

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes July 22, 2013

Council President Joan Hart called the Regular meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Mayor James Daugherty, Councilors Michael J. Wood, Rudy Scharf, John Sticklin and Terry Bryant, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, Chief of Police James Bodine, Solicitor Christopher Lantz

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Cheryl Clarke, Williamsport Sun Gazette, Janet Strausser, Alyssa Strausser, David Alexin, Mark Dieffenbach.

MINUTES- Minutes of July 8, 2013 meeting were approved by a motion from John Sticklin, seconded by John Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS- Council approved Charles Griscavage Painting Service quote to fix and mortar joints and apply sealer to the Borough garage and fund the \$3,400.00 with Act 13 money. This was made a motion by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Scharf and carried unanimously.

NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS: This being the first meeting in the new Borough Office, Manager Strausser thanked Council and the Mayor for their cooperation and help in securing the building and approving the renovations.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

GARBAGE TRUCK BIDS: Council accepted a bid for the 2004 Sterling Garbage Truck in the amount of \$27,100.00 by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried 5-1, with Councilor Wood opposed. Councilor Wood made a motion to put 5000 per year in a fund toward another garbage truck. This was seconded by Councilor Scharf and carried 4-2, With Councilor Bryant and Councilor Sticklin opposed. Council accepted a bid for the 2008 Durango in the amount of \$6,200.00 by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Scharf, and carried unanimously. The proceeds are to be used to fund the next police car.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Daugherty explained the department is running one less man this summer due to health reasons.

POLICE REPORT- Chief Bodine reported the department had many thefts called in this month.

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

King Street Bridge replacement- The preconstruction meeting was held. Some of the property owners met at the bridge, and there was a meeting in the Borough Office. The construction will begin in August and be open for traffic in November.

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Leak Detection: The leak detection firm began today. They will place small data boxes on the Fire Plugs and go through the water system. They will have the valves programmed to turn on between 2 to 4 . These methods will help to detect the source (s) of unaccounted for water.

Water piping within the sewer plant- The Municipal Authority has agreed to pay the approximate \$20,000 for new piping.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

No decision on contract arbitration.

Other Business

Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan L. Keck

