

Wellsboro Borough Council Minutes March 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- Skip Shaw, Terry Bryant, Natalie Kennedy, Shaw Siglin, Jeff Loomis, Kathy and Shaun Zavetsky, Melissa Bravo, Stacey and Brody Coolidge (school project)

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 9, 2015 Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARD FROM PSAB: PSAB has chosen our Borough as their 2015 MVP-Most Valuable Participant in PSAB Programs. This will entail receiving an award at the formal ceremony in April at the Spring Conference.

NAKED DUCK VAPE SHOP: Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the burnt orange color of the sign and approve the sign using the HARB height requirement. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION # 2015-03 Airport –Clean Earth Resolution #2015-03 opposing the introduction of gas drilling residual waste to any public place or facility instead of a controlled landfill, was adopted by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Council Wood and carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

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 Mase Updyke and carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for January 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

We have received \$93,283.76 for our Liquid Fuels payment this year.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve Resolution #2015-04 authorizing an application to DCED for a Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) grant to help with preparing a Floodplain Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mase Updyke and carried unanimously.

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

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Police Report- Chief Bodine request Officer Hartman be removed from probationary status and place as a full time police officer, as he is doing very well in the department. Councilor Connelly made a motion to have Officer Hartman removed from probationary status and placed as a full time police officer. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chief Bodine attended Department of Homeland Security course on safety and security for schools. The inservice trainings are complete. Many investigations are ongoing.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the bid of Glenn O. Hawbaker in the amount of \$282,626.00 for our 2015 Street Program. This will be paid by the loan and repaid by Liquid Fuels Funds. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to authorize the borough manager to advertise for bids on utility relocation on Route 6 and to set a bid opening date. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Rout 6 utilities will be moved this year with the PennDOT construction to be in 2016.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

The Recreation Commission will be removing the Ash Trees in Packer Park and replacing them with a variety of species.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to use the Emerald Elm Tree to replace the Sephora's downtown as needed. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the American Legion Post 84 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4907 request to have their parade and ceremony on May 25th. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor Mase Updyke made a motion to adopt Ordinance #678 amending the Management Pension Plan ordinance for new hires. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other Business Council thanked Shaw Siglin for the letter he sent to DEP April 7th there will be a Public Meeting for the WCDD Comp Plan at the Deane Center March 23rd will be our next Council meeting.

Adjourned at 6:33

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck