

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018

Council President Craig West announced the meeting was being videotaped for the Wellsboro Home Page and called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

VISITORS - Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Rhonda Pearson and Andrew Moore from the Home Page Network, and Tim Cole, Bodine Street resident.

Minutes of the October 8, 2018 Council Meeting- Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items- none

HARB: HARB did not meet in November due to lack of applications.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

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

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

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Subdivision of Lands of Heatley and Lamphier with the condition that the newly created lots are lot additions only. The subdivided parcels do not meet the requirements for standalone lots in the Town Residential Zoning District. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Subdivision of Lands of Mercuri. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi announced an opening on the Wellsboro Planning Commission.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the following as signers on the Borough's accounts, Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Craig West, Michael Wood, John Sticklin, Susan L. Keck and Florence B. Martino effective November 13, 2018, at the following institutions: – Northwest Savings Bank, First Citizens Community Bank, and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2018-05 approving liquor license transfer from Blossburg, PA to Wellsboro, PA. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to accept the resignation of Lou Prevost from the Wellsboro Planning Commission. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to appoint Mr. David Robinson to the Wellsboro Planning Commission to serve the remainder of Lou Prevost's term, expiring December 31, 2020. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2018-06 authorizing Wellsboro Borough's participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sell the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Safety, Police, Fire, Protective Inspections, Codes, EMA- no report

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

Residents are reminded not to tape or attach signs on street signs, red light posts, or gaslights. They will be removed immediately. Any damage to the coating will be the sign owner's responsibility.

Free parking will once again be offered within the Borough. Free parking will be run from November 19th to January 2nd.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Parking Authority recommendations of the following: the purchase of parking kiosks for Crafton and Pearl Street Parking lots, to install parking meters at the Queen Street lot (except for the reserved spot for Senior Center volunteers), to change all three municipal lots to extended parking, to continue parking enforcement with a part-time meter attendant, and to change the enforcement hours from Monday through Saturday, 8am to 6pm, to Monday through Saturday, 9am to 5pm, and leaving the Handicap meters up. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager and Secretary to update the Borough's Parking Ordinances accordingly and to advertise the changes as required. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

The inspection of Hamilton Dam is complete.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a request for a 5 K race by the Schuylkill River Runners to be held on July 27, 2019. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Jason English and Joe Hastings completed flagger training. The entire DPW staff now has this training.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to change Non-uniform Actuarial Services to Beyer-Barber through RJ Hall. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor DeCamp made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2018-07 eliminating employee contributions to the police pension plan for 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business

The Wellsboro Borough Mobile App is now available for Android and iPhone users. The Borough is using the App to announce road closures, events, and meeting schedules. The mobile App is available for free download and is directly linked to the Borough's website.

Public Comments- Resident Tim Cole inquired about the specifics of the sidewalk program, stating the Borough could go out for bid after a substantial list of sidewalk repair/replacement needs is compiled. The Public Works committee will work on this.

Adjourn- Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____
Susan L. Keck