

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## April 12, 2021

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Council President F. Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 5:00p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, John Sticklin, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Lou Prevost, Joan Hart, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Mayor John Wheeler, Chief of Police Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Borough residents Cindy A. Copp, Skip Shaw, and Quinn Avery.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021, Council Meeting. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items - None**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS** – An executive session was held Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for legal and personnel matters; no decisions were made during the executive session.

**HARB – No meeting held this month**

### **Committee Reports:**

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

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

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the March, 2021 Treasurers Report. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance #702, amending the Outdoor Burning Ordinance. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

**Air Brake Update** – Councilor Prevost is asking for help from Borough Manager, Scot F. Boyce, Jr., to contact PennDot regarding signage entering the borough.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor John Wheeler has nothing new to report.

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Police Report – Chief Bodine discussed contacting PennDot for a Speed Board Permit for West Avenue. They have observed a problem with speed and that area and feel a digital speed sign would help deter speeding vehicles. The Police Department has recently reviewed the policies and procedures they have in place for social media and confirmed they are in place and up to date. The department has been extremely busy lately and many of the officers have been completing training. They have an active shooter drill scheduled for additional training.

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

The Community-Wide Yard Sales are scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – permits are not needed for yard sales on these days.

The Spring Cleanup Week is the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> – items such as brush and large metal items which can damage trucks are picked up at the hauler's discretion. The Borough does not pick up materials refused by the hauler and pickup will be on your normal pickup day.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve temporary road closure of Queen St and Main St on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the annual Wellsboro Little League Parade. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve VFW's request to hold Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2021 starting at the Green at 1030am, moving up Main Street to Queen Street, ending at the Wellsboro Cemetery. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve The Deane Center's request to close Central Avenue between Main St and Water St on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm until 530pm for an outdoor concert, and the weekly outdoor concerts on a weekly basis starting Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> with the road closing at 6pm – the end of the concerts will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood announced the borough office would begin water shut-offs. Late Fees will continue to be waived until the end of 2021.

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

Spring tree planting program will be delayed until the Fall of this year.

#### **Packer Park Pool Rate Schedule**

April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> - \$99.00 Family Season Pass

May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> – Family Rate - \$132.00 / Individual Rate - \$69.00

June 1<sup>st</sup> to End of Season – Family Rate - \$149.00 / Individual Rate - \$84.00

Day Rates – Adults - \$4.00 / Student \$3.50 / Baby Pool - \$2.50

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The Packer Park Pool will open the last day of school and operate from 1pm to 7pm, Monday – Friday; and 1pm to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. Pool passes can be purchased at [wellsbororecreation.org](http://wellsbororecreation.org)

### Woodland Park Update

1. New upper pavilion is complete
2. Barbeque pit is complete
3. Concrete work has begun
4. Playground Installation has begun

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

### Other Business

### Public Comments

Cindy A. Copp – Ms. Copp proposed an ordinance to require rental inspections for non-owner-occupied rental units. Mansfield Borough has an ordinance requiring inspection every 4 years. Councilor DeCamp announced that the borough has looked into this previously and found where ordinances that required the entry of a home for inspection purposes had been challenged as unconstitutional due to search and seizure procedures. Suggestions were made to contact a building code inspector if building codes were in violation, have an inspection performed before renting and to look into Tenant Rights.

Skip Shaw – Mr. Shaw appeared to voice his concerns regarding the deterioration of roadway surrounding man hole covers on East Ave. Mr. Shaw feels it would be beneficial to fill the holes to grade with patching material that could be excavated if access was needed at a specific location. Borough Manager, Scot Boyce, Jr., will be looking at options to remedy the situation.

**Adjourn – Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.** Next Borough Council Meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer