

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 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 F. Craig West John Sticklin, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Lou Prevost, Joan Hart, Mayor John E. Wheeler, Junior Council Member Katarina Swendrowski, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief of Police Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, and Andrew Moore and John Vogt from the Wellsboro Homepage were also present.

Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Council Meeting- Motion was made by Councilor Hart to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items -none

NEW BUSINESS – An executive session was held on August 10th, 2020 at 4pm for personnel matters. No decisions were made during the executive session.

HARB:

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request by Harry Webster to replace windows with Seven D windows at his home on 8 West Avenue. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request by Rite Aid to replace all exterior signage with their new logo, otherwise like for like; with no internal lighting at 24 East Avenue. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request by Bonnie Hoffpawier for façade and window signage at Bon Hoffie Skin Center located at 76 Main Street. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

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 June, 2020 Treasurers Report. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Chicken/Domestic Fowl Ordinance – Councilor Hart announced the Committee's Recommendation to follow the ordinance and prohibit Domestic Fowl within the Borough limits. Councilor Hart made a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager to move forward with proceedings against 79 Central Avenue and 45 Main Street for violations of the sidewalk ordinance. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to apply for a Tioga County COVID-19 Relief Grant for reimbursement of purchases related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Mayor's Report- Mayor Wheeler complimented the Police Department on the drug bust on East Avenue.

Police Report- Chief Bodine reported the hazardous materials were all removed safely. Chief Bodine thanks all the officers and the Wellsboro Fire Department for their assistance. The investigation into the bust is ongoing. The Mansfield University will be contributing \$3000.00 and the Probation Department, \$2,500.00 for the range backstop improvements. The department has completed CPR and First Aid qualifications.

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

Councilor Prevost made a motion to close Bryden Street through Woodland Park during construction of the Phase 1 Rehabilitation Project; no other street will be affected by the closure. The project is scheduled to begin August 17th. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Wellsboro utility customers now have the option to receive their bills through email. To sign up, visit the borough's website and click on the "View eBills" tab below the calendar.

All the parking meter posts have been painted, thanks to Go Pro Painting for completing the painting.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

The last day the Packer Park Pool will be open is August 25th.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Wellsboro Bible Church request to drive around side streets and hand out ice cream on August 20th from 5-8 p.m.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to accept the retirement date of April, 2021 given in a letter from Secretary/Treasurer Susan Keck. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried. The personnel committee will meet to go over timetables and tasks next week.

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Grant Street paving will begin August 18.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m. by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor DeCamp, and carried. Next Borough Council Meeting is September 14th, 2020 at 5pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Susan A. Keck*
Secretary/Treasurer