

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 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: Mike Wood, John Sticklin, Terry Bryant, Ron Bowers and Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser.

**VISITORS:** Police Chief James R. Bodine, Natalie Kennedy, Editor of the Wellsboro Gazette, Andrew Harding- HARB Chairman and Florence B. Martino Assistant Secretary.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 27, 2012 Council Meeting – Councilor John Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**2 HARB RECOMMENDATIONS:** The first application was a sign application for Huffman's Office Equipment Store located at 75 Main Street. Andrew Harding said the sign would be 90" wide by 30" high and would be located under the existing lights. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the sign, seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

The second application was for two temporary banners to be displayed at the entrance of the hospital. The first banner would be Growing Healthier and would be displayed from 9/25/12 to 10/8/12; the second banner would be Susquehanna Health and would be displayed from 10/9/12 to 11/18/12. Andrew Harding said the hospital would return to HARB with a permanent sign at a later date. Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the banners, seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS: FIREBALL RUN** -- Borough Manager Strausser requested members of Council contact him by Friday, September 14, if they want a reservation for the banquet.

**NEW BUSINESS: 2013 MMO FOR THE POLICE PENSION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,475.06.** Borough Manager Strausser said the borough would receive \$77,000.00 from the state. Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve the MMO, seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

**2013 MMO FOR THE MANAGEMENT PENSION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,076.00.** Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the MMO, seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**APPROVE BILLS FOR 8/23, 8/29 AND 9/5-** Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT-** Chief Bodine informed the council there would be a security detail the evening of the Fire Ball event to protect the cars.

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**STREET PAVING PROJECT-** Borough Manager Strausser informed the Council the project is started and going well.

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to authorize Borough Manager Strausser to purchase the stone and oil through the Costar program seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously.

**FEMA/PEMA ROAD REPAIRS-** Councilor Sticklin made a motion to purchase the stone for upper Jackson Street through the Costar program, seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION-** Councilor Sticklin requested a motion from Borough Council to remove the trees on Queen Street by the tennis court. Councilor Wood made a motion for Borough Council to make a decision which trees should be removed, at the meeting to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with the Shade Tree Committee, seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For police personnel matters began 6:25 pm., and ended at 6:34 pm.

**ADJOURNED 6:35 p.m.**

*Florence B. Martino*

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Respectfully submitted by Florence B. Martino, Assistant Secretary