

Wellsboro Borough Council Minutes May 11, 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, Police Chief James Bodine, 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- Natalie Kennedy, Melissa Bravo, Terry Bryant, Shirley Langs, Jean Pier, Steve Gastrock, Craig West, Tim Cole.

Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Council Meetings-were approved by motion of Councilor Mase Updyke , seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to appoint Dave Cleveland to the unexpired term of Airport Board member Dave Lamphier. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried. A roll call vote was requested.

Councilor Sticklin	-	Yes
Councilor Mase Updyke	-	No
Councilor Hart	-	Yes
Councilor Connelly	-	Yes
Councilor Scharf	-	Yes
Councilor Wood	-	No

Councilor Wood emphasized the assistance that the Borough and Delmar Township have given each other over the years is valuable and this good relationship will continue. The Councilor's duty is to protect our citizens.

NEW BUSINESS

Despite the phased reconstruction scheduled, Bodine Street residents are concerned about the potholes, ditches, and excessive speed on Bodine Street and offered recommendations for dropping the speed limit, having the Police sit on the road for a 7:30 a.m. watch, putting up signs for children playing, and installing a speed sensor. The Borough Manager invited additional comments at a May 28th meeting of the Street Committee.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE ADOPTED: Councilor Hart made a motion to adopt the Flood Plain Ordinance. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried. Councilor Scharf voted against.

RESOLUTION 2015-05 APPOINTING FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR AND ASSISTANT FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR: Councilor Hart made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-05 appointing our Zoning Officer Daniel K. Strausser as Flood Plain Administrator and Susan L. Keck, Assistant Zoning Officer, as Assistant Flood Plain Administrator. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for March, 2015. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve JH Williams three year proposal for auditing the borough funds for \$14,700.00 for 2015, \$14,800.00 for 2016, and \$14,900.00 for 2017. This will cover 2015, 2016 and 2017 audits. The Wellsboro Municipal Authority Audit would be \$4,200.00 for 2015, \$4,300.00 for 2016 and \$4,400.00 for 2017. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report- The Chief explained that DUI's are on the rise right now.

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

We will be issuing a change order for the street program. Sherwood Street will have the gas line replaced next year. We will not repave this street this year. The Street Committee will meet on May 28th.

We received an honorable mention award for the King Street bridge at the PA State Association of Borough's (PSAB) conference in April. It was presented by PennDOT's and PSAB.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to award the Pool Feasibility Study to MKSD Architects, Allentown, PA for \$42,080.00. The funds will be from General Rainy Day Recreation Fund, the General Fund and \$5,000 from Etner Foundation and \$5,000 from Patterson Foundation. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Keystone Kops, Relay for Life Team's request to hold a block party on Friday, August 7th from 4 PM to 8 PM and close Central Ave from Main St to Water Street. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

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Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor Mase Updyke announced Joan Hart had received her 10 year service award and Daniel Strausser had received his 25 year service award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs at the Conference this April. Joan Hart also has earned her CBO Certified Borough Official Award from PSAB.

Other Business

The County Commissioners will hold their meeting here on Tuesday, May 26th at 7 PM.

We have received from PSAB the 2015 MVP Most Valuable Participant Award for our participation in PSAB programs. These programs are a cost savings for the borough.

Adjourn

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Susan K. Beck