

# **Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2014**

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, Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin, Rudolf K. Scharf, Jennifer Mase Updyke, and Kevin J. Connelly, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Chief of Police James R. Bodine, Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Janet Strausser, Natalie Kennedy – Wellsboro Gazette, Alicia Rice from the County Leadership Program.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February 10, 2014 Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel**

Councilor Scharf made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT-** Mayor Wheeler reported the specifications for the new vehicle are being compiled.

**Police Report-** Chief Bodine remarked upon the large number of incidents and ongoing investigations this month. That and the many requests for assistance from other municipalities are keeping the Department very busy. Policies and procedures are being updated and implemented.

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

Bids for Greenwood Street were presented :

<b>Glenn O. Hawbaker</b>	\$295,750.00
Paving and Stormwater	
<b>Glenn O. Hawbaker</b>	\$34,510.00
Full Depth Reclamation	
<b>Vestal Asphalt</b>	\$52,560.00
Full Depth Reclamation	

Council referred the bids to the Street Committee to consider for the April meeting.

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A motion was made by Councilor Connelly to approve the King Street Bridge increase in Borough Share of construction by \$7,900. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously. Construction costs on the bridge increased from \$1,257,000 to \$1,415,400.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the borough as a partnering organization with the Source Water Protection Coalition and Tioga County Conservation District for a Media Outreach grant. Councilor Sticklin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Riberville Street Bridge is closed due to structural failure. We are working on a repair that will allow us to reopen this bridge for passenger vehicles only. The Street Committee meets Thursday at 2:00 p.m. to discuss this.

PennDOT advised Manager Strausser that the milling and overlay of Route 6 from the Diner to near Pierce Street will begin on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center**

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade requested by the American Legion Post 84 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4907. The motion was seconded by Councilor Scharf and carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bucktail Reunion August 1-3, 2014 in the borough. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mase Updyke and carried unanimously.

### **Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training**

No decision on contract arbitration.

### **Other Business**

Manager Strausser invited all attendees to the Joint Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting being held at the Whitneyville Fairgrounds Main Building on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:** Council went into executive session for personnel decisions on wages at 6:15 p.m.

**Executive Session:** Council came out of executive session at 6:55 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Susan L. Keck