

## Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes July 8, 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, and Chief of Police James Bodine.

**VISITORS-** Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Janet Strausser, Kevin Connelly, and Craig Mussler.

**MINUTES-** Minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with a change to add Mayor Daugherty as present by a motion from John Sticklin, seconded by Terry Bryant and carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Craig Mussler –AWOS UPDATE- The site has been leveled, and pads put in for sensors; they've run cables to utilities and established a new date of September for open of business of the AWOS (weather station). Two, 5000 gallon fuel tanks will be sand blasted, painted, and repaired and these repairs will give an extended life of 15 years.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive session for personnel matters began at 6:10

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

A motion to pay bills for 6/11<sup>th</sup>, 6/13<sup>th</sup>, 6/18<sup>th</sup>, 6/20<sup>th</sup> and 6/27. and 7/3 was made by Councilor Scharf, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried 6-0.

A motion to ratify payment application #4 from Black Bear Construction for our new building in the amounts of \$28,144.98 for General Construction, \$10,860.50 for Electrical and payment application #3, \$4,289.10 for plumbing was made by Councilor Scharf, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried unanimously.

The decision on the tax appeal of the Deane Center before the Tioga County Board of Assessment is to be issued on July 31, 2013.

The Municipal Authority has approved paying the C&N Loan monthly instead of semi-annual. This will result in over \$10,000 savings in interest over the loan.

Garbage Truck and Durango are out for bids on the Auction International website.

The Borough has received Act 13 revenue in the amount of \$155,508.00.

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

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Councilor Bryant made a motion to raise Chief of Police James Bodine's pay to \$67,000.00 per year effective immediately. Councilor Wheeler seconded and the motion carried 5-1. Mike Wood opposed the motion, stating with the contract still in negotiation, the action was inappropriate.

**MAYOR'S REPORT-** Mayor Daugherty reported June was full of activity and events, yet the only real issues were some parking problems.

**POLICE REPORT-** Chief Bodine was pleased with the participation from Morris, Middlebury, Wellsboro, the Bureau of forestry, the Sheriff's Department and others for the Laurel Festival Event. The DUI memorial will be rescheduled. Foot patrols and door check hours have been added to the Police Report. Chief Bodine reported it is unlawful to set fireworks off without a permit. Fines can be issued up to \$100.00 with confiscation of the fireworks. No one can get a permit without the required insurance and licensing. PA Title 35 lays this out in detail. We will keep this information for distribution in the newsletter.

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

King Street Bridge Bid Clearwater Construction Inc - \$916,000.

Membrane Water Filter plant is proceeding along as planned. The foundation contract was awarded by the Municipal Authority to Chris Strausser of Black Bear Construction as the low bidder.

Replacement of the pumps at the sewer plant is now estimated to be at a cost of \$250,000.00. The cost of replacement of the screw pumps would have been over \$750,000.00.

The 2013 street program. Charles Construction Company's bonds are in. August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the done by date. Queen Street will be patched this year. Kuharchik will be here on Thursday to go over the traffic signals.

Nutrient credits - There are 4 months reporting to go for the year. The numbers look good since the chemicals have been fine tuned. Osram has also input additional treatment that has helped the nutrient situation.

Unaccounted for water in our water system. We are working on this problem. 198,000 gallons per day were unaccounted for in 2012. The Municipal Authority has approved \$8,000.00 for a leak detection firm to detect the source (s) of this unaccounted for water.

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

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

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A motion to approve "The Keystone Kops" Relay for life team's request for their annual block party on Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on the street in front of the Native Bagel was made by Terry Bryant, seconded by Rudy Scharf and carried 6-0. The street will be closed from Main Street to Water Street.

Shade Tree Commission is recommending to stay with the Sophora tree on Main Street. This was approved by motion of John Sticklin, seconded by John Wheeler, and carried.

APPI submitted a proposal to help the Borough cut costs on electric usage at the Clark Well. Councilor Wood made a motion to lock in a contract with Direct Energy for .06718 per kilowatt. This was seconded by John Wheeler and carried 6-0.

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

No decision on contract arbitration.

### **Other Business**

Mike Wood assured those present that he was not the same Mike Wood whose actions had been reported in the Police Report Section of the Newspaper recently.

The next meeting will be held on July 22 in the new Borough Offices.

**Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan L. Keck

