

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2019

Council President Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Craig West, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Dr. Bill Yacovissi, Lou Prevost, John Sticklin, Junior Council Member Katarina Swendrowski, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS –Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, John Voght from the Wellsboro Homepage, Kevin Clark from the Community Garden effort, Mike Lundgren, Joan Hart, Len Rice, Lee Borts, Darlene Borts, Stephanie Pranser, and Edward Ryan from the Episcopal Church were in attendance to protest parking ordinance changes.

Minutes of the May 13, 2019 Council Meeting- Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Mike Lundgren presented two petitions against the proposed no parking zone on Pearl Street. They would like two spots exempted from the proposal; the spaces above Charles on Pearl Street.

Chief Bodine explained the reasons for the proposed change; One, multiple accidents at the Norris Street intersection. Two, this is a secondary detour route for truck traffic. Sight distance is greatly reduced when vehicles are parked on the street.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB:

The following was recommended for approval by HARB:

Request by Harry Webster to replace the roof shingles at 8 West Avenue with the same color shingles. Councilor Sticklin made a motion for approval. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

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 April, 2019. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Ward Baker Subdivision with the condition of dedication of sewer extension and manhole back to the Borough by owner. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Dollar General Land Development Plan on the condition that the NPDES and Highway Occupancy Permits are issued and copies received by the Borough. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-02, Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development, for Ward Baker Subdivision. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to accept the resignation of Rudolf K. Scharf from the Wellsboro Planning Commission. Any resident interested in serving on the Planning Commission should notify the Borough Manager in writing by July 26th, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #693, adding no parking zones to Water Street (from Norris Street for 343 feet to the northeast along the southeastern side of the street; and Pearl Street (between Charles Street and King Street on the southeastern side of the street). There was no action taken on this motion.

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

Mayor's Report- No report

Police Report – the Department is gearing up for the upcoming event. They've had 150 calls for service since last month.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to remove the probationary status from Officer Michael Bostwick effective May 29, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Borough Manager and Engineer to apply for a Dirt and Gravel Road Grant through the Tioga Conservation District for the last section of drainage on Bodine Street. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the attached list of 2019 Life Guards for the Packer Park Pool. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to ratify the hiring of Lukas P. Patt to the Department of Public Works effective June 3rd, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Public Comments- Kevin Clark is still interested in working with the Council to identify an area for a community garden with raised beds. He will pursue liability insurance for the Garden group.

Ed Ryan- voiced concerns about the proposed parking ordinance changes on Water Street. He suggested making it no parking only for snow removal purposes.

Executive Session

An Executive Session took place at 6:35 for legal matters. Session ended at 6:45 p.m. No decisions were made.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer