

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

Council President Craig West announced the meeting was being videotaped for the Wellsboro Home Page and 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, Dr. Bill Yacovissi, Lou Prevost, John Sticklin, Junior Council Member Katarina Swendrowski, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS - John Voght and Tim Crane from the Home Page Network, and Karen Swendrowski (at end of meeting).

Minutes of the January 14, 2018 Council Meeting- Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

NEW BUSINESS

An Executive Session was held from 4:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. for legal and personnel matters. No decisions were made during this executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

HARB:

The following were recommended for approval by HARB:

1. Request by the Robinsons for signage and roof and gutter replacement at 28/30 Central Avenue (Emerge Healing Arts and Spa). Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve. Dr. Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Request by Lenora Krout for window signage at 5 East Avenue (Krout's Creations). Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for December, 2018. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Montessori Children's Center Subdivision. The 0.073-Acre subdivided parcel will be conveyed to the adjacent Shaw parcel. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on February 20th, 2019, at 5pm to hear the request of a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance by Dollar General for the property at 120 East Avenue. The requested variance is for the reduction of required parking spots.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to authorize Borough Manager to sell the 2016 Durango once the Police Department receives the new vehicle. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Ordinance #691, which updates the Fireworks, Parking, Water and Actuarial Equivalent Sections of the current Ordinances. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Mayor's Report

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to authorize Police Chief Jim Bodine to teach up to 10 days per year at the Municipal Police Academy at Mansfield University. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Police Report- Chief Bodine reports the new vehicle is here and will be in service within a week.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to enact the Ordinance #690 as prepared by Bond Counsel for issuance of the General Obligation Note, Series of 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried. Councilor DeCamp abstained from the vote due to his association with the Citizens and Northern Bank.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to authorize Park and Recreation Director Peter Herres to apply for a TreeVitalize Grant to complete a Tree Inventory within the Borough. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

The reduced Membership family rate of \$99 for the Packer Park Pool will be offered in 2019. The rate of \$99 is available for the month of April.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve YSM Landscape Architects for Final Design, Project Management and Grant Management for the Woodland Park, Phase I project. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a request from the Tioga County Special Olympics to hold a 5K race on April 6, 2019. The fundraising event for Special Olympics begins and ends at Packer Park. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

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As a result of a grant request from the Borough Manager, the Borough has been gifted \$20,000 from the Wellsboro Community Foundation for Phase 1 of the Woodland Park Project. The Borough is extremely grateful for the donation, as it helps offset the cash match portion of the grant requirement.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

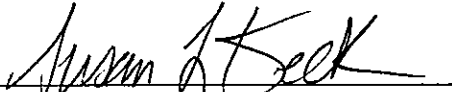
Councilor DeCamp made a motion to ratify the hiring of Paul A. Patt to the position of Laborer within the Water/Sewer Department, effective January 28th, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business- Manager Boyce thanked the Department of Public Works crew for the many overnight shifts and coming in after hours to perform snow removal. This made it safe for the residents and businesses to get about during the day.

Public Comments- Ms. Betty Ann Stevens, a resident of Hastings Street, asked Council to address the issue of pet droppings on sidewalks. We will put mention of the ordinance prohibiting this in the newsletter and on the back of the water bill.

Adjourn – Councilor DeCamp made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____


Susan L. Keck