

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2014

An Executive Session for personnel matters and pending litigation began at 5:50 and ended at 7:20 p.m.

Council President Joan S. Hart called the regular meeting to order at 7:20 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, Councilors Joan S. Hart, Michael J. Wood, Rudolf K. Scharf, John M. Sticklin, Jennifer Mase Updyke, and Kevin J. Connelly, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Chief of Police James Bodine, Borough Solicitor Chris Lantz and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Janet Strausser, Officer Samuel DeLosa, Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May 12 Council Meeting was approved by motion of Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Scharf, and carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-03 extending the charter of the Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority out 50 years. Councilor Sticklin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to award the North Central Sewage Agency the sum of \$500.00 to assist in digitizing past, current and future records. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called for.

Councilor Sticklin	No
Councilor Mase Updyke	No
Councilor Hart	Yes
Councilor Connelly	Yes
Councilor Scharf	Yes
Councilor Wood	No
Mayor Wheeler	Yes

The motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

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

Councilor Scharf made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Wood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for April 2014. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Act 13 Funds we will receive this year is \$155,299.52.

Shop roof bids were presented: Nickerson Construction bid for 60 mil was \$23,950.00 and Black Bear Construction for 60 mil \$29,570.00. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to accept Nickerson Construction bid of \$23,950.00. Councilor Scharf seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The WCDD Joint Comprehensive Committee will be holding its next public meeting at Tokishi Conference Center, 124 Nypum Drive, Wellsboro, PA, 16901 on Thursday June 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM. All are urged to attend.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Civil Service test was May 30, more testing will be held on 12 June. The P.D. is ready for the June events.

Police Report: Many thefts and burglaries have occurred lately, and several DUI's. The Chief completed Penn State Advanced Executive Training Course, Officer Deveney completed the Background Investigation School, Officer Boyce completed Confidential Informant Management School, and Officer Levindosky is currently attending the FBI Hostage Negotiation School.

A Grant has been awarded to the Department from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators for a prescription drug drop box. This would be available to the public 24 hours.

Chief Bodine began an anti-bullying campaign at the schools this spring.

The Chief also spread the word about STING, a program which will award kids tickets for observed good behavior. The tickets will be worth an ice cream cone at Peggy's Candy's.

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

The Committee will meet later this month to discuss projects for this year.

Our Municipal Authority has agreed to fund the painting of all fire hydrants.

Councilor Wood made a motion to adopt the Sign Inventory Replacement Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

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

We have started the Woodland Park Master Plan.

The pool will open June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Relay for Life Team, Keystone Cops annual block party on Saturday, August 2 from 3 to 7 PM on the street in front of Native Bagel and to

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close the block on Central Avenue. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to ratify the part time pool and Parks and Recreation employees as below. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and carried unanimously.

Name	Job Title	Hourly Rate
Deb King	Pool Manager	\$11.00
Thomas Straniere	Head Guard	\$ 9.00
Phil Straniere	Guard	\$ 8.00
Katie Straniere	Guard	\$ 8.50
Sarah Kramer	Guard	\$ 8.50
Emilie Kramer	Guard	\$ 8.25
Natalie Mee	Guard	\$ 8.00
Mikayla File	Guard	\$ 8.00
Nick Webster	Guard	\$ 8.00
Judy Evans	Front Desk/Guard	\$ 8.50
Olivia Owlett	Guard	\$ 8.00
Carson Owlett	Guard	\$ 8.00
Patrick Herres	Pool and Park Maintenance	\$ 9.00
Mitchell Snyder	Pool and Park Maintenance	\$ 8.50
Lyn Moyer	Pool and Park Maintenance	\$ 8.50
Hunter Musgrove	Guard	\$ 7.50
Nate Cotner	Guard	\$ 7.50
Ben Shaw	Guard	\$ 8.25
Dan Saniga	Guard	\$ 8.25

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

No decision on contract arbitration. Councilor Wood made a motion requesting our attorney send a letter inquiring as to the status of the contract arbitration. The motion was seconded by Councilor Connelly and passed unanimously.

Council received a thank you letter from the Green Free Library for the donation. Councilor Connelly complimented the Parks and Recreation for the variety of activities it offers to the public.

Councilor Wood congratulated the people who put together the First Friday event.

### **Adjourned at 7: 42**

Minutes respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Susan L. Keck