

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## September 9, 2024

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Council President Matt 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 Matt DeCamp, Mike Wood, Rhonda Pearson, Rachel Smith, Louis Prevost and Julie Henry, Mayor F. Craig West, Chief Chad Boyce, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Zach Buck (Nessmuk's Sporting Goods), Adrienne Schloegal (Elusive Beauty Designs), Cindy Copp, Tim Cole,

Councilor Prevost made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

An Executive Meeting was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HARB**

Counselor Prevost made a motion to approve signage for Nessmuk's Sporting Goods at 91 Main Street as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and carried.

Counselor Prevost made a motion to approve signage request for Elusive Beauty Designs at 73-2B Main Street as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Counselor Prevost made a motion to approve roof replacement request at 142 Main Street as recommended by HARB. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

### **General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel**

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

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the August 2024 Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

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Councilor Smith made a motion to advertise a Parks & Rec full-time employee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and carried. Councilor Wood like a full job description with benefits before hiring begins.

Councilor Smith made a motion to hire Logan Smedley as a full-time police officer upon commencement of Act 120 certification. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Smith made a motion to hire Gavin McAlary as a full-time police officer upon commencement of Act 120 certification. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

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

#### Mayor's Report

- Mayor West, Councilor Prevost and Borough Manager Louis Rachiele attended NIMS training at the Tokishi Building. All members of the Council should attend the training. It is held annually.
- Mayor West is waiting on a report that will give local grant opportunities for housing.

#### Police Report

- Issues at intersection of Central/Main for school crossing. They are assigning a second guard to help.
- PD working with the new security company at the Schools, Clearview.
- Homecoming will be September 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

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

### **Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training**

Amy Kane Perry attended the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual PAMA Convention in Erie, PA. The convention was insightful and educational.

### **Other Business**

UPMC representatives attended the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Committee meeting. Plans for their residential properties were discussed and resident questions and concerns were answered.

The Wellsboro Lions Club Annual White Cane fundraiser will be held on October 12, 2024, from 9 AM-3 PM. All proceeds of the event go towards sight conservation and financial aid to persons needing eyeglasses.

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Council would like to recognize the commitment of Timeless Destination to our community for their donation of pizzas during the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event.

### Public Comment

#### Tim Cole –


- Road resurfacing (Bodine Street) – Why is it not done?
- Storm drain cleaning (Bodine Street) – Why is it not done?
- Sidewalk Ordinance enforcement (entire town) – Why is not being enforced?
- Hydrant flushing (entire town) – When is this going to start? Why is it not done?
- Stop sign enforcement (Bodine Street) – Why don't the police sit there more often? People think the sign is a joke.

#### Cindy Copp –

- Continued issues with the air handler system at Pinnacle Towers. A sample from the handler was presented to Council.
- Pinnacle Towers parking lot is being used for trail parking and access to the trailhead.
- There is an increase in the number of individuals loitering outside of the Pinnacle Towers. Some are drinking alcohol under the bridge. Cindy would like some security lighting installed on the back of the building.

**Adjourn** – Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm. The Next Borough Council Meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer