

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

Council President Matthew DeCamp called the regular meeting to order at 5:06 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), Marc Rice, Cindy Copp, Christina Vandergrift, Rhonda Pearson and Wayne Gray.

Councilor West made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2023 Special Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor West 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.

NEW BUSINESS

An Executive Session was held on Monday August 14, 2023 from 4:40pm until 5:03 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters. No decisions were made during this meeting.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise for an Assistant Supervisor for the Water & Sewer Department. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

HARB

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the new sign at 127 Main Street for Mountain Therapy and Education Services as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

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

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

Mayor's Report – Mayor Wheeler gave his compliments for the paving that was done on Walnut Street.

Police Report – Chief Bodine reported the following:

- 65lbs of prescriptions were picked up this week from the turn in program.
- Recent trainings included DUI training and Human Trafficking
- The PD recently attended the Senior Expo and there was a great turnout.
- Comic Con went off over the weekend with no issues.
- The PD has an audit being performed this week.
- PD has been staying busy with domestic calls and traffic stops

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

Councilor West made a motion to advertise the amendment to a portion of Ordinance NO. 338 subsection 15-1001 prohibiting riding and parking of Pedalcycles in the Central Business District on Main Street from East Avenue to Central Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Paving Project is complete. DPW Crew is busy preparing roads for Tar & Chipping Project. Tar & Chip is expected to start around the last week of August or the first week of September.

Councilor West made a motion to approve road closures of Pearl Street from Central Ave to Charles Street and Charles Street from Pearl Street to Main Street from 12PM-4PM on September 23rd. For Hometown Science presented by Tioga County Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Hart made a motion to appoint Council Members Craig West, Lou Prevost and Rachel Smith to Parks & Rec Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Councilor West made a motion to appoint Members at Large Park & Rec Committee members Glenn Poirer, Susan Gage and Gale Largey. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried.

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Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business

- PennDOT is replacing sidewalk crossings along West Avenue down to Main Street intersection with Central Avenue to become ADA compliant.
- Councilor Prevost wanted to recognize Chuck Dillon from Senator Yaw's Office for his help with PennDOT and the reduced speed signage on 287.
- Garbage pickup in the Borough cannot be opted out of. All residents are charged for garbage at a flat rate which allows for up to 4 bags to be placed out each week.
- The Short-Term Rental Ordinance changes are being submitted to the solicitor and a final draft should hopefully be available next month.

Public Comments

- Cindy Copp had the following concerns:
 - Shrubs overgrown on Cone Street
 - Raised steel on manhole cover on McInroy Street

Adjourn – Councilor West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hart and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:21pm. Next Borough Council Meeting is September 11th, 2023 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer