

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017

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 Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, Jennifer Mase Updyke, and Mike Hummel, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Assistant Borough Manager Scot Boyce, Jr., Solicitor Chris Lantz, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Craig West, Tim Cole, Derek Stevens, Steve Gastrock.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Council Meeting were approved by Councilor Hummel, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items -None

HAMILTON LAKE REVIEW: Reminder that the Hamilton Lake review meeting is April 11th @ 2 PM here.

Councilor Hummel made a motion 'effective January 1, 2018 all non-union employees shall receive not less than the same dollar increase including fringe benefits as their union counterparts'. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion.

Councilor Wood made a motion to table the matter. Councilor Mase-Updyke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for:

Councilor Wood	Yes
Councilor Hart	Yes
Councilor Sticklin	No
Councilor Hummel	No
Councilor Bryant	No
Councilor Mase-Updyke	Yes

Mayor Wheeler broke the tie with a No vote.

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A roll call vote was called for:

Councilor Wood	No
Councilor Hart	No
Councilor Sticklin	Yes
Councilor Hummel	Yes
Councilor Bryant	Yes
Councilor Mase-Updyke	No

Mayor Wheeler broke the tie with a Yes vote.

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HARB

Nationwide Insurance at 80 Main Street: HARB recommended removal of the existing Nationwide window sign, leaving the 1 foot diameter bullets and adding David Lansdowne's name to the window signage; centering the new Nationwide flat façade sign over the window, and making it smaller in proportion to the window. Also, it was recommended adding a border of blue pin stripe to the new sign. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve these changes. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Hummel made a motion to accept Thomas Reindl's resignation from the Municipal Authority effective March 28, 2017. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Hummel made a motion to appoint Terry Bryant to fill the vacancy on the Municipal Authority. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for February 2017. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to enter into a credit card agreement with Northwest Bank as per the attached personnel and amounts.

Name	Credit Limit
Scot F. Boyce, JR	\$4,000.00

Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT –no report.

Police Report- The 2017 Tahoe has been ordered from Day Fleet Sales. Officer Phil program will be in the Elementary School again. Below 100 training is back- the Wyoming County Chief will be here for that.

Councilor Hummel made a motion to approve Resolution # 2017-04 eliminating employee contributions to the police pension plan for 2016, 2017, and 2018. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve a 5 year extension with Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority starting January 2018. This will include refuse collection and curb side recycling.

This will mean no increase in the garbage rate.

The 1st year price shall be \$278,225.66 for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Payments to the NTSWA shall be made monthly by dividing the annual cost by 12. The monthly price shall be \$23,185.47 for 11 payments. The last payment shall be \$23,185.49.

The 2nd year cost would increase 3% to \$286,572.43 or \$23,881.03/month for 11 payments. The last payment shall be \$23,881.10.

The 3rd year cost would increase 3% to \$295,169.60 or \$24,597.46/month for 11 payments. The last payment shall be \$24,597.54.

The 4th year cost would increase 3% to \$304,024.69 or \$25,335.39/month for 11 payments. The last payment shall be \$25,335.40.

The 5th year cost would increase 3.5% to \$314,665.55 or \$26,222.12/month for 11 months. The last payment shall be \$26,222.23.

Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request of The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4907 and the American Legion Post 84 of Wellsboro to hold their Memorial Day parade and ceremony on May 29, 2017 starting at the Green at 10:30 AM. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to close Charles Street on April 29th from 8 AM to 4 PM from Pearl Street to Main Street for a Child Abuse Awareness Fair on the Green. This is being sponsored by the Tioga County Department of Human Services. Councilor Mase-Updyke seconded the motion and it carried.

We have received a \$25,000.00 grant from the Packer Foundation to use toward the Woodland Park Project.

We have received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Etner Foundation to use toward the Woodland Park Project.

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Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

We have been awarded Second Place in the 2017 Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs 'Borough News Communication Contest' in the Website Category.

Other Business

Public Comments- None

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:15 and reopened for Public Comments

Public Comments- Mr. Gastrock commented on the stop sign at Bodine Street. Mr. Cole commented on the potholes on Bodine Street.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____


Susan L. Keck, Secretary/Treasurer