

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2023

Council President Matthew 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.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, Matt DeCamp, Mike Wood, Joan Hart, Rachel Smith and Louis Prevost, Mayor John Wheeler, Chief James Bodine, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Rhonda Pearson, Kerry Gyekis, Eve Dochlander. Dianna & Brad Holliday, Linda Spencer, and Greg Hoke.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Council Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

OLD BUSINESS

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 West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the November 2023 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-05 Authorizing the Disposition of Public Records. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 714 Fixing the Tax Rate for Wellsboro Borough for the Year 2024 as advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-06 appointing Tioga TCC Voting Delegates. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the 2024 Borough Holiday Schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – Merry Christmas to all!

Police Report - Chief Bodine reported the following:

- Dicken's event was well attended and there were no issues.
- Police Department has been busy with retail thefts and DUI's.
- Justice Ed is doing their ride along program

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

Problematic sewer laterals identified on East Ave and Main Street were successfully lined by Contractor No Dig Pipe Repair. The Borough encourages residents/business owners with sewer lateral issues to contact the Borough for details.

Contractor Guyer Brothers has started delivering materials for the Banik Well Transmission Line Project. Project will start within the next couple of weeks.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business

2023 Dickens Festival was a success. Thank you to all crew members and residents for their continued support, time and willingness for this event and Holiday Season.

The Borough Office will be closing at 11AM on Friday December 22nd and will be closed all day December 25th, 26th & 27th for the Christmas Holiday and January 1st, 2024 for the New Year Holiday

Public Comments

- Eve Dochlander & Dianna Holliday – Eve and Dianna have concern over the speed coming into the Borough off Central Ave/Rt. 287. They asked for the temporary placement of speed signs or the placement of signage for hidden driveways or reduced speed ahead.
- Linda Spencer – Mrs. Spencer brought it to Councils attention that residents receiving e-bills do not receive the important information often printed on the back of the bills. The Borough is hoping to solve this in the upcoming months with the implementation of a new software system and keeping things better updated on the website.
- Greg Hoke – Mr. Hoke had the following concerns:

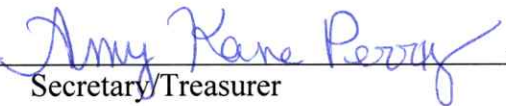
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- Signage needs placed at the new driveway pullout of the Middle School to ensure people are looking both ways before pulling out.
- King Street sidewalk needs to be repaired and is a danger to pedestrians using it. The Borough will investigate ownership and determine the next steps to be taken.
- Woodland Park Trails need to be maintained and kept clear of debris and should be made a priority when performing upkeep.

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm. Next Borough Council Meeting is January 2, 2024 at 5pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer