

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 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), Deb Bigley, Marc Rice, Cindy Copp, Kristine Shaw, Skip Shaw, Simon Shaw, Lissa Hoprich, Steve Hoprich and Arline Buchman.

Councilor Hart made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

OLD BUSINESS

An Executive Session was held on Monday July 10, 2023 from 4:15pm until 4:33pm to discuss legal matters. No decisions were made during this meeting.

Councilor West made a motion to approve road closures of Central Avenue from Main Street to Water Street, Pearl Street from Central Avenue to Charles Street and Charles Street from Pearl to Main Street for the 2nd Annual Comic Con to be held on August 12th & 13th. Road closures for August 13th are permitted after 12pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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 June 2023 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Patterson Trailhead Facility Final Land Development Submission as recommended by Wellsboro Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

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Shaw's Conditional Use Application for a Bed and Breakfast at 28-30 Central Avenue has been determined to not be needed. The use stays with the property and the Shaw's can continue to use the property as a Bed & Breakfast under the same conditions as the previous owners.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Ordinance 710 amending Ordinance 301, residency requirements for the Borough Manager, as presented by Cox, Stokes and Lantz. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report.

Police Report – Chief Bodine reported the following:

- Laurel Festival was very good.
- 4th of July saw some issues with fireworks and the Borough Ordinance may need reviewed to include times.
- The speed radar board has been placed out by Nesmuk Lake and it has slowed traffic down some.

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

Milling and Paving Project are underway. Paving should be completed by July 14th. Tar & Chipping is scheduled to begin the week of August 14th.

Upper Central Avenue (Rt 287) continues to have Speed and Brake Retarder concerns. Senator Yaw and Representative Clint Owlet have been asked for assistance.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

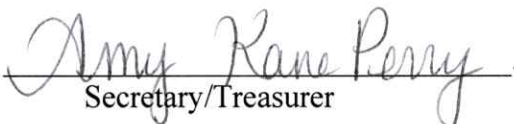
Other Business

Public Comments

- Arlene Buchman gave updates on the sidewalk grant application she is helping the Borough with.

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:18pm. Next Borough Council Meeting is August 14th, 2023 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer