

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022

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, K. Declan Clark, Matt DeCamp, Joan Hart, Mike Wood, Louis Prevost and Junior Council Member Hayne Webster. Mayor John Wheeler, Chief of Police Jim Bodine, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Christina VanDergrift & family, Bethany Hawn, Wendy Wetzel, Cassie Blaszczyk, Victoria Murphy, Sherry Dennis, Ryan & Jennifer Rumsey, Deb Bigley, and Dawn Avery.

Councilor West made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 Council Meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

Councilor West made a motion to approve signage for the Caregivers of America located at 73 Main Street as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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 August 2022 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the UPMC Tax agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried. Councilor DeCamp abstained from the vote.

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

Mayor's Report – The Mayor reported he has heard that there is interest in having another Santa Parade during the Christmas on Main Street celebration.

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Police Report – Chief Bodine gave the following updates:

- The PD has been handling a fox issue in the Woodland Park area. One fox has been put down and sent for testing. The results came back positive for rabies. They are continuing to patrol the area and have posted signs for people to stay alert.
- The new police vehicle has been ordered and now is just waiting for upfitting.
- Parking Kiosks are still down due to connection issues. The Chief is hoping to have the issue resolved soon.
- The STPR event has been downgraded to a one-day event on Saturday from 8am-12pm.
- Upcoming Event: Homecoming October 7th.

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

Councilor West made a motion to approve for Borough Manager Louis Rachiele to work with the Borough Solicitor to draft an ordinance for 2023 sewer/water/garbage rate increases to become effective January 1st 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

Councilor West made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 truck for fleet replacement to be paid from the Water, Sewer, and General Rainy-Day accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Phase 2 of the Buena Vista Stormwater Project is complete.

Revised Dirt & Gravel Grant applications for Sears St and Buena Vista St have been submitted.

Councilor West made a motion to approve road closures for UPMC's Halloween Path event. The closure will include Walnut Street and Pearl Street from Central Avenue to Norris Street and Charles Street from Walnut Street to Main Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve Lion's Club White Cane Day Fundraiser to be held on October 8th on Main Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor West made a motion to approve an Above and Beyond Bonus to Amy Kane Perry, Borough Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark and carried.

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Other Business – Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry will be attending the Tioga County Association of Borough's meeting on September 15th in Knoxville PA.

Public Comments

Sherry Dennis – Ms. Dennis confirmed that a letter will be issued for the signage for Caregivers of America. She can move ahead with the project

Ryan Rumsey – Mr. Rumsey came to express his interest in holding a parade Friday night during the Christmas on Main Street event again this year. He is aware of concerns regarding safety of a night time event but would like to come up with a solution that everyone can agree with.

Adjourn – Councilor Hart made a motion to adjourn at 5:18pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor West and carried. The next Borough Council Meeting is October 10th, 2022 at 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer