

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018

Council President Mike Hummel 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 Mike Hummel, Mike Wood, Craig West, John Sticklin, Matt DeCamp, and Dr. Bill Yacovissi, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS - Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Kristin Hamilton, Director of the Tioga County Development Commission, Andrew Harding, Chairman of HARB, Lee Root, HARB applicant, Jerry Curreri, Timeless Destination, Kevin Thomas, KC101FM, and Tim Cole, Bodine Street resident.

MINUTES: Minutes for the August 13, 2018 Council meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor West, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-none

HARB:

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve Mr. Lee Root's request for neon signage at 63 Main Street, the future Three Sister's Restaurant. HARB has recommended the approval of one 17" x 30" neon sign to be mounted in the window as opposed to the two neon signs originally applied for. Councilor Yacovissi 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 July, 2018. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to advertise and move November 12th, 2018 Council Committee Meeting (4pm) and Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting (6pm) to Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, at the same times. The change is due to the observance of Veteran's Day. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to oppose House Resolution 291, which calls for a study for Local Earned Income Tax to be collected statewide, instead of locally, by the Department of Revenue; and draft a letter to local legislators. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the 2018 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for police and non-uniform pensions. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to advertise the proposed budget for adoption at the October 8th, 2018 meeting. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2018-03, appointing Erb Inspections, Inc. as Floodplain Administrator for the Borough of Wellsboro. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Mayor's Report- Mayor Wheeler asked for a motion to move Officer Cook off probation this month. Councilor Hummel made a motion to move Officer Cook off probation into full time status. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Police Report- Chief Bodine detailed and active month with many domestic issues, search warrants, and related paperwork. The CAD report will show year to date numbers for next months' meeting.

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

Community Yard Sales will be held in October on the 12th and 13th.

Fall Cleanup will be the week of October 15th on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day.

The application for the final section of stormwater piping along Bodine Street has been submitted to the Dirt and Gravel Grant Program at the Tioga County Conservation District.

Councilor Wood made a motion to authorize Borough Manager and Borough Secretary/Treasurer to purchase and update to a new water/sewer billing program with an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. The funding will be split between the General, Water, and Sewer Funds. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve request to close Charles Street, between Pearl Street and Main Street, on September 29th, 2018 in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Hometown Science Festival. The event runs from 10am to 2pm. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Reminder to residents to trim all bushes and tree branches that obstruct pedestrians along sidewalks, and, grass clippings are not be blown and left in the street.

The Borough and Shade Tree Commission will be hanging ribbons to mark the trees to be pruned in the TreeVitalize grant. The work is expected to take place in mid to late September. Dincher and Dincher will be completing the pruning work.

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Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a request for the Relay for Life Event to close Pearl Street, between Central Avenue and Charles Street, and Charles Street, between Pearl Street and Main Street. And, to block off parking around the Green for Saturday, July 20th, 2019 from 10am to 10pm. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Wellsboro Lions Club's annual White Cane Day fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, October 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lions members will be on each end of the boulevard on Main Street and will be in safety vests. Councilor West seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to authorize Borough Manager to proceed in hiring a part-time employee to cover the short term absence of an office staff member. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other Business

Councilor West made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Mike Hummel, Council President, from Wellsboro Borough Council. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Hummel thanked those present and the Borough staff for the opportunity to serve.

Councilor West made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2018-04, appointing Louis E. Prevost as Council Member to complete the remainder of the two-year term of the vacant seat on Borough Council. Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Jerry Curreri of Timeless Destination had both negative and positive comments on the Parking Kiosk experiment.

Kevin Thomas of KC101 had negative comments on the increased parking meter enforcement.

Councilor Sticklin will refer their comments to the Parking Authority.

Tim Cole, a resident of Bodine Street, commented on the lack of sidewalks near his home, and the danger this presented to pedestrians.

Councilor Sticklin and Council will take the matter under advisement.

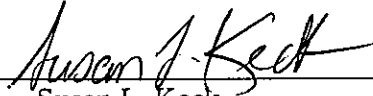
Mayor Wheeler presented an award for service to Michael Hummel.

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Kristen Hamilton, the new Director of the Tioga County Development Corporation, introduced herself to Council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck