

Wellsboro Borough Council Minutes February 9, 2015

Council President Joan S. Hart called the 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, Michael J. Wood, Rudolf K. Scharf, Jennifer Mase Updyke, John Sticklin and Kevin J. Connelly, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Pam and Craig Musser, Terry Bryant, Natalie Kennedy, Shaw Siglin

Minutes of the January 12, 2015 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Scharf to approve these minutes. The motion carried.

HARB- HARB recommended approval of a projecting sign next to PennOak Realty for Kathy Zavetsky's new business. A motion to approve the sign request was made by Councilor Connelly. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilor Wood recommended the sign colors be muted or changed to fit in with the existing streetscape. A burnt orange color, leaving the beak and foot of the duck the brighter orange, was suggested and he incorporated this into a motion. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and asked Mrs. Zavetsky to return to next months' meeting with those changes made. Motion carried.

Grand Canyon Airport Authority – Councilor Connelly made a motion to accept Jeff Himes resignation from the Airport Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously. Mr. Himes resigned on the advice of his attorney.

Councilor Mase Updyke made a motion to appoint Sheila Prevost to the term expiring December 31, 2019 on the Airport Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Scharf made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for December 2014. . The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to purchase a new 2014 Caterpillar Backhoe from Cleveland Brothers of Mansfield, PA for \$86,667.00. This will be purchased with funds from General, Water & Sewer Rainy Day Accounts. This is being purchased through the Costar Program. . The motion was seconded by Councilor Mase Updyke and carried unanimously.

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Councilor Scharf made a motion to secure a tax free loan for \$300,000 from First Citizens at 1.87% interest for 4 years. This is for the 2015 Street Program. This loan will be repaid with our Liquid Fuels funds. . The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-01 opposing PA Senate bill #4. . The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve Abram C. Zuchowski as our Deputy Tax Collector. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

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

Two arrests have been made on the recent burglaries in the Borough. And a Juvenile Heroin case is now proceeding through the courts.

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

2015 Street Program bids will be received until February 20 @ 2 PM at which time they will be opened.

Councilor Wood made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2015-02 for Utility Relocation and cost sharing with PennDot on Route 6. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Winter Celebration will be held on Saturday February 28 and Sunday March 1st.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor Mase Updyke made a motion to advertise Ordinance #678 amending the Management Pension Plan ordinance for new hires to be provided with a 401, 457 or IRA instead of a Defined Benefit Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:33

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck