

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## June 9, 2025

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Council President Matt DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 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, Chief Chad Boyce, Junior Council Member Ellie Largey, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Kennedy, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Donna LeSchander (Wellsboro Gazette), Wayne Gray, Bryan Berguson and Marc Rice (Commissioner)

Councilor Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

Councilor Henry made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items – none**

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS – none**

**HARB –**

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the signage at 127 Main Street, Tomorrow's Glow, contingent on the placement of the smaller signage on the building. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

**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 May 2025 Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

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Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc. in the amount of \$237,255.00 for the Main Street Sidewalk Project. The project will be funded using the awarded Multimodal Grant and Act 13 funds. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and passed with a five to one vote. Councilor Wood cast the opposing vote.

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

Mayor's Report – Mayor West was not present.

Police Report – Chief Boyce stated that Laurel Festival preparations were the primary focus of the Police Department currently. Festivities kick off this weekend with the Children's Health Fair and the Pet Parade. The Chief also addressed concerns regarding bicycles on Main Street and Borough Manager Rachiele gave an updated timeline for changes to the Central Avenue and Main Street traffic signal.

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

Commissioner Rice spoke to Council regarding the importance of the LSA Grant application for the pool project.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the commitment letter for the statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) grant application for the pool. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and passed with a five to one vote. Councilor Wood cast the opposing vote.

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

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

Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry attended the 113th Annual PSAB Conference held in Hershey, PA, June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. The conference was very educational and informative.

### **Other Business**

Five seasonal employees started on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be focused on Laurel Festival preparations including parking lot beautification and painting gaslights.

### **Public Comment**

- Bryan Berguson (Meade Street) – Mr. Berguson requested that Council look into the noise issues on Route 287 coming into Wellsboro. Mr. Berguson was referred to Councilor Prevost who has previously worked with residents regarding the issue.

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- Wayne Gray (Highland Street) – Mr. Gray discussed the lack of secure parking for bikes in the Borough, especially E Bikes which are very expensive and more likely to be stolen.

**Adjourn** – Councilor Pearson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith. The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. The Next Borough Council Meeting is on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 5 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Secretary/Treasurer