

Wellsboro Borough Council Minutes June 8, 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, Mark Foust, Sandra Foust, Allen Cole, Sue Seibert, Deb Dibble, Don Bravo, Peter Herres, Tim Cole, Jon Crawford, Jeff Himes, Steve Gastrock, Arthur Mann, and Janet Strausser.

Minutes: May 11, 2015 Council Meeting minutes-were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS- Steve Gastrock, Jon Crawford and other Bodine Street residents questioned the speed control devices, new ditch near the end of Bodine Street, and complained of runoff stormwater from recent heavy rains causing clogging of culvert pipes. There is more work to do on Bodine as part of the phased reconstruction.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Foust with the Wellsboro Veterans Club: Mr. Foust updated Council on the progress of the new building on Kelsey Street, and thanked the Borough for their support in this project. The Veterans Club voted to gift \$30,000.00 towards the Woodland Park Master Plan in appreciation for the support and encouragement given by the Borough. A check was presented.

HARB

Andrew Harding, Chairman of HARB: Mr. Harding discussed the HARB recommendations from the June meeting.

Painted Cupboard – Existing Porch removal and new porch addition. The columns will be square, straight ornamentals with square ballisters. They will remove some of the blacktop and put in green space. The shingles will match existing. The project was approved by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Connelly, and carried.

County of Tioga, 118 Main Street, Tioga County Courthouse and Annex Additions and Improvements Project- Revisions to windows and railing specification.

Windows: The County did their due diligence on this issue, but the spandrel windows are not economically feasible, would be very hard to maintain, and it was felt that it does not hurt the historic nature of the building to leave them out. The project was approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Connelly, and carried

Canyon Motel-Exterior Upgrades- There would be no change to the front but painting the brownish tan color to match the motels in the rear of the complex. Shutters and doors will be green. The project was approved with the stipulation they must also paint the posts and columns

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white and remove the braces on porch posts. The project was approved by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

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.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for April 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mase Updyke, and carried.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve Resolution #2015-07 authorizing the disposition of certain records. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

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

Councilor Connelly made a motion adopt Resolution # 2015-06 approving our WCDD Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report- Chief Bodine has speed enforcement on Bodine Street, inbound and outbound and has officers setting up in many areas where the 25 mph signs are up. The National Guard will help with traffic control this year for the Laurel Festival. Chief reported the STPR went smoothly and had a very good attendance.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve change order #1 with Hawbaker for the 2015 Street Program in the amount of \$27,832. This will take the total to \$310,458.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the bid of Stuart Lisowski Excavation & Garage, LLC in the amount of \$164,172.48 for the State Route 6 water system modifications. This is contingent with the approval from PennDot and our engineer Scott Bray. This will be paid with one half from our Water Rainy Day Fund and the other half PennDot will pay. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve our Woodland Park Master Plan as presented by YSM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly, and carried.

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Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business

Manager Strausser received notice of the Act 13 Funds released will be \$128,621.74, which is earmarked to replace bridges.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer