

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## July 8, 2019

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Council President Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Craig West, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Dr. Bill Yacovissi, Lou Prevost, John Sticklin, Junior Council Member Katarina Swendrowski, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS** –Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, John Voght and Lauren Gooch from the Wellsboro Homepage, Kevin Clark from the Community Garden effort, Jim West, and Ellen Bryant.

**Minutes of the June 3, 2019 Council Meeting-** Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

An Executive Session was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2109 for legal matters from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. No decisions were made during the executive session.

**HARB** Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request by Bethany Hawn for paint, lighting and signage at 84 Main Street, Bethany's Jewelry and Design. Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried.

### **General Government**

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for May, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Costellic Land Subdivision. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 693, adding no parking zones to Water Street (from Norris Street for 343 feet to the northeast along the southeastern side of the street; and Pearl Street (between Charles Street and King Street on the southeastern side of the street). Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried 5-1 with Councilor Wood voting against. He requested a second look at traffic flow and speed in this matter.

There has been some confusion about the Borough website. To clarify, the Borough does not run a FaceBook page, but the Borough does have a website at [www.wellsboroborough.com](http://www.wellsboroborough.com) where bills can be paid on-line.

The borough's allocation for the 2018 Act 13 Impact fees is \$122,889.26.

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

Police Report-The Laurel Festival went very well with 30 traffic control Fire Police and Academy Cadets. Brad Wilson is back from the 3 weeks at National Guard Service. Many thanks for the Second Chance and Chris Connect for their assistance in removing over 30 animals from a deceased residents' home.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to purchase a used Pelican Street Sweeper on a Costars contract for \$150,000.00 and sell the old one. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

The Bodine Street grant for the stormwater extension project has been closed out and the remaining \$21,233.74 of the grant funds has been received from the Tioga County Conservation District.

The 344 fire hydrants have been re-painted, as well as the gaslights along East Avenue and Central Avenue. Thank you's to Go Pro Painting and Mike Pierce for their efforts to keep Wellsboro looking beautiful.

The 2019 Paving Project begins today July 8<sup>th</sup>, on the following streets:

The entire length of Riberolle St, Wingate St, Ives St, and Willard Terrace; Morris Lane (between Grant and Bacon St); Sherman St (from Meade St to Don Gill School); Meade St (from Sherman St towards 84 Meade St); Woodland Avenue (from East Avenue to 53 Woodland Ave); Fischler Street (between Sticklely and Eberenz St);

Please refrain from parking on the street until the work is completed and schedule any contractors that park in the street accordingly.

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

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Park/Lane names to allow county to assign 911 addresses to the following locations:

1. Access road to Meade Street ballfields to be named "Wheatley Ballfield Park"
2. Access road to Charleston Street ballfields to be named "Charleston Ballfield Park"
3. Access road to Hamilton Lake parking and boat dock to be named "Hamilton Lake Lane"

Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Discussion on location of Community Garden ensued, with Kevin Clark of 41 Water Street. He felt Packer Park was an excellent location, as it already has 2 sides of the fencing needed and it is in close proximity to The Food Pantry. Up past the Meade Street ballfields is another proposed location. Lou Prevost asked for some more detail, i.e. drawings and distances. Mr. Clark suggested a 40' x 15' fenced area with 5 to 6 small beds would be sufficient to start this project.

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Councilor Wood made a motion to allow the Wellsboro Community Garden to locate up past the Meade Street ballfield, the gate on the right, and maybe pursue Packer Park another year. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to authorize the removal of hazardous and declining Ash trees from Woodland Park by low impact methods of logging. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to close Charles Street from Pearl to Main and Pearl Street from Central Avenue to Charles Street for the Hometown Science Festival on September 21. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to move Wellsboro Non-Uniform Defined Benefit Plan to R.J. Hall and Principal Financial. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to accept the resignation of Lukas Patt as of July 14, 2019 and to advertise for another public works position. Applications will be accepted until July 26 at 4:00 p.m. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Packer Park Pool will be closed July 27 for a swim tournament.

Manager Boyce highlighted the efforts of the Public Works department for the preparation for, during, and clean up after, the Laurel Festival Events. This is about a week of time and overtime devoted to this event instead of DPW projects. He thanked them for their time and commitment. Manager Boyce also wants the word spread about the Borough App.

Councilor Wood thanked the Laurel Festival participants- He'd ask the fire service to meet with the Chamber to arrange adding an Armed Forces Band and add back the Carnival to the roster of festivities.

### **Public Comments**

1. Ms. Ellen Bryant - Street Sweeper- Ms. Bryant is hoping that the advent of the new street sweeper will prove a better solution to the noise the current one creates.
2. Jim West- Jim is concerned about the tearing down of the old railroad terminal. He feels the Borough should save the historic structure. Manager Boyce explained the county had EADS group do a study before they determined it should be torn down.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. by motion of Councilor Wood , seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

