

REGULAR MEETING OF WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

July 12, 2010

Council President Joan Hart called the regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council for the Borough of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, to order with a quorum of five members present at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 12, 2010 in the council room of the John E. Dugan Fire Station Municipal Building, 28 Crafton Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The following elected officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

First Ward Council Member- Michael Wood

First Ward Council Member- Rudolf Scharf

First Ward Council President- Joan Hart

Second Ward Council Member- John Sticklin

Second Ward Council-Vice President- John E. Wheeler

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

The following appointed officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

Superintendent of Public Works- Mark Dieffenbach

Superintendent of Water & Sewer Plants- Daniel Brought

Police Chief- Jim Bodine

Secretary/Treasurer- Susan Keck

Assistant Secretary- Florence Martino

PRESS:

Wellsboro Gazette- Natalie Kennedy

Williamsport Sun-Gazette- Bryan Robinson

VISITORS:

Gus Vargas

John Coleman

MINUTES- No Action was taken on the minutes for June 14th & June 28th.

GUS VARGAS -5 BACON STREET- Mr. Vargas informed the Council he owns 7 Bacon Street and the home at 5 Bacon Street is up for Sheriff's sale. There is a drain pipe with a jagged edge between the two properties and he was concerned that someone could get hurt on it. Superintendent Dieffenbach said he would check on what needed to be done.

CHIEF OF POLICE- Chief Bodine informed the Council there is a problem with the duty car and he is addressing the issue with the dealer. Chief Bodine stated the cases are increasing and the officers are working to resolve incidents.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- Superintendent Dieffenbach informed the Council the issue with the brake retarder signs has been addressed today.

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NO TRUCK SIGNS INTERESECTION OF EAST AVENUE & JACKSON STREET- Superintendent Dieffenbach stated there is two new signs up at that intersection.

CREW - Superintendent Dieffenbach said the crew would be working to oil and chip the dirt streets this Thursday. The crew has had to rebuild some of the streets. Caulkins Lane and Bodine Street are in better shape. The crew has cleaned the ditches at the ball field and has spread calcium and salt on the road. The storm water inlets have arrived.

SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS- Superintendent Dieffenbach stated the summer youth workers are working around town where there is weed whipping being done.

PLANT SUPERVISOR- SEWER PLANT- Dan Brought reported one of the screw pumps is down: Steve Moss is making a new shaft.

WATER- Dan Brought stated that he and Mark Dieffenbach are both watching the water supply and currently there is a good supply. Dan Brought said last Friday night the Borough had received 1 ¼" of rain. He also reported they are in the second round of testing the wells.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- FINANCE COMMITTEE- Council Member Scharf requested each member of Council read the Envinity report and come to the meeting with input. Secretary Keck said there would be a Building Committee workshop on July 22nd, and no action would be taken. Council Member Scharf informed the Council the Borough has received a good share of the taxes and the Revenue and Expense report is in good shape.

STREET COMMITTEE- FISCHLER STREET- Council Member Wheeler informed Council they had met with Superintendent Dieffenbach and the homeowner had requested the catch basin be moved. The homeowner has agreed to 3'. Council Member Sticklin said if the catch basin is in the boroughs right-of-way there is no problem and the borough does not need to move it. Superintendent Dieffenbach said if the decision is to move it then any future problems would not be the responsibility of the Borough. He sated it would catch very little water if moved. Council Member Scharf made a motion to move it, seconded by Council Member Wheeler motion carried 5-0.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT- MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR 6/30th. - Council Member Wheeler made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Member Wood motion carried 5-0.

LAUREL FESTIVAL THANK-YOU- The Chamber of Commerce thanked both the Wellsboro Police Department and the Public Works Department for their work and support during the Laurel Festival.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF THE PA. CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT- Secretary Keck informed Council that adoption of this ordinance would remove Mansfield as the administrator of Wellsboro's

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building code. Council Member Sticklin made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scharf motion carried 5-0.

ENVINITY MEETING- Secretary Keck asked the members of council to give any questions they had for the meeting to her, and she would submit all of the questions to Envinity before the meeting so they could provide the answers.

PARKING METERS- Council Member Scharf asked Chief Bodine to have a recommendation for the next meeting for Council to consider streamlining the process of collection and processing the parking meter revenue.

ADJOURNED- 6:20 P.M.