

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

January 9, 2012

Wellsboro Borough Council met on Monday, January 9, 2012 in Council Chambers. President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were: President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors: Ronald H. Bowers, Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant; Mayor James E. Daugherty, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS: Superintendent of Public Works- Mark A. Dieffenbach, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Plants- Daniel Brought, Police Chief James R. Bodine, Assistant Secretary- Florence B. Martino, Janet J. Strausser, Wellsboro Gazette- Natalie Kennedy and Williamsport Sun-Gazette- Cheryl Clark

The minutes of the December 19, 2011 were accepted as presented on a motion by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Council Member Bryant, motion carried.

NEW COMMITTEES LIST- Council President Hart asked for a motion to approve the following committee members:

Wellsboro Municipal Authority- Grant Cavanaugh

Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority- Allen Garrison has agreed and requested Secretary Keck would contact Bob McCarthy Jr.

Wellsboro Planning Committee- Katie Mader has not sent a letter however has verbally resigned due to medical reasons.

Zoning Hearing Board- Tim Sick's term has expired and Nina McCarthy has resigned and Bob McCarthy Sr. is interested in serving on this board, in her place.

Historical Architectural Review Board- Daryl Stratton is interested in serving on the board. Teresa Capuzzo needs to be contacted her term has expired.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the nominees for the committees, seconded by Councilor Wheeler.

Councilor Wood made a motion to refer the request from Trehab, a non-profit Community Action Group, and Monarch Development Group for a Conditional Use for townhouses in the Residential Town District to the Planning Commission and to authorize the borough manager and solicitor to setup a public hearing for February 27, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Councilor Sticklin motion carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to refer the request for a conditional use from SWEPI LP a company associated with natural gas exploration to perform seismic activities within the Borough of Wellsboro to the Planning Commission and to authorize the borough manager and solicitor to setup a public hearing, seconded by Councilor Wheeler motion carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion for Borough Council to adopt the Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedures, seconded by Councilor Bryant motion carried.

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Councilor Sticklin made a motion to advertise for Requests for Proposals for water/sewer engineers for the borough seconded by Councilor Wood motion carried.

General Government, Administration, Buildings and Personnel:

1. Councilor Wood made a motion to pay the fee of \$240.00 to allow Daniel Strausser and Susan Keck the capability to update the website, seconded by Councilor Wheeler motion carried.
2. Councilor Bryant made a motion to create a new budget account in 01.401.1000 to record the payroll for the Borough Manager Dan Strausser, seconded by Councilor Sticklin motion carried.

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to adopt resolution #2012-01 approving Susan L. Keck voting delegate and Daniel K. Strausser as alternate delegate for Tioga Tax Collection Committee, seconded by Councilor Sticklin motion carried.

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

Police Report- Chief Bodine gave a year end report which is on file in the borough office.

PUBIC WORKS, Solid Waste, Highways, Parking, Water and Sewer:

Keck Well SWIP test was completed on December 28th. All hoses, generators, pumps and equipment were removed.

The pilot plant study is in full operation. Testing has been done we are waiting for word to complete the study.

The water plant continues to get a face lift with probation work release program.

Street sign replacement will begin soon.

We will hve a proposed ordinance for inspection of sewers inside buildings and an inspection form by next meeting.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to apply for a CDBG Grant for storm water separation projects, seconded by Councilor Wheeler motion carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beatification and Senior Center

No Report

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety and Training

The State Mediator will be here on January 25th at 10 for employee contracts negotiation.

ADJOURNED 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Florence B. Martino
Florence B. Martino, Assistant Borough Secretary