

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## October 11, 2021

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Council President F. Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 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, John Sticklin, Matt DeCamp, Joan Hart, Mike Wood and Louis Prevost. Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr, Mayor John Wheeler, Chief of Police Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Borough Residents Linda and Lewis Covert and Alane Horton.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Special Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 Special Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeCamp and carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council President West announced that an Executive Session was held on October 11, 2021 from 3:55 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. No decisions were made during the executive session.

**HARB:**

1. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request for window and door signage at 71-2B Main Street by Mr. Robert La Pann for Sasquatch Barberia. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood 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, 2021 Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Morey Lot Addition. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Michael E. Pierce for a Northwest Bank Borough credit card with a spending limit of \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise the 2022 Budgets for adoption as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$3,068,953.00	\$3,068,953.00
Water	\$861,900.00	\$861,900.00
Sewer	\$663,500.00	\$663,500.00

There is no increase in borough water, sewer, or garbage rates. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to advertise Ordinance #705 fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2022 at 7.133 mills; this rate remains the unchanged from 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeCamp and carried.

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

Mayor's Report – No updates at this time.

Police Report – Chief Bodine wants to remind everyone that the informational session on Identity Theft with the Attorney General's Office will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. through 9 p.m. at the Wellsboro High School Auditorium. He also stated that the police department has seen an increase in the number of DUI cases in the last month.

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

Fall Cleanup will be the week of October 18<sup>th</sup> on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day

### **Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center**

The Halloween Parade will start at 6pm on October 31<sup>st</sup> from Packer Park. Trick-or-Treat will follow until 830pm.

The Borough has been awarded a Tree Vitalize Grant for 20 free bare-root trees

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

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to accept retirement of Mr. Paul A. Patt from the Water and Sewer Department, effective October 29, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried.

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Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve hiring of Mr. Mathew L. DeCoursey to the position of laborer in the Water and Sewer Department, with a starting date of November 1, 2021 at the rate of \$19.21/hour. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve hiring of Mr. Brian D. Kennedy as Parks and Recreation Director, with a starting date of November 1, 2021 at a starting annual salary of \$50,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried.

The Borough crew completed annual training on digging near buried pipelines

### Other Business

Other Business – none

### Public Comments

1. Linda Covert – Linda has the following concerns:
  - There is a pipe on Ellis Street that is filled with mud. A crew will be sent out to investigate.
2. Lewis Covert – Lewis had the following concerns:
  - Water from Bodine Street is draining into his backyard on English Street. He believes this is due to the misplacement of drains in location to where the water comes of the bank.
  - Potholes – Lewis is concerned that potholes are not properly cleaned out before they are filled. There is also a large pothole at the intersection of Bodine, Ellis, and English that has not been filled.
3. Alane Horton – Alane has concerns about kids being in the cemetery after dark. She wondered how to handle the situation if she sees it. Chief Bodine let her know that routine patrols are done but if she sees kids entering, especially after curfew, to notify the police department and they will send a patrol car over.

**Adjourn** – Councilor Hart made a motion to adjourn. Next Borough Council Meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5pm. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:130 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer