

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022

Councilor F. Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 5:00p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, K. Declan Clark, , Joan Hart, and Louis Prevost. Mayor John Wheeler, Chief of Police Jim Bodine and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Kennedy and members of the public Thomas Walrath, Jim West, and John Getty.

Councilor Hart made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting with the correction to the spelling of Louis Rachiele. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Clark made a motion to accept the minutes of June 6, 2022 Special Council Meeting with the correction of changing the word descending to opposing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - none

OLD BUSINESS

An Executive Session was held on May 12, 2022, from 130pm to 230pm for personnel matters.

An Executive Session was held on May 18, 2022, for personnel matters from 2pm to 235pm.

An Executive Session was held on June 1, 2022, from 930am to 950a for personnel matters. No decision was made during the executive sessions.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the April, 2022 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the May, 2022 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

The Borough office will be closed on Monday, July 4th

Councilor Hart made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-01, adopting the Tioga County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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

Mayor's Report

Police Report – The Police Department is preparing for Laurel Festival. Coverage for the parade has been arranged. The department has seen an increase in activity with the warm weather.

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

Water Street Paving project is complete, including new section of guard rail

The Wellsboro Municipal Authority is anticipating a vacancy in August for Delmar Township representation. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to the Borough Secretary, attention Amy Kane Perry. Letters should be submitted by June 30, 2022 at 4pm.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Prevost made a motion to ratify hiring the attached list of lifeguards at the listed hourly rates. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Packer Park pool is now open for the season

The dugout replacement project is complete at the Meade Street ballfields. Thank you to the local foundations for funding, Priset Construction for concrete work and dugout roofing, Mark Reese Welding for dugout fabrication, and the borough DPW crew for demolition and installation.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to table the request from Terry Theresa Callahan to close Crafton Street between Main St and Pearl St on Friday, August 5th, 2022, from 4pm to 8pm for the Wellsboro High School Band to perform for First Friday until a better location can be found. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Introduction of new borough manager – New Borough Manager Louis Rachiele was in attendance and introduced himself.

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Other Business - none

Public Comments

Representing Lion's Club with concerns regarding the Woodland Park Barbeque Pit were Thomas Walrath, Jim West and John Getty. The repairs that were made to the pit after it cracked last year did not withstand the heat when started again this year. It started cracking when Parks and Recreation Director Brian Kennedy was conducting slow burns to test this Spring and when the Lion's Club held their annual barbeque over Memorial Day it cracked even further. After the repairs the pit is also smaller than the original dimensions which did not allow for them to cook the same number of chickens at one time. They would like to see the pit built to its original size and able to withstand the intense heat from creating the bed of coals needed to properly cook the chicken. Council agrees that the pit should be up to the Lion's Club standards and is going to look into options for its repair.

Adjourn – Councilor Clark made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm. The next Borough Council Meeting is July 11, 2022 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____.
Secretary/Treasurer