

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

Council President Mike Hummel 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 Mike Hummel, Mike Wood, Craig West, John Sticklin, Matt DeCamp, Council-Elect Dr. Bill Yacovissi, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS - Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Blake Maxson, Wayne Gray

The Swearing in of Dr. William Yacovissi was performed by Mayor Wheeler.

MINUTES: Minutes for the February 12, 2018 Public Hearing were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor West, and carried.

Minutes for the February 12 2018, Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB:

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve Ms. Jarreau's request for vinyl lettering on doors and windows at the Candy Store and Bake Shoppe located at 82 and 84 Main Street. Councilor West seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve UPMC Soldier's and Sailor's Hospital request to install lights at the recently installed pedestrian crossing between the hospital and the Green Home, contingent upon the style of light fixture being approved by the HARB chairman and Borough Manager. The light and post will be installed behind the sidewalk running parallel to Central Avenue. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for January, 2017. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to direct the Borough Manager to seek bids for the purchase of 2 borough owned lots – (1) 1-acre lot on Pearl Street and (2) 1/3 acre lot on Highland Street. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to accept Mr. Denny Young's resignation from the Wellsboro Municipal Authority. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to appoint Mr. Jim Bodine to the Wellsboro Municipal Authority. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

The Borough's website has added a link for citizens to locate the nearest social security offices.

The Wellsboro Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed updated Zoning Ordinance on April 4th at 6pm in the Borough Council meeting room.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the lot addition to lands of Lori Trostle, contingent on Wellsboro Planning Commission approval. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Guyette quote of \$11,259.45 to install communications systems at Borough buildings. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to direct the Borough Manager and Solicitor to begin process of drafting a Non-Owner Occupied Inspection Ordinance. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

Safety, Police, Fire, Protective Inspections, Codes, EMA Mayor's Report-none

Police Report- Chief Bodine reported a very busy month, scheduled another National Drug takeback day on April 28th, and designated April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

Councilor West made a motion to accept the Wellsboro Civil Service Commission's list of candidates, as presented, for the position of Police Officer. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

The Borough has received the 2018 turnback funding of \$1,360 from the state. This money is for the turnback of Greenwood Street.

The Borough has received the 2018 Liquid Fuels monies in the amount of \$119,834.32 from the state.

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Sidewalk inspections will begin soon. The inspections will look for seriously damaged sidewalks, uneven sidewalks, and sidewalks that have become overgrown. Landowners will be notified of necessary repairs (per Borough Ordinance) and will be eligible for the sidewalk program and sidewalk work requires a permit which can be obtained from the Borough Office.

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the 2018 Street Program consisting of Sherman Street (Meade Street to Don Gill Elementary School) and the eastern section of Woodland Avenue. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to put the Brewery Lane project and materials to bid upon the Borough Engineer's completion of bid documents. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request by American Legion Post 84 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4907 of Wellsboro for the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th, 2018. The parade route begins at the Green, proceeding along Main Street to Queen Street and Nichols Street ending at the Wellsboro Cemetery where a ceremony will be held to honor veterans who gave their lives in service to our country. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the annual Wellsboro Little League Opening Day Parade on April 21st, 2018. Starting at 10:00 a.m., the parade route begins at Packer Park and runs along Main Street to the Central Avenue intersection. Opening day for the league will be held following the parade at the Charleston Street complex. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Wellsboro Little League installation of a stand-alone restroom at the Charleston Street Complex. The funding for the project comes from local foundations and a 'Growing the Game' grant from Little League, along with an in-kind match from the Borough. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve a \$5,000 pay raise for Rob Cleveland, raising his salary to \$53,942.40 a year. The Borough would like to congratulate Rob Cleveland for obtaining his Wastewater Operator's Certificate. This is well-deserved, as Rob has done a fantastic job. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor DeCamp made a motion to remove Randall J. Hebert as an employee of Wellsboro Borough. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business

Public Comments

Wayne Gray asked Council to consider adopting a resolution to proceed with a proposal to change the way we district in the state. The constitution would have to be changed, and two legislative sessions would be the start to begin this change at the state level. Fair Districting legislation is in the House and in the Senate at this time to approve a constitution change. The group for Fair Districting will be meeting county officials to ask for support for this legislation.

Council will address and discuss this at the next committee meeting.

Adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck