

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## May 12, 2025

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Council President Matt DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Attending were Councilors Matt DeCamp, Rachel Smith, Rhonda Pearson, Louis Prevost, Mike Wood and Julie Henry, Mayor F. Craig West, Chief Chad Boyce, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Eugene Shaffer, Wayne Gray, Mary Ann Heston, Mike Greenfield and Ken VanSant.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items – none**

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS – none**

**HARB –**

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the retractable and fixed awning at The Roost located at 83 Main Street, as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and the motioned carried with a 5 to 1 vote. Councilor Pearson cast the opposing vote.

**Committee Reports:**

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

Councilor Smith made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the April 2025 Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Councilor Smith made a motion to appoint Julie Henry to the HARB board as recommended by HARB. The Motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried. Councilor Henry abstained.

Councilor Smith made a motion to appoint Brandi Hirsh to the HARB board as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and carried.

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After consideration of road closure of Central Avenue from Main Street to Water Street for First Friday events the following motion was made:

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the closure of the road for the June First Friday Event with proof of outdoor insurance with the borough listed as an additional insurer for the event. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – Mayor West reported that the Police Department are doing a fabulous job and have recently succeeded in apprehending a suspect caught on video stealing from a local business. He also reminded everyone that Election Day is next week and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Police Report – Chief Boyce stated the police department has been busy fighting crime. The new police officers have completed breathalyzer training, and the department has started doing student ride-along. The Chief has also reached out to Seneca Resources regarding the need for local pool funding.

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

### **Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center**

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

All DPW, Water/Sewer, and Parks & Rec personnel completed a PennDOT Flagger Certification and a Trench/Excavating training provided by Tyler Lukart from Optimusrisk.

### **Other Business**

The crosswalk changes at the intersection of Central and Main have been approved by the state and we are waiting on signs. The changes to the signal may take effect as early as this or next week.

We have been contacted by the family of a gentlemen instrumental to the placement of the gaslights in regarding placing a dedication plaque in his honor.

### **Public Comment**

- Eugene Shaffer (Elkland) – Addressed Council regarding lack of information and recognition of Veteran's in Tioga County.

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- Steven Hoover (Nichols St., Wellsboro) – Mr. Hoover addressed council regarding the recent requests for I&I corrections and asked if residents would be compensated for complying with the new requirement.

**Adjourn** – Councilor Prevost made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood. The meeting adjourned at 5:44pm. The Next Borough Council Meeting is on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer