

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

Council President Rachel Smith 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, Junior Council Member Ellie Largey, Chief Chad Boyce, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Kennedy, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), George Loughery, Wayne Gray, Taylor Nickerson, Brenda Brought, Mark Thompson and representing the Wellsboro Fire Department John Pagano and Bret Mathers.

Councilor Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5th reorganization meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

OLD BUSINESS –

Councilor Prevost would like a review of building inspectors permitted to operate within the borough and would like to provide a way for residents to know their options when locating one.

NEW BUSINESS –

Council discussed changing the way information is distributed to council members and committees. It was agreed upon that trying to send information electronically as often as possible would help with the amount of paper waste coming out of the Borough Office. Specific sections and documents are available in print upon request. Printed copies of agendas will continue to be available at all meetings.

Councilor Henry made a motion to approve the addition of the following items to today's agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

- Motion to Award Mowing Contracts (3-Year Contract)
- Motion to Appoint Shade Tree Commission Member
- Code Enforcement Updates

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

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Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve the January 2026 Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

Appointment of Committees of Council:
The following appointments were made:

General Government

Matt DeCamp, Chair **Members:** Rhonda Pearson, Rachel Smith

Public Safety

Julie Henry, Chair **Members:** Mike Wood, Louis Prevost

Public Works

Rhonda Pearson, Chair **Members:** Rachel Smith, Julie Henry

Parks & Recreation

Members: Louis Prevost, Rachel Smith, Craig West *No chair for this committee

Employee Benefits

Matt DeCamp, Chair **Members:** Louis Prevost, Rachel Smith

Grants

Julie Henry, Chair **Members:** Mike Wood, Rhonda Pearson

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 Wellsboro Fire Department Section 147(f) Finance Requirement. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing the Disposition of Records. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Data Center Proposed Ordinance presented by Wellsboro Planning Commission

- The proposal is going to be reviewed by the general government committee and planning commission member Mark Thompson at the general government meeting scheduled for February 23, 2026.

Wellsboro Cemetery Sidewalk

- The discussion will continue on the March committee agenda which will give time for more feedback from the residents in the area.

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

Mayor's Report – The Mayor was not present.

Police Report – Chief Boyce reported that the Little League Opening Day Parade will be held on April 25th and steps have been started for the purchase of the new Police Department vehicle.

Public Works, Solid Waste, Highways, Parking, Water, Sewer Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the closure of Central Avenue from Main Street to Water Street on May 2, 2026 for the Mammoth Endurance Race. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeCamp and carried.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the following events and requests for road closures from the Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce and the Wellsboro Foundation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Decamp and carried. Councilor Henry abstained from the vote.

February 7, 14, 21, 28 – **Winter Celebration** – No road closure.

May 15th – 17th – **Mary Wells Days** (sidewalk sales) No Road closure

June 13th – **Family Day**: Post the areas around the Green as “NO PARKING,” close Charles Street from Pearl Street to Main St. and close Pearl St. from Charles Street to Central Ave. Event runs from 8am-3pm (that's including setup/tear down time).

June 14th – **Pet Parade**, starts at 1:30pm – Charles St. between Pearl and Main St. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and provide traffic control at Queen St. and Central Ave. intersections as the parade travels from Packer Park up Main St. to Charles St. and "The Green" at 1:30 p.m.

June 18th – 20th – **Laurel Festival Vendors**, - Close Pearl Street from Central Avenue to Charles, and Charles Street from Walnut to Main Street beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday until 8:30pm Saturday night.

June 20th – **2-mile Fun Run/10k Race** (map attached) the 10k starts at 9:00am & the Fun Run departs immediately after.

June 20th 2pm- **Laurel Festival Parade**

July 10-11 – **Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally (STPR): changes are likely.** Closings, July 11th from 8am-1pm, Charles Street from Main Street to Walnut Street & Pearl Street from Norris Street to Central Avenue; Saturday, Main St. from Central Avenue to Norris St./Charles

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St. from Main St. to Walnut St./Pearl St. from Norris St. to Central Avenue/No Parking posted in the above areas and Central Ave by the Chamber Office. Please bag meters around the Green.

Home Coming Parade? Closures will include Nichols St. from WAHS to Queen St., Queen St. from Nichols St. to Main St, Main St from Queen to Central Ave, Central Ave. from Main St. to Water St. Date TBD

New Event – November 24th No street closure.

December 5th – **Dickens of a Christmas**, street closings: Main Street - from East Avenue to Central Avenue/Crafton Street – from Pearl Street to alley behind Citizens & Northern Bank/Waln Street – from Pearl Street to Water Street - 7AM-5:00PM

December 18th – 19th – **Christmas on Main Street, Parade of Lights** Parade date and time TBD.

Packer Pool Project Update

- Parks & Recreation Director Brian Kennedy gave updates on grants that have been submitted, as well as other grants being submitted by Tioga County on behalf of the Borough of Wellsboro. He is also currently waiting to receive information from Aquatic Design for the construction of the bathhouse.

A leak detection company will be performing a leak study in the upcoming weeks; residents may see individuals on or around their properties during this process. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to the borough office or police department.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve the transition of probationary officer Rebekkah Dupont to full-time status beginning February 26, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and carried.

Other Business

Councilor Pearson made a motion to accept the bids for three-year mowing contracts for the contractors below. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

- Renea & David Sindlinger for the annual contracted amount of \$10,380.
- Pioneer Landscaping for the annual contracted amount of \$28,875.

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Councilor Pearson made a motion to appoint Brett Mengee to a five-year term on the Shade Tree Commission with a term ending 2030. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Discussion was held and violations were reported for the months of December and January. It was determined that if a violation is a matter of public safety, such a snow removal, that the Borough has the authority to remove the hazard at the expense of the residence.

Public Comment

Wayne Gray – Mr. Gray wanted to thank the borough for the placement of speed limit signs on Fischler & Highland Streets. While some cars continue to speed, it appears to have helped.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 6:03PM. The next Borough Council Meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer