

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2018

Council Vice- President John Sticklin 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 Wheeler, Councilors Mike Wood, William Yacovissi, Craig West, John Sticklin, Matt DeCamp, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine and Assistant Secretary Florence B. Martino.

VISITORS— Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Howard Rutledge, Scott Nichols, Pete Herres, Vicki Fox, Dawn Pletcher

MINUTES: Minutes for July 9, 2018 Council meeting were approved by Councilor West seconded by Councilor DeCamp, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS

HARB:

Councilor West made a motion to approve Marc Walters request for a sign at 125 Main Street for a Chiropractor Office, Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve Mike Mulcahey's request for a sign at 125 Main Street for a CPA Office, Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers report for June 2018 Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2018-02 adopting the Tioga County 2018 Response Operation Plan. Councilor West seconded and it carried unanimously.

Borough Manager Boyce informed the members of Council there will be an opening on the Council in October 2018. The Council will be appointing a representative of Ward 2 at that time. Any interested citizen should submit a letter of interest by the September 10th Council Meeting to the Borough Office located at 14 Crafton Street. Any interested citizen must have lived within Ward 2 for a year in order to hold the seat. The member will be appointed at the

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October meeting, which will also see new elections for Council President, Vice-President and President Pro-Tempore.

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

Mayor Report- No report

Police Report- No report

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to order pre-cast boxes and piping for Bodine Street storm water extension project. The materials will be purchased with Co-Stars pricing. Councilor West seconded and it carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor West made a motion to approve a request for UPMC Soldiers and Sailors Hospital to close the following street on Saturday, October 27th from 12pm to 6pm. The request is to close Walnut Street from Central Avenue to Norris Street, Charles Street from Main Street to Walnut Street, and Pearl Street between Central Avenue and Charles Street. There will be activities on the Green in addition to the trick-or treating path at the hospital. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Shade Tree Commission member Peter Herres presented the 2018 Urban and Community Forestry Award Municipal Award to Borough Manager Scot Boyce. Peter Herres acknowledged the members of the Shade Tree Commission. (Vicki Fox, Howard Rutledge, Scot Nichols and Bob McCarthy).

Councilor West made a motion to approve the Tioga county Partnership to close Pearl Street, between Central Avenue and Charles Street, on Thursday, October 18th, from 4pm to 6 pm for its 25th anniversary Block Party. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor West made a motion to approve Rock L. Butler Middle School PTO's request to hold the 4th annual Turkey Trot/5k to be held on November 17th, starting at 9am. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to remove Joe Hastings, in the Public Works Department from probationary status effective July 10th, 2018. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor DeCamp made a motion to remove Jason English, in the Public Works Department from probationary status effective July 10th, 2018. Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business

Dawn Pletcher from Goodies for Our Troops requested the Borough Council consider having a monthly parking pass program. This would be for store managers and employees and others who work downtown. The monthly pass could be used in the two municipal parking lots and on the side streets. Dawn Pletcher said the First Baptist church rents out their lot for \$180.00 per year. Dawn Pletcher admittedly sold her parking spot.

Dawn Pletcher also requested all members of Council attend the POW/MIA Ceremony on 9/21/18 on the Green at 6:30pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Executive Session for legal matters 6:25 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Florence B. Martino*
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