 21 request to replace existing awning with a solid black awning at 78 Main Street. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. UPMC Susquehanna to change sign color and logo on all exterior signs at 32-36 Central Avenue. Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for October, 2017. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Mayor's Report- Mayor Wheeler requested a motion to remove the probationary status of Mitchell Christman. Councilor Bryant made a motion to remove Mitch Christman's probationary status effective January 1, 2018. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Hummel made a motion to accept the resignation of Frank Levindoski at the January 1, 2018 date. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to apply for PA Small Water and Sewer Grant from DCED to update the SCADA monitoring system and complete maintenance on the tanks at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Wellsboro Municipal Authority will provide the 15% match.

The garbage pickup in the Main Street business areas regularly scheduled for Monday, 12/25 will be completed on Sunday morning, 12/24.

The 2018 recycling schedule will be available at the Borough Office, posted on the website, and on the back of the water bill in December. Please note that the commercial recycling pickup for 2018 will change to the opposite week.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

6 Elm trees have been planted at the Charleston ballfields to replace the diseased Ash trees, which were removed.

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission has been awarded a TreeVitalize grant for an educational program that will assess and prune trees while educating students and the public on proper pruning methods. The grant amount is for \$10,617, received from the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council. The total project cost is \$24,611, with the borough providing a match of \$10,617. The remaining amount consists of an in-kind match of volunteer hours.

The Wellsboro High School's Building Construction class has completed replacing the roofs at Nessmuk Lake. The Borough Council appreciates the efforts of Mr. Seeling and the students.

The Borough would like to thank Wild Rose in Tioga, PA for donating the concrete blocks for the Dickens event.

The Borough has been awarded \$427,000 in grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund through PA DCNR. The Borough thanks all the partners who have provided matching funds-Laurel Health Foundation, Packer Foundation, Sweet Foundation, Tabor Foundation, Wellsboro Veterans Club, Wellsboro Lions Club, the Jon Banik Estate, and the Etner Foundation.

The Borough will also provide \$60,000 towards the project and acknowledges the hard work of Mr. Peter Herres in completing an exemplary grant application.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Public Works Supervisors attended DOT training for Drug Use Awareness in CDL drivers.

Other Business

Councilor Wood passed along thanks to the Public Works department for their excellent work.

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Mayor Wheeler honored Councilors Joan Hart and Jennifer Mase Updyke with Certificates of Appreciation for their years of contributions to the Borough.

Public Comments

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Susan L. Keck*
Susan L. Keck, Secretary/Treasurer