

Wellsboro Borough Council Public Hearing  
December 14, 2020

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Council President F. Craig West called the Public Hearing to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, John Sticklin, Mike Wood, Lou Prevost, Joan Hart, Matt DeCamp, Mayor John E. Wheeler, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief of Police Jim Bodine, Secretary/Treasurer's Susan L. Keck and Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending was Andrew Moore from the Wellsboro Homepage, Susan and Phil Sweet, Howard Rutledge, Bob Cunningham, Bill Carson, Anne Sick, and Travis Twoey.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to grant approval for Lisa and Steven Cassidy to have a non-Commercial Recreational Vehicle Park at 235 Pearl Street, conditional on E&S and other Borough development approvals. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Keck  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Council President F. Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, John Sticklin, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Lou Prevost, Joan Hart, Mayor John E. Wheeler, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief of Police Jim Bodine, Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck and Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, and Andrew Moore from the Wellsboro Homepage.

Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Council Meeting and Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Public Hearing were approved by motion of Councilor Hart, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items-none**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

An Executive Session of Council took place for legal matters at 4:00 p.m. and ended at 4:20. No decisions were made.

**HARB:** HARB did not meet in December

### **Committee Reports:**

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

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

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the October, 2020 Treasurers Report. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

The Borough office will be close at noon on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and re-open on December 28<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday. The Borough office will also be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year's Holiday.

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, the Borough office is now closed to the public. Appointments can be made where an in-person meeting is necessary. Payments and correspondence can be left in the drop box on the front of the building. Anyone entering the borough office will be required to wear a mask.

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Councilor Hart made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to file a complaint with the District Justice regarding on-going enforcement of prohibited fowl in the borough. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Hart made a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. William Yacovissi from the Wellsboro Planning Commission and the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) and to appoint Mrs. Kathy Eastridge to the HARB Board. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Mayor's Report- Mayor Wheeler recommend Council remove Eli Cochran from his one year probationary period, up 21 December. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve removing Eli Cochran from probationary status. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Police Report- Chief Bodine informed Council that depression from COVID restrictions is on the rise. Officers have pulled back on traffic stops, and have maintained safe distances. Mental Health issues remain a significant problem.

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

Councilman Prevost has continued to pursue the Air Brake Signage through PSAB's Government Affairs offices, which may result in this issue being included in the legislative agenda. Clint Owlett has also agreed to lend his efforts to help amend the brake law. Other municipalities have also voiced concerns about the Air Brake Law and the disruptiveness to their residents. This may lead to a positive change.

The borough has purchased 199 Phosphorus credits and ended the regulatory year with 7,341 Nitrogen sewer credits for sale.

The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$81,979.00 for the extension of the stormwater system on Buena Vista Street. The grant is from the Tioga County Conservation District's Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program. The Borough is very grateful for the grant.

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

Thank you to Ms. Berndtson's group of students from the high school who helped plant the trees along Queen and Nichols Streets.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Board recommendation to choose the second year option of the current mowing contracts at the current rates. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Vineyard Church request to close Central Avenue between Main Street and Water Street on December 24, 2020 for an outdoor Christmas Eve service to allow room for social distancing. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Introduction of Amy Kane Perry (new Secretary/Treasurer)-Amy was welcomed and gave Council some of her background information. She and her family live in Keeneyville. She has a business degree with an emphasis on accounting.

### **Other Business**

The Borough Planning Commission has a vacancy. Any Borough resident who is interested should submit their letter of interest to the Borough Manager. The Planning Commission has changed their meeting time to 5:00 p.m. vice 6:00 p.m.

Lou Prevost has distributed information and an article on Air B&B's and short term rental problems which have developed in other cities and towns.

### **Public Comments**

**Adjourn – Adjourned at 5:13 p.m.** Next Borough Council Meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer