

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2014

Council President Joan S. Hart called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 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, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Janet Strausser, Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Lisa Dodge and Justice Dodge, Mark and Carol Geiser, Edith and Robert Metarko, Amy McCratic, Cindy Frost Bill Hebe, Eugene A. Seelye, Derek J. Hartman, Frank and Donna Willard, Sheila Prevost.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 14 Council Meeting was approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Connelly, and carried unanimously.

Old Business - Councilor Hart announced there was an executive session held on August 5th at 2:00 p.m. for negotiations.

New Business: Mr. Strausser announced that Willard Terrace had never been ordained by the Borough and could now be ordained, if Council directed the solicitor and Borough Manager to advertise an ordinance to that affect. Councilor Wood made a motion to pursue advertising such and ordinance and Councilor Sticklin seconded. This motion carried unanimously. Manager Strausser said the Borough would take care of patching in the near future and apply a permanent patch when time and funds permit.

HARB

The Green Free Library porch floor replacement was approved by motion from Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

The Deane Center installation of benches, trash cans, and trees on the vacant lot at Central and Main was approved by motion of Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-04 authorizing the borough manager and/or officers of the borough to sign all paper work for the Hamilton Lake Dam project with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-05 opposing changes to the Clean Water Act sought by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and The United States Army Corps of Engineers. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve resolution # 2014-06 requesting that the Biggert – Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act be repealed. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for June 2014. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve Lease Amendment #2 for lease #93966 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of General Services, as agent for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for the Wine and Spirits Store. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the 5 year Agreement between the County, School District, Borough and the Deane Center for taxing purposes. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve Resolution # 2014-08 authorizing the disposition of certain records. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Wheeler announced the eligibility list for Police Officer, recommending Council hire Derek Hartman. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve hiring Derek Hartman, conditional upon satisfactory completion of remaining testing. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Police Report- Chief Bodine reported an active month filled with community activities. His officers' case loads are moderate to heavy at this time. The Attorney General wants to start up the Drug Task Force again soon. There will be some county wide training involved.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the quote of \$16,089.58 from Dycon Construction Northeast, LLC of Pine City, NY for labor and equipment for the replacement of the bridge on Wetmore Street. This bridge will be removed and a pipe will be installed. This is being funded with Act 13 Funds. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the quote of \$16,089.58 from Dycon Construction Northeast, LLC of Pine City, NY for labor and equipment for the replacement of the bridge on Wingate Street. This bridge will be removed and a pipe will be installed. This is also being funded with Act 13 Funds. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Rinker Material quote, under Costars, of \$40,001.28 for the concrete pipes for Wingate and Wetmore Street bridge replacement. This is being funded with Act 13 Funds. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to accept the quote of \$10,600.69 from Dycon Construction Northeast, LLC of Pine City, NY for labor and equipment for the sewer main relocation on Wingate Street. This is being funded with Act 13 Funds. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

We have been notified that PennDot has approved our request for an additional \$92,091.00 for the reconstruction of Greenwood Street. This project should start in September. Total we have received from PennDot for this project is over \$364,000.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Resolution # 2014-07 authorizing the borough manager to sign all paperwork and amendments for Greenwood Street. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Morris Lane Bridge will be replaced in the near future.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Agreement of Lease between Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority and the Borough extending the lease life for 50 years. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Classic Car Cruise In will be held on August 30th from noon-3 PM on Crafton Street.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

No decision on contract arbitration.

Other Business

Councilor Wood made a motion proposing a resolution requesting PSAB pursue abolishing Real Estate Taxes in the state of Pennsylvania. This was seconded by Councilor Scharf and tabled till next month.

Adjourned at 6:31

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck