

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

October 10, 2011

Council President Joan Hart called the regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council for the Borough of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, to order with a quorum of six members present at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2011, in the council room of the John E. Dugan Fire Station Municipal Building, 28 Crafton Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The following elected officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

Mayor James Daugherty-

First Ward Council Member- Michael Wood

First Ward Council Member- Rudolf Scharf

First Ward Council President- Joan Hart-

Second Ward Council Member- John Sticklin

Second Ward Council-Vice President- John E. Wheeler

Second Ward Council Member- Terry Bryant

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

The following appointed officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

Superintendent of Water & Sewer Plants- Daniel Brought

Police Chief- Jim Bodine

Assistant Secretary- Florence Martino

PRESS:

Wellsboro Gazette- Natalie Kennedy

VISITORS:

Ron Bowers

John Coleman

MINUTES- Chief Bodine made a correction to the minutes of September 12, 2011, he stated on page 2 concerning the bus accident the officer, was Officer Wilson not Officer Deveney. Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the minutes for September 12th with the correction, seconded by Council Member Sticklin motion carried 6-0.

Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes for September 26th, seconded by Council Member Sticklin motion carried 6-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Daugherty informed the Council every month in the police department is busier then the prior month.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & TRICK OR TREATING- Mayor Daugherty informed the Council the parade will leave Packer Park sharply at 5:30 p.m. and trick or treating be from 6 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

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AUTHORIZE POLICE CHIEF TO PLACE ORDER FOR NEW VEHICLE- Mayor Daugherty asked Council to authorize the Chief Bodine to place the order for the new 2012 police car. Mayor Daugherty said the anticipated delivery would be 90 to 120 days from the date of the order. Council Member Wood made a motion to authorize Chief Bodine to order the car, seconded by Council Member Wheeler motion carried 6-0. Chief Bodine informed the Council they are going through Warnock Fleet and it's the 2013 Ford SUV Interceptor. Chief Bodine said with SUV lines this is the best pick for our needs. Chief Bodine said the next time it looks like Dodge Durango will have something to compete with the Interceptor.

Council Member Scharf asked what the cost would be. Chief Bodine said the full package would be \$39,087.11, fully equipped with the light bar and cages being installed at Warnock Fleet. Chief Bodine said the detailing, motorola and v-spec would need to be done here and is included in the cost of the vehicle. Council Member Wood stated the Borough Council sets aside money each year for the purchase of the new vehicle so it is never the full amount out of one year's budget.

HOMEcoming PARADE- Mayor Daugherty informed the Council the Homecoming Parade would be held on Friday, October 21st.

CHIEF OF POLICE- CRASH ON MAIN & EAST AVENUE- Chief Bodine reported Officer Wilson was in the office at the time of the crash working on other accident reports when he was dispatched to this accident. Chief Bodine said he also responded to the accident to assist Officer Wilson due to the severity of the accident. Chief Bodine said the State Police Crash investigation Chief Batterson was on scene taking measurements at the scene to estimate the speed. The investigation is continuing. Chief Bodine said the driver is still listed in critical condition however is improving. He said it was a good thing the gas drillers had fire extinguishers, because they were the ones who were able to extinguish the vehicle fire.

STREET PARKING- Chief Bodine recommended the parking spaces be eliminated at the intersection of Pearl Street and Crafton Street. Chief Bodine explained there is not enough sight distance when pulling out of Pearl Street onto Central Avenue. Council Member Bryant made a motion to move the sign back and paint back 70' seconded by Council Member Sticklin motion passed 6-0.

POLICE ACTIVITY- Chief Bodine informed the council the department has been experiencing an increase in activity.

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL OFFICER- Council Member Bryant informed the Council the Mayor and the Police Committee is looking into the possibility of hiring another officer, due to the additional traffic and cases loads increasing. Council Member Bryant said it is only in the beginning stage of the new budget preparation: that nothing has been decided and we are not raising taxes. Council Member Wood said he was against the hiring of another officer and the department does not need another officer. He said people are on a fixed income. Council President Hart said the Borough Council would

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look very careful at the facts and make a decision. Council President Hart said no one wants to raise taxes.

PLANT SUPERVISOR- LIFT PUMP- Dan Brought informed the Council the lift pump is up and running at the sewer plant. Dan Brought said they had budgeted \$25,000.00 and at this point the cost is at \$17,000.00. Council Member Scharf asked if the \$17,000.00 included installation and labor. Dan Brought said some of the savings was on Mark Reese's invoice they anticipated \$5,000.00 and it was only \$2,600.00. He said it was primed and painted at Mark Reese's.

SAND FILTER #1- Sand filter #1 is being drained and cleaned and next week they would be working on sand filter # 2.

DELIVERY OF PILOT STUDY- The unit for the pilot study at the water plant will be delivered on October 20th. Dan Brought informed the Council the unit will not be housed in the shed as planned. It would be outside.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT- RATIFY PAYMENTS OF BILLS FOR 9/27th, 9/29th & 10/4th- Council Member Wheeler made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Member Scharf motion carried 6-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT- RECOMMENDATION TO PAY SCOTT BRAY'S EXPENSE FOR THE RFP FILTER MEMBRANE STUDY FROM THE WATER RAINY DAY FUND- Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Wood motion carried 6-0.

RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW ACCOUNT AT FIRST HERITAGE CALLED THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE ACCOUNT- Council Member Sticklin made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Bryant motion carried 6-0.

ADOPTION OF 2011 TIOGA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN- Council Member Wood said he has attended meetings on this and the Tioga County Emergency Operation Plan and that he endorsed both plans. Council Member Scharf made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Council Member Sticklin motion carried 6-0.

ADOPTION OF 2011 TIOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN- Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Council Member Sticklin motion carried 6-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE BOTH AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT & REGULATING SIGNS- Council President Hart informed the Council when the fire or police departments respond to a medical disturbance they could report back to the borough council on conditions of running water and smoke detectors. Council Member Wood said he would like the issue

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tabled he was against Section 11 # 2. Council Member Bryant made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation concerning the adult entertainment and the regulating of signs, seconded by Council Member Sticklin motion carried 6-0.

SECONDARY IMPACTS OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENTS- Council President Hart and Council Member Sticklin requested reservations be made for them to attend the training.

BOROUGH MANAGER POSITION- Council Member Bryant informed the Council they had received five resumes from candidates for the Borough Manager's job. Council Member Bryant would make copies and deliver the copies to the members of council.

ADJOURNED 6:35 p.m.