

Wellsboro Borough Council Public Hearing Minutes
December 19, 2019

Solicitor-William-Stokes, III opened the public hearing at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street.

Attending were Councilors Craig West, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, and John Sticklin, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, in addition to Solicitor Stokes.

Also attending was Mr. Matthew Grimes

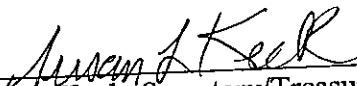
Mr. Stokes entered the following into the record for the request of Mr. Grimes to conduct a blacksmithing and metal work business at the accessory building on his property of 502 Kelsey Street. Proof of publication of the meeting, property owner application, County Planning Department letter.

Mr. Grimes testified in support of his application. He plans to locate the blacksmithing/metalworking shop in a single-story accessory building on his property. There is no sidewalk in the area. He expects waste to be minimal, and within normal limits of a residential waste collection system. He plans to primarily make knives, but can make almost anything, including door latches, custom railings, and brackets and ornamental pieces.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Stokes will prepare an adjudication on this matter.

Minutes respectfully presented by


Susan L. Keck, Secretary/Treasurer

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Council President Craig West 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. The meeting is being recorded and filmed by the Wellsboro Home Page.

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

VISITORS – Andrew Moore and Ethan Chabala from the Wellsboro Home Page, Marc Rice, Jim Weaver, and Richard Miskovitz, a resident of Sherman Street.

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Prevost, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

An Executive session took place at 4:00 p.m. for personnel matters. No decisions were made. The Executive session ended at 4:20 p.m.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for October, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

The Wellsboro Borough Council Re-Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6th, 2020 at 6pm.

Councilor Wood made a motion to deny the Deane Center's request for \$2,500 every six months from the Borough to offset janitorial costs. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Ordinance #696, adding cattle, sheep and llama to the "Keeping of Horses" section to the Wellsboro Ordinance, the current acreage and number of animal restrictions will apply to the additional species. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to ratify adoption of Ordinance #694, fixing the Real Estate tax rate for 2020 at 7.133 mills. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-07, to update the Wellsboro Borough Schedule of Fees as follows:

Checks Returned by Bank - \$37.00

Re-deposit Item Fee - \$13.00

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Conditional Use Hearing Fee - \$500.00

Special Exception Hearing Fee - \$500.00

Late Fees - 10%

Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Police Report – The Dickens event was a packed crowd, a great event, with no bad actors this year.

Councilor Prevost made a motion for a conditional offer of employment to Eli Cochran, pending successful completion of background, medical, and psychological tests. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Garbage Pickup for Christmas and New Year's:

Christmas – Garbage normally picked up on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday. And, garbage normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday.

New Year's – Garbage pickup will occur as normally scheduled.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to deny the request by PennDOT for “No Parking until Snow Removed” signs along Charleston Street, near the red light. Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The borough has sold all of its Nitrogen credits for a total of \$35,476.00.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Tioga County request for \$25,000 from the Borough for the Marsh Creek Greenway Project, payments to be made from the Act 13 account and spread over three years. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried 5-1 with Councilor Sticklin against.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve Manager Boyce's 2020 salary at \$62,400, 2021's salary at \$67,400, and 2022's salary at \$72,400, contingent on annual performance reviews of satisfactory or above. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other Business

Councilor West thanked the Public Works Department for all of their time in preparing for and cleaning up after the Dickens of a Christmas event. This represents a lot of night work away

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from their families and is very much appreciated by the Council and the community. All of
Borough Council agreed that thanks needs to be conveyed to the Department.

Mayor Wheeler presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Yacovissi for his service on
Borough Council and thanked him for all of his contributions.

Public Comments

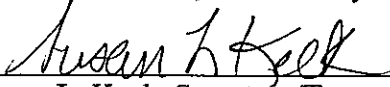
Mr. Richard Miskovitz presented an ongoing complaint about the upper part of Sherman Street
not being maintained or paved. Council explained that part of Sherman has been maintained as
other dirt streets are maintained and that there is no plan to pave that portion of Sherman Street.

Mr. Robert Beggs of Wolf Run Road presented a letter from PennDOT requesting removal of a
sign on their property. Manager Boyce explained the sign was installed there by the Lions Club.
Mr. Boyce will notify the Lions Club of the letter.

Adjourn – Next Borough Council Meeting is January 6th, 2020 at 6pm.

6:35 Meeting adjourned by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor DeCamp.

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