

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

February 13, 2012

Wellsboro Borough Council met on Monday, February 13, 2012 in Council Chambers. President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

VISITORS: Police Chief James R. Bodine, Assistant Secretary Florence B. Martino, Janet Strausser, Natalie Kennedy, of the Wellsboro Gazette, Jon Cox, HARB Chairman Andrew Harding, Planning Commission Member Kevin Connelly, Maureen Babb.

MINUTES- Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes for January 3rd, 9th and 23rd of 2012. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Manager Strausser stated there were three bids for the street loan. Northwest Bank was for 2.75%, Citizens & Northern Bank 3.45% and First Citizens Bank 3.45%. Jon Cox said Northwest Bank has given the borough four months to close on the loan and the tax code deems a draw of \$50,000.00 at settlement. Jon Cox said if the borough did not need the funds at this time, he would recommend not closing on the loan at this time. Jon Cox said it would be four months to adopt the ordinance and settle the middle of May.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve Resolution @2012-02 to erect, operate and maintain flashing warning devices on S.R. 06, S.R. 660 and S.R. 287. This was seconded by Councilor Bowers and carried unanimously.

HARB- Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the application for a new sign for Pop's Culture Shop, which would go with the From My Shelf Bookstore sign on the corner of Main and East Avenue. This was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

Borough Manager Strausser said the name for the newsletter would be Wellsboro Happenings and he is planning to have a gaslight on one side and Wynken, Blyken & Nod on the other side of the title. Kevin Connelly offered a graphic designer to assist in the design.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel:

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the bills for 1/25, 1/27, 2/1 and 2/8 as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Bowers and carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to authorize Daniel K. Strausser and/or Susan L. Keck to transfer funds between accounts. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

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Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve an ordinance to establish a schedule of fees and attorney fees for unpaid municipal claims. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Councilor Bowers made a motion to accept the bid from Mike Pierce for the 1984 Ford truck. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

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

Chief Bodine reported the new car should be in next month. Councilor Bryant said the recommendation for the speed study is included in the council packet.

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve an ordinance for inspection of sewers inside buildings and approve the inspection form. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the request from the Samaritan House for "No Parking" in front of 3 Morgan Terrace to the intersection of Grant Street. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center:

No report

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training:

Councilor Wood reported the State mediator was here today and will be here for the next meeting on March 21st.

Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser said Northwest Bank had agreed to take the sorting machine and count the parking meter coin for no fee and deposit it into the borough's general fund. Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve the request. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

Councilor Bowers made a motion to approve the names to the boards and commissions. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the recommendation to change the status of Chad Boyce from probation to full-time status in the police department. This was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED 6:45 p.m.

Florence B. Martino

Respectfully submitted by Florence B. Martino, Assistant Secretary