

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## October 8, 2018

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Council President Pro-Tempore Mike Wood called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Mike Wood, Craig West, Matt DeCamp, and Dr. Bill Yacovissi, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine, Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, and Louis E. Prevost.

**VISITORS** - Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Skip Shaw, Shaw Siglin, and Ken Swinnich from the Grand Canyon Airport Authority, Tim Cole, Bodine Street resident, and Mark Coleman, Calkins Lane resident.

### **Swearing in of Newly Appointed Council Member by Mayor**

Louis E. Prevost – was sworn in by the Mayor for the remainder of the 2-year term of Mike Hummel of 12/31/2019.

### **Nomination and Election of Council President**

Dr. Yacovissi nominated Craig West for Council President.

Craig West nominated John Sticklin for Council President.

Councilor Wood moved that the nominations be closed.

### **Vote**

A roll call vote was taken on the nomination of Craig West for Council President.

Louis Prevost-	yes
Matt DeCamp-	yes
Mike Wood-	yes
Craig West-	yes
Dr. Yacovissi-	yes

Craig West was elected as Council President.

### **Nomination and Election of Council Vice President**

Dr. Yacovissi nominated John Sticklin for Council Vice President

Nominations were closed.

Council Members voted John Sticklin as Vice President with a vote of 4-1. Councilor Wood vote against.

### **President Pro-Tempore**

Craig West nominated Mike Wood as President Pro-Tempore

Vote Council voted 5-0 for Mike Wood as President Pro-Tempore

**Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting-** Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2018. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

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**Public Comments on Agenda Items** -none

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve free parking throughout the Borough from November 19 through January 2, 2019. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

**HARB:**

**The following were recommended for approval:**

1. Request for signage for TPA Family, Inc. at 63R Main Street by Trent Aughenbaugh. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve. Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried.

**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.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for August, 2018. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Reminder that the November, 2018, Council Committee and Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budgets for adoption as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$2,866,640.00	\$2,866,640.00
Water	\$840,500.00	\$840,500.00
Sewer	\$657,540.00	\$657,540.00

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

Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to advertise Ordinance #689 fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2019 at 6.33 mills. There is no increase in this rate. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Losinger Lot addition. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Mayor's Report- no report

Police Report-The High School had an accidental alarm activation. Training for school staff was performed. Chief thanked Scott Henry and his crew for performing the joint training.

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

Community Yard Sales will be held in October on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Fall Cleanup will be the week of October 15<sup>th</sup> on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day.

The Borough's agility program with Penn DOT for 15 lane miles of crack sealing has been completed.

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

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

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

Borough staff attended Training on Safe Excavation near Pipelines.

### **Other Business**

Council will hold an Executive Session following tonight's meeting for the purpose of legal matters.

**Public Comments-** Tim Cole, a Bodine Street resident, questioned the use of the hospital owned property on Nichols street as a storage facility. He questioned the progress on the Bodine Street sidewalk.

Mike Wood responded he was working on his sidewalk to re-open it.

Shaw Siglin, Kenn Swinnich, and Skip Shaw from the Airport Authority asked for a match for a grant through Federal Allocation for repair projects. There is approximately One Billion in Federal Funding for rural airports available and this project has a good chance for funding. The Borough was asked to pay up front costs for the project or

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secure a loan for the engineering and permitting up front costs. If the grant is awarded, that money gets reimbursed.

The application deadline is by the end of October for a 2019 funding. The Tioga County Commissioners are supporting the project for design work for the Ramp Rehabilitation. The ramp was constructed in 1996 and has a 20 year life.

They are asking all the participating municipalities to contribute. Councilor Wood asked for more detailed information.

Councilor West asked the group to come back with Delmar and Grow commitment information to meet and vote on this project.

Mark Coleman- requested a meeting to present a possible cost savings on electric costs and street light conversion to LED. Council will look over the documents when they are received.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 to an Executive Session for legal matters. The Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Susan L. Keck