

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020

Council President F. Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

VISITORS –from the Wellsboro Gazette, Josh Magnotta. Borough Residents David Robinson, Kevin Clark, Janet and Kerry Gyekis, Arline Buchman, and Annie Martin. Carolyn Krystoff, a resident of Sunview Drive in Charleston Township.

HARB: (Did not meet)

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Hart made a motion to change the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. beginning with the April meeting. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for December, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 697, revising Chapter 21, Section 302 "Street and Sidewalk Obstructions Restricted." The added language reads "No person shall deposit grass clippings, leaves, or snow on any street or sidewalk in the Borough; excluding those times when snow may be moved to the metered parking spaces along Main Street during snow removal following snow events. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

The Borough Office will be closed on February 11, 2020 from 9a to 1p for CPR training for all employees.

Safety, Police, Fire, Protective Inspections, Codes, EMA Mayor's Report

Police Report- Chief Bodine reported the new Officer Cochran has been progressing well. He will go solo the end of February. This month is the new records management training. This will go live March 13.

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

The Borough has received the DEP permit to operate the newly installed bulk filling station at the Wellsboro Industrial Park. Any customers looking to purchase water can set up an account with the Water/Sewer Clerk to obtain a PIN to use the filling station

Councilor Wood made a motion to authorize the borough manager to advertise the bid packet for the 2020 Street Program, including work on Meade Street, Fischler Street, Bodine Street, Buena Vista Street and Grant Street (between Meade Street and Central Avenue). Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to authorize the Borough manager and solicitor to pursue judgements on the Cohick and Rose accounts. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Relay for Life request to close Pearl Street and Charles Street adjacent to the Green and block parking around the Green on July 18, 2020 from 10a to 10p. The request includes approval to block parking spaces on Central Avenue (north of Main Street) for a dumpster. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission has been awarded a Tree Vitalize grant for the purchase of 20 trees. These trees will replace those removed last year on Queen and Nichols Streets

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Special Olympics request to hold a 5K race on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at 8am. The race is a fundraiser for the local Special Olympics program and all set-up and tear-down will be the responsibility of the organizers. A map has been provided for your review. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comments

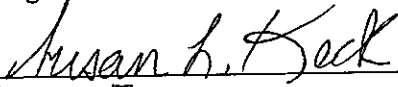
Janet Gyekis presented with a request for the Borough Council to adopt a resolution supporting fair, impartial, transparent, and accountable redistricting.

Kevin Clark updated Council on the Community Garden progress, which has been shown an outpouring of local support.

Dave Robinson spoke in support of Fair Redistricting.

Adjourn – Next Borough Council Meeting is March 9th, 2020 at 6pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer