

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2012

Wellsboro Borough Council met on Monday, March 12, 2012 in Council Chambers. President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were President Joan S. Hart, Councilors: Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant; Mayor James E. Daugherty, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser.

VISITORS: Assistant Secretary Florence B. Martino, Janet Strausser, Natalie Kennedy, of the Wellsboro Gazette, HARB Chairman Andrew Harding, Planning Commission Member Kevin Connelly.

MINUTES- Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes for February 13th and 27th of 2012. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session 6:02 for personnel issue

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council came out of executive session 6:08. Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve when a police officer satisfactorily completes his probationary period he goes from probation rate to first step on patrolmen rates. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

HARB RECOMMENDATION- Jennifer Garrison's application for a sign application located at 89-91 Main Street. The sign would be a hanging sign for Emerge Healing Arts & Spa hanging below the sign for Breathing Space Wellness Studio. Andrew Harding stated the yellow stripe on the Emerge sign would stay the same, however the lettering would be changed to the ivory color in the flower. Andrew Harding stated they would also have a small sign on the wall of the building listing the massages available. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the application. This was seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously.

2nd HARB Application- Andrew Harding explained The Fifth Season signs on the Deane Center building are just raised letters on the building and will be brown in color. Councilor Wood asked if there would be lighting on the building, in the future. He said they would need to come back to Council. Councilor Bryant stated the letter to the Deane Center could state lighting would need to come back to Council for approval. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the application. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the minor subdivision of C. Wayne and Carol Diffenderfer. This was seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel:

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the appraisal of all borough owned buildings/structures, permanent fixtures, machinery and equipment by Industrial Appraisal Company at a cost of 45,495.00. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

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Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser said the expense for the appraisal, of \$5,495.00, would be paid from the General, Water and Sewer Rainy Day Funds in the amount of 1866.00 from each fund.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to advertise to adopt an ordinance establishing an open records policy. This was seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to adopt the Earned Income Tax Ordinance. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the bills for 3/1 and 3/7 as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

Public Safety, Police, Fire, Protective Inspections, Codes, EMA:
Police Report- enclosed in Council packet.

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

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to appoint Larson Design Group as our sewer/water engineer. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously. Councilor Wood commended everyone for the interviewing process for the engineering service.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the salt contract. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously. Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser informed the Council we would be going into next winter with over 100 T of salt in supply.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center:
No report.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training:
Councilor Wood informed the Council the State mediator will be here on March 21st, he said the Public Works contract would be at 10am, and the Police contract at 1pm.

ADJOURNED 6:35 p.m.

Florence B. Martino

Respectfully submitted by Florence B. Martino, Assistant Secretary