

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2020

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

Attending were Councilors Craig West, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Lou Prevost, John Sticklin and Joan S. Hart, Junior Council Member Katarina Swendrowski, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief of Police Jim Bodine, and Assistant Secretary Florence B. Martino.

Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Council Meeting were adopted by motion of Councilor Prevost, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items- None

HARB:

1. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve Northwest Bank request at 61 Main Street for re-skinning the façade with brick veneer, spandrel windows, and EIFS band and coping; and new signage. HARB recommends the council approve the concept and design plan contingent on the submittal and approval of a Finish Color Board. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Robinson request at 129 Street for additional signage to accommodate combining two businesses at one location. HARB recommends council approve the request on the following conditions:
 - a. The two signs are allowed for six months, at that time signage must be reduced to one sign;
 - b. The new signage proposed after six months must get HARB approval.Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

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 April, 2020 Treasurers Report. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Borough Manager Boyce stated some residents are sending in the Community Feedback – survey on water bill. Borough Manager Boyce also informed the Council he has put a “Suggestion Box” on the Borough website.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the agreement with Constellation for electric pricing of Penelec account at 0.0564/kWh at a term of 58 months beginning in February, 2021. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Sticklin made a motion for the approval of gas pricing, UGI for 1 year at 4.38/dth. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Mayor's Report- no report – absent.

Police Report – Chief Bodine said the firearms qualifications have been met by the department.

Chief Bodine said the speed enforcement has been installed on Pearl and Bodine Streets.

Chief Bodine said the department has been busy with domestic and mental domestic issues

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Borough Manager and Borough Engineer to apply for a Dirt and Gravel Road Grant through the Tioga County Conservation District for the extension of the stormwater system on Buena Vista Street. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Curb-side pickup of recycling by NTSWA resumed on June 1st; NTSWA is planning on holding an electronic collection event in the fall.

The borough is now offering paperless billing for the utility bills. Customers can sign up to receive their bills through email by visiting www.wellsboroborough.com and clicking on the blue "View eBills" button below the calendar.

Councilor Wood made a motion to resume the parking meters effective July 1, 2020. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

The playgrounds at Woodland Park and Packer Park are now open, with social distancing guidelines. All users are urged to wash their hands immediately following use of the playground.

The Packer Park Pool opened on June 4th. The discount rate of \$99 memberships is available through the month of June.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the Request from Ms. Jackie Sprouse to place a Little Free Library at Packer Park using one of the attached designs; Ms. Sprouse will supply the books and the library. The Parks and Rec Director and Borough Manager recommend placing the Little Free Library in front of the Senior Center. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the Request from Deane Center to close Central Avenue between Main Street and Water Street from 6pm to 8pm, on June 26th, July 3rd, and then bi-weekly until Labor Day weekend for outdoor concerts. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

The Borough is accepting applications for a part-time Parks and Rec employee for a year-round appointment. Councilor DeCamp made a motion to raise Patrick Kovchok pay to \$15.00 per hour. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve attached list of Lifeguards at Packer Park Pool at the noted pay rates. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business

Public Comments

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. by a motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Prevost, and carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Florence Martina
Assistant Secretary