

# Wellsboro Borough Meeting Minutes November 14, 2016

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Council President Joan S. 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 Mayor John Wheeler, Councilors Joan S. Hart, Mike Wood, Terry Bryant, Mike Hummel, Jennifer Mase Updyke and John Sticklin, Solicitor Chris Lantz, Chief Jim Bodine, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser and Assistant Secretary Florence Martino

**VISITORS-** Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette and Cheryl Clark from the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

**MINUTES-** Councilor Sticklin made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Council Meeting with a correction stating Chris Lantz was the Solicitor, not Bill Stokes. Seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items-None**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilor Hart stated no decision had been made at an executive session on November 10, 2016 @ 5 PM for the purpose of a legal matter and personnel matters.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HARB**

1. CS Sports sign at 81 Main St- Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the sign. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Mountain Homes and Art Gallery at 87 1/2 Main St. - Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the sign. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for September 2016. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to adopt the 2017 Budget as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$2,962,385.00	\$2,962,385.00
Water	\$833,433.00	\$833,433.00
Sewer	\$665,782.00	\$665,782.00

Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution # 2016-08 changing the Schedule of Fees to increase the water rates effective January 2017 increasing of \$3.00 on the minimum and \$.25 per thousand gallons. Councilor Wood seconded the motion with the condition when a business occupies Osram, Council will review the new consumption and readjust the water rate, motion carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 684 fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2017 at 6.33 mills. There is no increase in this rate. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to accept the bid for the 2010 Tahoe of \$8,000.00. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to increase Rob Cleveland's salary to \$48,000 per year effective immediately. He has passed his State Water test and now has his water license. Seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – None

Police Report- Chief Bodine reported the National Guard has 6 members to assist the department with Dickens of a Christmas.

Councilor Hummel made a motion to approve the Kibler Subdivision This is a lot add on: approximately 73.57' by 136.28' area with shed and fenced garden will be taken from the rear of the Gardner L. Kibler property on Rectory Lane and added to the rear of the property of the George L. Kibler property on Lincoln St. This is recommended for approval by our Planning Commission. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

We are removing the Voluntary Water reduction restriction effective immediately.

Norris Street Bridge should have concrete poured today and the foot bridge on the north side of Riberolle Street Bridge should have concrete poured.

We have received a grant in the amount of \$52,729.00 from the Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road program through our Conservation District for drainage on Buena Vista Street.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Resolution # 2016-09 authorizing the purchase of real estate from Ward Baker for street realignment and authorizing the

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Solicitor and borough officials to sign all documents. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve The Relay For Life request to close Pearl Street between Central Avenue and Charles Street and Charles Street between Pearl Street and Main Street on Saturday July 8, 2017 10 AM to 10 PM.. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the installing of a reserved parking sign for Packer Park parking lot. Councilor Hummel seconded the motion and it carried.

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

We have received our renewal and over all the price for property and professional liability is going from approximately \$91,000 to \$93,000 for next year.

### **Other Business**

Chief Bodine informed the Council he has a meeting with the Civil Service Commission and will present council with a list of applicants at the December meeting.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Florence B. Martino  
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