

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## August 12, 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, Ken and Kathy Eastridge, Karon Swendrowski, Kevin Clark

**Minutes of the July 8, 2019 Council Meeting-** Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** - An executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters was held on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 4:45 to 5: 05. No decisions were made during the executive session.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the HARB application of Harry Webster to re-paint the house at 8 West Avenue. The color of the house will remain the same. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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

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

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to appoint to Ms. Kathleen Eastridge to the Wellsboro Planning Commission to finish the term of Rudolf Scharf, expiring December 31, 2021. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve Borough Manager and Solicitor to proceed with zoning map change requested by Trostle, Baker, Brill and Williams on Bodine Street, and to add cattle to the permitted animals list with the same acreage restrictions as currently exist for horses. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve a request from the Wellsboro Area Education Foundation to provide a letter exonerating the 2019 real estate taxes for 104 Nichols Street. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to ratify adoption of Resolution #2019-02(a) to accept the public sewer system extension for the Baker Subdivision. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-03 to authorize disposal of records. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Repard/Cleveland Subdivision and Lot Addition, contingent on any Tioga County Planning Commission and Wellsboro Engineer comments being addressed. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Wheeler asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-04 – Support for Local Police using Radar. Councilor Wood made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-04. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief Bodine - School starts August 22<sup>nd</sup> and drivers are reminded to exercise caution and patience at all street crossings and with the crossing guards. The Police Department is dealing with the paperwork and aftermath of an active pursuit involving an arrest.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the purchase of a Pelican Street Sweeper from A&H Equipment for the price of \$150,000. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the sale of the 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck for \$2,875.13. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Due to the Classic Car Cruise-in event, Crafton Street will be closed between Main Street and Water Street on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 12pm to 3pm

For the STPR event, Main Street and the adjoining streets around the Green will be closed on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6p to 9p; and on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8a to 12p

The Wellsboro Social Club has donated \$500 for the replacement of fencing at the Meade Street ballfields. The borough is grateful for this donation.

The last day the Packer Park Pool will be open is Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to ratify hiring Alexandria Kurtz as Packer Park Pool Co-Manager at rate of \$10.00. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to ratify hiring Ethan Ryan as Lifeguard at rate of \$8.25. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to fill the open position of laborer in the Department of Public Works with David Statts at a starting rate of \$18.01 per hour. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried 5-1 with Councilor Sticklin opposing.

Karon Swendrowski from Oregon Hill Wineries is planning to open a store in Wellsboro and asks Council to work with her.

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Walter Colton had concerns about the narrowness of Fischler Street paving and is of the feeling that it should be widened. He also felt the raising of drains should be addressed. Councilor Prevost explained the raising of drains is already being scheduled. There is no plan in place to widen Fischler Street.

Councilor Wood asked that trees starting to grow out of catch basins be addressed.

Kevin Clark gave an update on the Meade Street Community Garden. The Borough drilled holes for fencing. The group will get lumber and fencing in for the raised garden. Kevin is looking for grants now, and expects to be back to Council in February, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. by motion of Councilor Wood , seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer