

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2013

Council President Joan Hart 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 President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Mayor James Daugherty, Councilors Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Rudy Scharf and Terry Bryant, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Chief of Police James Bodine, Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Janet Strausser, James and Jennifer Updyke, Lisa Dodge, Natalie Kennedy – Wellsboro Gazette.

**Minutes of the October 14, 2013 Council Meeting-** Council Member Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Council Member Wood, and carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel**

Councilor Scharf made a motion to pay bills for 10/16, 10/17, 10/23, 10/30 and 11/6 as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

**2014 Budget Adopted-**Councilor Scharf made a motion to adopt the 2014 Budget as follows. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously

	Receipts	Expenditures
General Fund	\$2,984,574.00	\$2,984,574.00
Water Fund	\$960,616.00	\$960,616.00
Sewer Fund	\$779,740.00	\$779,740.00

**Tax Ordinance Adopted-**Councilor Scharf made a motion to adopt Ordinance #675 fixing the 2014 Real Estate Tax at 6.33 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation for property tax. This was seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously. There will be no tax increase.

**Overhead door replacement and roof replacement at our shop.** The roof replacement bids were tabled until the next meeting. Overhead Door of Elmira bid \$44,400.00 for the Overhead Doors project at the Maintenance Garage. Councilor Scharf made a motion to accept this bid. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion, and it carried. The Borough Manager will find out about the warrantee.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT** The two recent parades made for a busy month in the Police Department. Halloween passed with no problems at all. The PD is now fully renovated. Congratulations to the football and soccer teams who both won their seasons.

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**Police Report-**Chief Bodine reported that a Facebook posting created a stir in the Schools last Friday. He posted officers in each of the schools. The State Police now have the individual apprehended and in jail. The DUI Memorial will be here on Thursday, November 14 from 11:30 to 1:30 on Pearl Street. It will be open to the public.

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

King Street Bridge is being readied to open near Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will be working until 7 and 8:00 p.m. all week. The base coat will be applied next week.

**Water Meter and Touch Pad Purchase Approved-**Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve the purchase of 100 water meters and touchpads for \$13,062.00 from L/B Water Service. Councilor Scharf seconded the motion and it carried.

**Stop Sign Purchase Approved-** Councilor Wheeler made a motion to purchase 100 stop signs at a cost of \$3,595.00 and 100 break away posts at a cost of \$2,929.00 from Bradco Supply Company. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried. These funds are coming from the Act 13 funds as previously agreed upon.

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

**Auction Items:** We are reviewing everything at the shop and will be putting more items out for auction. Some of the items are traffic signal controllers, a sod cutter, and an old fire siren.

**Shade Tree:** Grant funded trees will be delivered on Thursday, and be planted on Friday. Councilor Scharf thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their efforts to arrange this grant.

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

No decision on contract arbitration as of yet.

We have received a Workers Compensation refund of \$4,819.00.

The Property insurance increase was only \$1,200 even with the new water plant.

Councilor Sticklin thanked Dan Strausser for the nice job.

### **Other Business**

Councilor Wood made a motion to hold the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat on the Saturday before Halloween unless it falls on a Saturday. This was seconded by Council Scharf and carried 5-1 with Councilor Sticklin opposed.

Councilor Wood congratulated Mayor Daugherty on his years of service.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

