

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes January 14, 2013

Council President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor James Daugherty, President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors, Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin. Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, and Chief of Police James Bodine

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Cheryl Clarke, Williamsport Sun, Craig Musser, Janet Strausser

A MOMENT OF SILENCE- was observed as a tribute to the memory of Councilperson Ronald Bowers.

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by a motion made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried unanimously.

AIRPORT UPDATE - Craig Musser reported that Jet Fuel is now available 24/7 –and self service is available for life flight helicopters. Authority was received to have an automatic weather watch system to become operational in the late spring. A company called “Air Methods” own life flight helicopters and are thinking of having a base here in Wellsboro. Another company, “Clean Earth” disposes of drilling earth and could be contracted to fill in the west end of the runway to extend it to 4000 feet. This project would take a full year to complete, and could be begun within the next two years. All the hangers are all full; even the maintenance hangers, so Mr. Musser says they’re thinking about building another hanger. Shell wants to buy a Turbo Prop King Air 350 and come in three times a week to Wellsboro.

NEW COUNCILPERSON APPOINTED: Councilor Wood made a motion to appoint Rudy Scharf to fill Ron Bowers unexpired term. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried 4-0.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Wood made a motion to pay bills for 12-13, 12-18, 12-19, 12-27 and 1-9-13 as presented. This was , seconded by Councilor Sticklin, carried 4-0.

The PA Route 6 By-way proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session at 6:10 for personnel matters. Executive Session ended at 6:18.

OFFICER DOUG BURD HIRING RATIFIED- Councilor Sticklin made a motion to ratify the hiring of Doug Burd, whose start date was January 1, 2013. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried 3-1. Councilor Wood voted against.

CHIEF BODINE- has Officer Boyce back on duty. January and February are busy with officers completing training on MPOETC updates in Montoursville. An on line version will be available in the next year. Recertification for armor is coming up. Dui’s and domestics are up in the last few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

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ERB INSPECTIONS, INC. - Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve an updated contract under Erb inspections (a change of name from Erb Building Inspections). Councilor Wood made the second and it passed 4-0.

The Northern Tier Solid Waste will begin under contract on February 4th. Collection days will remain the same until further notice.

1984 Ford Dump Truck –The auction price ended at \$1,150.00. A motion was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, to sell it at that price. The motion carried unanimously. The one-ton has not been ordered as yet.

Chamber Requests: Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Chamber requests for assistance and permission for the following events in 2013. Councilor Wood added a provision that any changes be brought back before Council, and he seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Classic Car Cruise In - May 25, July 27th, and August 31, from noon till 3 p.m.

Mary Wells Day – May 25th – 27th

STPR – May 31 – June 1

Family Day - June 8th

Pet Parade – June 9th

Laurel Festival-June 14 – 15

2-Mile Fun Run/10k Race- June 15th

Laurel Festival Parade- June 15th

Dickens of a Christmas- December 7.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

No date has been set for the arbitration hearing with the police contract.

Other Business

Dan Strausser told Council the water permit for the membrane filter plant came today. The Wellsboro Municipal Authority has awarded the bid to Pall and will be able to issue a purchase order for the plant. The middle of February will see bids out for the building. He expects to be on line with the system in mid-summer.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan L. Keck

