

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes November 5, 2012

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Council President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor James Daugherty, President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors, Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin, and Terry L. Bryant. Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS:** Police Chief James R. Bodine, Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Craig Musser, Airport Manager, Dr. Richard Black and Janet Strausser.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the October 22, 2012 Council Meeting –were approved by a motion made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

**Craig Musser, Airport Manager:** An update on the airport facilities included the addition of services such as flight instruction, air craft rental, and air rides over the canyon. Jet Fuel will be available soon, and that will enable Shell aircraft to utilize the airport. Aviation Day is being scheduled for June, 2013, in a joint venture with the Civil Air Patrol. In addition, there will be runway lengthening by 400 feet, bringing the total up to 4000 feet. The ultimate goal is a 5000 foot runway. There will be many planned activities; the breakfast, the emergency headquarters. Mr. Musser invites Council and the public to visit and participate in upcoming events.

**Dr. Richard Black** asked for a status on the King Street Bridge. Manager Strausser responded that Council would be authorizing an ordinance for the taking of the land of 3 property owners in order for the project to proceed. Dr. Black requested Council take another look at the project, slow down on the planned construction.

**Executive Session:** Council went into executive session at 6:15 for real estate and personnel matters.

Executive Session ended at 6:36.

**Quarry property out for bid:** Councilor Sticklin made a motion to put the quarry property owned by the Borough up for bid. This was seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried 5-0.

**Smithgall Subdivision:** The subdivision of one property into two properties bordering Brewery Lane was approved by motion of Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried 5-0.

**Connelly Lot Addition:** The two properties owned by Kevin and Jenny Connelly are being re-aligned at the borders, adding some yard area to 152 Main Street, the West End Market, and taking away some yard area from 148 Main Street. This Lot Addition was approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried 5-0.

## General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

A motion to pay bills for 10/24, 10/25, 10/26 and 10/31 was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried 5-0.

Adoption of the 2013 proposed budget for:

	Receipts	Expenditures
General Fund	\$2,886,630.72	\$2,886,630.72
Water Fund	\$870,016.00	\$870,016.00
Sewer Fund	\$691,650.00	\$691,650.00

was approved by motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Wood and carried 5-0.

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**AJH DESIGN PROPOSAL ACCEPTED:** A motion to approve AJH Design Services Proposal for the design of the new borough offices at a cost of \$8,500.00. was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried 4-1 with Councilor Sticklin against.

**Todd Coolidge resigns/Lisa Meade Appointed to Parking Authority:** A motion to accept the resignation of Todd Coolidge from the Parking Authority and appoint Lisa Meade to the Parking Authority to fill the unexpired term until Dec. 31, 2013 was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried 5-0.

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

Police Report: Chief Bodine reported 33,000 pounds in State, 90 pounds in the Borough collected at the drug turnback program. This is an overwhelming response. Dickens preparation is in progress. There will be additional flaggers needed and provided by Flagger Force through the State. The use of the Flagger Force was authorized by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried 5-0

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

**King Street Property Taking Authorized:** A motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise an ordinance authorizing the taking of private property to complete the King Street Bridge project was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried 4-1 with Councilor Bryant against.

We have secured our nutrient credits from Lancaster Area Sewer Authority at \$3.50 per nitrogen credit and \$3.00 phosphorus credit with a total cost of \$7,751.00.

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

Recent Storm "Sandy": We were very fortunate to only have some fallen limbs and clogged stormsewers during the storm event, reported Councilor Wood.

No date has been set for the arbitration hearing with the police contract.

A motion was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Sticklin to authorize employees' sick days to be transferred to Hershel as requested. This was carried unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Adjourned at 6: 51

*Respectfully submitted by Susan B. Beck*