

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## March 11, 2019

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Council President Craig West announced the meeting was being videotaped for the Wellsboro Home Page and 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.

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

**VISITORS** - John Voght and Tim Crane from the Home Page Network, and Karen Swendrowski (at end of meeting) Dick Miskovitch, Tim Cole, Kevin Clark and friend Jackie.

**Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Council Meeting-** Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Yacovissi seconded the motion and it carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS** – 2019 Street Paving bids were opened. Glen O. Hawbaker with a bid of \$298,213.40, and HRI with a bid of \$276,273.30. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to accept the low bid of HRI at \$276,273.30, pending engineer and PennDOT review and approval. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Dick Miskovitch submitted a letter about the condition of Sherman Street. He'd like it paved from up past the school entrance to his driveway, about 30 yards. The road is gravel and has no firm base. If the Borough can't pave it, he'd like to arrange for it to be deeded to him. Councilor Wood explained that future expansion would be restricted if it was deeded to him. Councilor Wood made a motion to deny the request. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried. We will look into the matter further.

### HARB:

The following were recommended for approval by HARB:

1. Jeremy and Rachel Main's request for shingle replacement at 15 West Avenue. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilor Wood seconded and the motion carried.
2. The HARB Board gave approval for Scot Boyce to be able to approve replacing like for like projects.

### General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

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

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The Zoning Hearing Board Decision granted a variance on the required number of parking spaces at the proposed Dollar General site at 120 East Avenue.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve Lot Combination of Lands of 727 Land Group Inc. The proposed Lot combination will combine the parcels at 498 Tioga Street and an adjoining vacant lot to create one lot. Councilor Sticklin seconded and the motion carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 691, which updates the Fireworks, Parking, Water and Actuarial Equivalent Sections of the current Ordinances. Councilor DeCamp seconded and the motion carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to authorize Borough Manager and Solicitor to advertise a proposed amendment to the Wellsboro Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment is to add Car Wash as a Permitted Use in the Highway Commercial and Commercial Manufacturing Zoning Districts, along with a definition of "Car Wash" to the Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing for the proposed amendment will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30pm. Councilor Sticklin seconded and the motion carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to name Scot F. Boyce, Jr. as the Voting Delegate for the Pennsylvania State Associations of Boroughs, with John E. Wheeler serving as the Alternate Voting Delegate. Councilor Prevost seconded and the motion carried.

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

Councilor Prevost made a motion to put the 2016 Durango out for bid. Councilor Wood seconded and the motion carried.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to have the Borough make reasonable efforts to buy local within the Borough limits whenever such purchases are cost effective for the Borough. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

The Community-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Yard Sale Permits are not required for any sales held for these days.

Spring Cleanup will be held during the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Pickup will be held on your regularly scheduled garbage pickup day.

The Borough has received \$122,662.29 in Liquid Fuel Funds and \$1,360.00 in Turn Back fees (for Greenwood Street).

Councilor Wood made a motion to purchase a 2019 Chevy Colorado from Day Chevrolet at the Co-Stars price of \$28,609.00. Councilor Sticklin seconded and the motion carried.

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

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The reduced Membership family rate of \$99 for the Packer Park Pool will be offered in 2019. The rate of \$99 is available for the month of April.

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

The contracts for the Police Department and Department of Public Works have been signed and returned by the Teamsters, Local Union No. 529.

**Other Business**

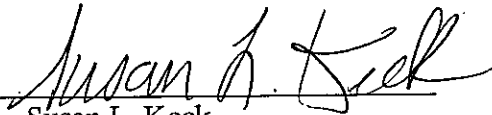
**Public Comments**

**Beth Ann Stevens** – Ms. Stevens is pleased by the efforts made to clean up the dog messes. She'd like to have the Borough keep the message current to the public.

**Kevin Clark** of 41 Water Street asked the Council to consider a community garden proposal. He explained a non-profit would be developed that would take on the project with Borough support on in kind services and public land for a raised garden area.

**Tim Cole** asked Council to consider putting in place a rental inspection program. Council will take another look at model ordinances for this. Mr. Cole enquired about the marketing of our Borough and County. He was directed to the Chamber, TCDC or Develop Tioga, and GROW for details on his concerns.

Minutes respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Susan L. Keck