

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a request by Edward Jones Investment for exterior signage at 23 East Avenue, with the temporary banner to be removed by the end of November. Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for August 2019. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Explore PA Borough's TV show is airing November 7 at 7:30 p.m. on PCN. For those who don't have PCN, the show will be available on the internet the next day.

The Shade Tree Commission, Council Committee, Borough Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, 2019, at their regular times. The change is due to the observance of Veteran's Day.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt the 2020 Budgets as follows:

| | Revenue | Expenditures |
|---------|----------------|---------------------|
| General | \$2,971,970.00 | \$2,971,970.00 |
| Water | \$843,500.00 | \$843,500.00 |
| Sewer | \$658,890.00 | \$658,890.00 |

Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There is no increase in borough water, sewer, or garbage rates.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to advertise Ordinance #694 fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2020 at 7.133 mills. This is an increase of 0.00083 to the previous millage. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Police Report-The department has taken part in many trainings this month. Officer Cook led an expectant parent class on car seats. STPR went very well although some adjustments will be made for next year.

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

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Drivers can now use the "Pango" mobile app for paying at any parking meter in the Borough, even the coin-operated meters. Drivers can download the free app and start paying from their phones. A receipt for each transaction will be emailed to the user.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve free parking in the Borough of Wellsboro from November 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to ratify sale of 2001 Street Sweeper to Blossburg Borough for the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Halloween Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 31st. The annual parade will start at 6pm (from Packer Park), with trick-or-treat to follow until 9pm.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve Chief Bodine's use of Fire Police as needed for traffic control at the UPMC Halloween Event on October 26th, 2019, at his discretion. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve mowing bids per attached list (see attached list). Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Borough will be removing the Autumnalis Cherry trees along Nichols Street that have been affected by the Black Knot disease this fall. Ornamental, medium-height trees will be re-planted to complement the existing Sargent Cherry trees, depending on nursery availability.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Borough staff attended Training on Safe Excavation near Pipelines.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to ratify the changing of insurance brokers from Wilkinson Dunn to Karschner's Insurance for the Worker's Compensation Program. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Lonnie Campbell, Wellsboro Fire Chief, thanked the Council and Wellsboro Municipal Authority for providing the training opportunity before the house was torn down near the Dresser Plant. He reported the results of the previous ISO inspection (4 years ago) resulted in a change from Class 4 to Class 3 rating. They are still striving for improvement. Only 3% of the 46,000 inspections done annually result in a Class 3 rating.

The Chief would like to have house numbers visible from East Avenue for those properties behind the wall. Scot Boyce will check with PennDOT to get their input and approval.

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Warren Berg, a Buena Vista Street resident, asked about the grading on that street. It will be milled and graded in the next two weeks. It will be rolled and shaped from the dust oil all the way down.

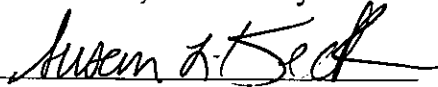
McKenzie Sweigart, Mayah Grimes, and Madeline Bryant explained they had accepted the Alexis Eco-Challenge to help improve land or water quality by exploring the possibility of placing recycling bins on Main Street, or, as an alternative, to place bins in businesses on Main Street. They have created two surveys to begin to raise awareness.

As advised by Council, they will keep in mind the size and proposed design and graphics and present these ideas to Council and HARB at an upcoming meeting. They'll contact NTSWA for input on pickup available. The group proposed possibly doing a trial run in a smaller area first. They will keep the Council informed of their planning.

Mike Cooney, a Buena Vista Street resident, is concerned about the bicycles and other wheeled vehicles on the sidewalks. Chief Bodine said there was an ordinance prohibiting these and explained that the signage has to be mounted in place in order to enforce the ordinance. The Superintendent, Chief of Police, and Borough Manager will do a walk around to check the best sign placements.

6:40 Meeting adjourned by motion of John Sticklin, seconded by Mike Wood.

Minutes respectfully presented by _____



Susan L. Keck, Secretary/Treasurer