

Wellsboro Borough Council Minutes September 14, 2015

Council President Joan S. Hart called the 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 Joan S. Hart, Michael J. Wood, Rudolf K. Scharf, John M. Sticklin, Kevin J. Connelly, and Jennifer Mase Updyke, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Chief of Police James Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Melissa Bravo from the Williamsport Sun, Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Terry Bryant, Skip Shaw, Angelo Serva, Steve Gastrock, Tim Cole, Sandra Griscavage, Charlie Griscavage, Jim Daugherty, Roberta Daugherty, Kathleen Gruzlewski, and Craig Gruzlewski.

Minutes: August 10, 2015 Council Meeting minutes-were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

HARB recommends approval of the Gary Tsao 31 Main Street project—awning over rear door to match front door in color and material. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the project. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

Request of Wellsboro Veteran's Club to move their liquor License from 465 Kelsey St. to 127 Kelsey Street. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve and that there are no issues with the transfer of the license. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for July 2015. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the 2016 MMO for police and non-uniform pensions. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve Resolution # 2015-09 for disposition of records. Councilor Mase-Updyke seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Scharf made a motion to advertise the proposed 2016 budget for adoption as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General:	\$2,971,914.00	\$2,971,914.00
Water	\$924,558.00	\$924,558.00
Sewer	\$767,167.00	\$767,167.00

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All rates will remain the same as 2015. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried. Councilor Scharf thanked all involved with preparing the 2016 budget and all involved in the 2015 street paving project.

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

Police Report- Chief Bodine reported the drug takeback program collected nearly 200 pounds this month. The collection is also from outlying areas. The Department provides educational programs for each grade level in our school district and works with other police departments on education.

Civil Service Report-Civil Service Commission established the top three candidates and recommends Council hire the top candidate, Ronald Warren. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to hire Ronald Warren. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilor Wood made a motion to pave the following Streets:

Bodine Street leveling paving 145' X 16' 9.5 MM \$2,838.00
Adrian Lane to cul-de-sac 247' X 12' 19 MM \$5,434.00
English Street 412' X 12' 19 MM \$6,050.00

These will be paid for by the General Fund 438.4753 Capital Construction-Roads
Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried.

The Borough wide yard sale is October 16 & 17
Fall Cleanup is the week of October 19th on your regular garbage collection day.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

We will be completing the parking lot at Charleston Ballfields next month.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

We are negotiating for a new contract with the DPW and Police.

Other Business

The first boulevard of gas light has been replaced with new. The next block is scheduled for next week.

Mr. Daugherty and the Griscavages thanked Council for paving their street.

Tim Cole commented on safety and sidewalks

Steve Gastrock commented on Bodine Street

Angelo Serva commented on his vacant apartment having a high bill.

Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Aaron Heck*