

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2012

Council President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor James Daugherty, President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors, Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant and Ronald Bowers; Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS: Police Chief James R. Bodine, HARB Chairman Andrew Harding, Natalie Kennedy, Editor of the Wellsboro Gazette

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 9th and August 8, 2012 Council Meeting –were approved with the addition of the phrase “all income from the property” to be added to #1 of the 4 conditions to purchase 16 Crafton Street. The motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

HARB- HARB Chairman Andrew Harding presented the applications for recommendation to Council.

County of Tioga, The Green-The County proposed an additional 8 Victorian Style lights matching the existing on the Green, powered by electric vice gas. This was approved by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried unanimously.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, A minor modification to add grey break metal flashing on the gable end wall is proposed to prevent further water damage to the stone and preserve the building. This was approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Bowers, and carried unanimously.

Pritchard’s Jeweler’s, at 84 Main Street has taken the old awning cover off the former Bulas’ Jewelers awning frame and recovered it. This was approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

HARB -Old Business included recommending approval of the 5.5 feet **Hanover Engineering** sign placement as a Flat Façade. This would hang from the soffit of the building. Also, the **Wired Rooster** banner and metal covering is in place temporarily to cover the exposed building face. The new awning will be put up in the fall after the frame swap with Century 21. This was approved by motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously.

The Manager was asked to check into the timing of the permit for Albrecht’s Main Street house.

BILLS-Council Sticklin made a motion to approve bills for 7/25, 8/1 and 8/8 as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

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Trehab- Greenwood Gardens- Presented a request to waiver items that were approved with their subdivision plan. 1. To reduce flows from 1000 to 500. - Ives is 1000. Our ISO is 4 and if we change, we'll affect fire services rating. 2. A three phase question. 3. Not to have a 75 horsepower pump for the high flow. - The Fire Chief approved the 75 horsepower and it is needed. 4. PVC piping as opposed to ductile.- We require ductile. In summary Councilor Wood made a motion to have TreHab stay within the terms of the agreement. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jim Meade- Zoning Hearing Board request for a special exception to operate a bed and breakfast at 131 Main Street. This will be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board on August 22 @ 5:30 pm.

Chief Bodine- Malicious mischief was reported throughout the Borough in the form of graphic painting. The matter is being looked into. The Copper theft at WECO that had been investigated by Officer Wilson was brought to 2 convictions at court recently. County Detective Scott Henry also was integral to the investigation. Cudo's to the Officers.

STREET PAVING PROJECT # 2 Bids for the street paving project #2 for 2012 were opened today. Glenn O. Hawbaker submitted a bid for \$56,406.00. Austin Construction submitted \$73,549.00, and M&M Asphalt submitted \$84,332.50. Councilor Bryant made a motion to accept the bid of Glenn O. Hawbaker at \$56,406.00, conditional with PennDOT review and approval. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried 6-0.

WATER AND SEWER SPECIFICIATIONS: Councilor Sticklin made a motion to adopt the water and sewer specifications. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jacob Brion, our water/sewer employee, has passed his test and has received his Wastewater License from the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Northeast Pennsylvania Community Tree Association will hold its annual summer community forestry workshop and tour here in Wellsboro at the Deane Center on August 24, 2012. The Shade Tree Commission will be attending.

We are going to arbitration with the police contract.

Councilor Bryant gave Cudo's to Manager Strausser for reducing the water and sewer delinquent amount by \$20,000. The idea of sending the same (delinquent) letter to both the landlord and the tenant was met with unanimous approval.

The Crafton Street Block Party was approved by motion from Councilor Wood and seconded by Councilor Bowers with conditions that signs be put up that no alcoholic beverages allowed and that the bars be notified that patrons don't go out with alcoholic beverages. This event will take place on Saturday, August 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by


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