

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2025

Council President Matt DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 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 Craig West, Chief Chad Boyce, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Wayne Gray, Wendy O'Brian, MaryAnne Heston, Luce, Lori Kilduff, Brad Wilson and County Commissioner Marc Rice.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11th, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items –

- Commissioner Marc Rice – The trail project has come in one million dollars under budget and DCNR has determined that the extra funds can be used for pedestrian crosswalks to access the trailhead. The funds will not cover the design costs or costs of right of ways. They are asking the borough to consider helping pay for part of the costs that are not covered.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS –

- Councilor Pearson suggested to council that members plan visits to borough projects and structures.

HARB –

Councilor Henry made a motion to approve exterior updates at 87 Main Street as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and carried.

Councilor Henry made a motion to approve Stories Past & Present Vintage Shop signage located at 87 Main Street as presented and recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

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

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 to adopt the Tioga County 2025 Emergency Operations Plan as presented and recommended by the Tioga County Emergency Services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Smith discussed the 2026 Budget with suggestion from the General Government Committee of a .5 millage increase. The proposed budget will be presented next month and reflect the increase.

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

Mayor's Report – The new police car is in service, and the Ford Explorer has been placed for sale on Municibid.

Police Report – Chief Boyce reported:

- A new modem will be placed in the parking kiosk in the Pearl Street parking lot.
- Chief Boyce will be attending a crime prevention seminar next week.

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

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor Pearson made a motion to approve road closures of Walnut, Norris, Pearl, and Charles Streets from 12 PM – 6 PM on October 25th, 2025, for UPMC's annual Halloween Path. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Councilor Pearson made a motion to approve the usage of the boulevards on October 11th, 2025, to the Wellsboro Lions Club from 9 AM-3 PM for their annual White Cane Day fundraiser. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Pearson made a motion to approve road closures of Nichols Street to the Wellsboro Area High School to Queen Street, Queen Street from Nichols to Main Street, Main Street from Queen Street to Central Avenue, and Central Avenue from Main Street to Water Street on

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October 10th, starting at 5 PM for the 2025 Homecoming Parade. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Pearson made a motion to approve road closures of Main St from Queen St to Charles St., Pearl St from Central to Charles Street, Charles Street from Walnut to Main Street, and Water Street traffic control from 5:30-6:30 PM on December 12th, 2025, for the 2025 Parade of Lights. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Other Business

- The Code Compliance Officer will be giving monthly reports to council with updates on his compliance efforts.

Public Comment

- Wendy O'Brian/Luce/Lori Kilduff – Residents presented concerns regarding stray cats in the borough. Ms. O'Brian offered a list of local organizations and asked the borough to support their efforts and get the problem under control.
- Brad Wilson – Mr. Wilson has concerns regarding the condition of Cherry Street. The road was dug up due to a water main break and is now in disrepair. There are plans to patch it this fall.

Adjourn – Councilor Henry made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. The Next Borough Council Meeting is on October 13th 2025, at 5 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer