

## Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes September 9, 2013

Council President Joan Hart 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 President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Mayor James Daugherty, Councilors Michael J. Wood, Rudy Scharf, John Sticklin and Terry Bryant, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, Chief of Police James Bodine

**VISITORS-** Andrew Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Updyke, Janet Strausser, Charlie Messina, Craig Musser, Julie VanNess, Steve Kramer, Steven Beattie, Gordie Dunlap, Kevin Connelly, Ron Butler, Scott Bastian and Diane Eaton

### **Minutes of the August 12, 2013 Council Meeting**

Motion made to approve the Minutes from the August 12, 2013 meeting made by John Sticklin, seconded by John Wheeler and carried.

### **VISITORS**

Charlie Messina to discuss Hometown Hero Flags: Charlie has been putting the flags up for 5 or 6 years now. Many people ask about the Home Town Hero flag concept. Charlie will get more information if Council is interested. In Lycoming the families pay for each flag. Any profit from the flags would go towards more flags. Each flag could go up for 1 year. Mike Wood asked the Council President to set up a committee to work with Charlie. The Electric Company has given approval to use the poles and will put up the flags. They will have to ask HARB about the rules regarding signs. Any family that wishes to sponsor a flag should be able to.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Airport request:** Mike Wood stated that the Borough backed both the airport and the railroad. The contract states no financial aid be given. This is a good thing for the Borough and county and \$2,800.00 should come from the Verizon tower lease revenue. Terry Bryant said that he appreciated the work that Mr. Musser had done and agreed that the AWOS system can save lives. A roll call vote was called for.

Council Member Wood- YES  
Council Member Scharf- NO  
Council Member Wheeler-YES  
Council Member Hart – NO  
Council Member Bryant- YES  
Council Member Sticklin- NO

The vote was 3-yes and 3-no. The Mayor stated that Medivac is trying to get a permanent chopper. We need to provide fuel for planes and choppers alike. Mayor Daugherty broke the tie and voted yes. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

HARB- Chairman Andrew Harding

### **Laurel Health/ Susquehanna Health: new color scheme and revised text.**

Laurel Health/ Susquehanna Health signage 37 Central Avenue- removed from the package.

Laurel Health/ Susquehanna Health signage 39 Central Avenue

Laurel Health/ Susquehanna Health signage 32-36 Central Avenue

Laurel Health/ Susquehanna Health signage 22 Walnut Street

Laurel Health/ Susquehanna Health signage 25 Walnut Street

A motion was made by Terry Bryant to approve of the new signs for 39 Central Ave, 32-36 Central Ave., 22 Walnut St. and 25 Walnut St. Motion was seconded by Mike Wood, and carried.

### **Deane Center for Performing Arts decorative wall & lighting**

A motion was made by Terry Bryant to approve the Deane Center decorative wall and lighting. Motion was seconded by John Sticklin and carried.

All of the above were recommended for approval by HARB.

The motion was made by Terry Bryant and seconded by John Sticklin, to accept Toni Grabowski's resignation from HARB and send a letter to Toni thanking her for her many years of service to the community. HARB Board recommends appointing Joan S. Hart to fill the unexpired term on the HARB Board.

**SUSQUEHANNA HEALTH, VARIANCE:** The variance request of Susquehanna Health from minimum impervious coverage was reviewed by the Wellsboro Planning Commission. They recommended that changing the impervious coverage from 45% to 75% be approved by zoning. If approved by zoning they go through the land development planning process, E & S, HARB, and Shade Tree Commission. A motion was made to recommend approval by Mike Wood and seconded by Rudy Scharf. This carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel**

Motion to pay bills for 8-15, 8-21, 8-28 and 9-4 as presented. Motion made by Rudy Scharf and seconded by Mike Wood. Carried.

The Deane Center has appealed the Tioga County Board of Assessment decision to the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County.

Motion to hire Lyn Moyer of Riberolle Street for part time seasonal recreation help at \$8.50 per hour. This was requested by Pete Herres and Dan Strausser has reviewed this. Moyer will work approximately 10 hours every 2 weeks. Motion to approve was made by Rudy Scharf, seconded by John Sticklin, and carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #2013-04 adopting written procedures in how professional services are chosen for our pension plans. The motion was made by Rudy Scharf, seconded by Mike Wood, and carried.

Motion to approve the 2014 MMO for Police and non uniform pension plans. The motion was made by Rudy Scharf and John Sticklin seconded, carried 5-1.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-05 eliminating employee contributions to the police pension plan for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Motion made by Rudy Scharf, seconded by John Sticklin and carried 5-1.

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

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Police Department received a thank you letter from the school on quick response to finding a missing child. Another child on Cortland was reported missing and was also found. Halloween Parade will be Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The parade will leave Packer Park at 5:30 P.M. and end at the Fire Department. There is a Homecoming parade that night also. The Health Expo anniversary celebration will be held in October. Trick or Treat will be from the end of the parade until 8 P.M.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

September has been an active month with moving the offices. September 9<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Click it or Ticket. Random seat belt checks will be given. If anyone under the age of 18 is not wearing a seatbelt the vehicle will be pulled over. Results on radar sign on Central Avenue- have been approved unofficially. Four more have been proposed.

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

Motion to approve the request of Tioga County Partnership for Community Health to use and close the block of Pearl Street - Central avenue to Charles Street on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.. This will be for their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Celebration. Motion made by John Wheeler, seconded by Terry Bryant, and carried.

King Street Bridge replacement is moving along.

New Membrane Water Filter Plant:  
Membrane Filter delivery after September 16th.  
Startup will be completed within 30 days of delivery.

Sewer Pumps:  
This project has started. We anticipate startup around September 12.

The 2013 street program is completed. We finished approximately \$2,000 under the contract price.

The weight limit of Riberolle Street Bridge has been lowered from 7 ton to 3 ton weight limit.

Traffic Signals Study- Authorize the borough manager to write a letter to PennDot to see if this is feasible.

Fall Cleanup will be the Week of October 21<sup>st</sup> on your regular scheduled pickup day.

**Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center**  
Chamber of Commerce is going to have non- alcohol vendors on Main St. (in front of the banks, Deane Center, etc.) for the Wine Tour.

**Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training**

A Dam Safety Outreach Meeting will be taking place on September 18. Everyone was given a copy of the information in August.

No decision on contract arbitration.

**Other Business**  
**Adjourn**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Keck*