

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2013

Council held a Conditional Use Hearing at 5:30 p.m. Proposed was the demolition of the two story dwelling at 38 Central Avenue for use as a parking lot for Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital. There is a transcript of this on file in the Borough Office.

Council President Joan Hart called the Regular meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor James Daugherty, President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors, Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin. Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, and Chief of Police James Bodine

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Janet Strausser, Ariel Faber

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 14, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by a motion made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Manager Strausser explained the HARB's recommendation was to approve the Conditional Use Request of the Hospital to demolish 38 Central Avenue and replace it with a parking lot. The vote passed 4-3. Councilor Bryant made the motion to approve, Councilor Scharf seconded it, and it carried. The proposed design for the front of the new Borough Building was also recommended for approval by a motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously. Included in this motion was that the signage for the current State Store would be detachable and the responsibility of the renter.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to pay bills for 1/16, 1/24, 1/30 & 2/7 as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Wood, carried 6-0.

HOFFMAN REMOVAL RATIFIED-Councilor Wood made a motion to ratify the removal of Duane Hoffman as a borough employee effective January 15, 2013. This was seconded by Councilor Bryant, carried 6-0.

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE-Scharf made a motion to advertise an ordinance for Outdoor advertising along Route 6 for the PA Route 6 By-way proposal. This was seconded by Councilor Wood, carried 6-0.

WHEATLEY HIRED-Councilor Wheeler made a motion to hire Cole Wheatley as a laborer. This was seconded by Councilor Scharf, carried 6-0.

TAX APPEAL -The tax appeal of the Deane Center will be held before the Tioga County Board of Assessment on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 @ 10:15 a.m. at the courthouse.

QUARRY PROPERTY BID IN PAPER -The bid advertisement will be in this week's Gazette for the quarry property. Bids will be opened March 11 2013 @ 2 p.m. and will be presented at the Borough Council meeting.

Mayor's Report- The 2014 car specs have been prepared.

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CHIEF BODINE- Legal updates are required every year. PACOP- an online program, is now available and will save time and travel expense. All Officers will be up to date. CPR and First Aid are currently being updated.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to advertise an ordinance to reduce the number of members of the Planning Commission from 9 to 7. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, carried 6-0.

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

We will be working on this year's street program in the near future.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Bryant made a motion to apply to DCNR for a grant to complete a Feasibility Study on replacing swimming pool. This was seconded by Councilor Scharf, and carried 6-0.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to apply to DCNR for a grant to develop a Master Plan for Woodland Park. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler, carried 6-0.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

No date has been set for the arbitration hearing with the police contract.

Other Business

Manager Strausser is working with the Fire Chief on an ordinance for the Fire Company to charge for Hazmat material replacements. He is hoping to have something to present next month for Council.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan L. Keck

