

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## April 14, 2020

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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.

In the meeting room were Councilors Craig West and Mike Wood, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief of Police Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck. Attending the meeting by call-in on speaker phone were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Matt DeCamp, Lou Prevost, John Sticklin, and Joan S. Hart, Junior Council Member Katarina Swendrowski, and Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette. The meeting was held in this manner due to the Corona Virus and the Governor's mandate not to meet in groups.

Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Council Meeting were approved with changes by motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Sticklin (2)  
Councilor DeCamp - yes  
Councilor West (1)  
Councilor Hart- yes  
Councilor Prevost - yes  
Councilor Wood - yes

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items-None**

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

Councilor West made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Sticklin- yes  
Councilor DeCamp -yes  
Councilor West (1)  
Councilor Hart (2)  
Councilor Prevost- yes  
Councilor Wood -yes

Councilor West made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for February, 2020. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Sticklin (2)  
Councilor DeCamp -yes  
Councilor West (1)  
Councilor Hart- yes  
Councilor Prevost- yes  
Councilor Wood -yes

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Councilor West made a motion to enter into Shared Services Agreement with Mansfield Borough and Blossburg Borough; the agreement terminates at the end of 2021. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Sticklin -yes  
Councilor DeCamp- yes  
Councilor West (1)  
Councilor Hart (2)  
Councilor Prevost- yes  
Councilor Wood- yes

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

#### Mayor's Report

Wellsboro Borough declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19

Police Report -Chief Bodine says his force is responding to calls using the telephone mainly, the calls are light but mental health and domestic issues are on the rise.

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

Parking enforcement remains suspended in the borough, this suspension only refers to parking meters, all other parking laws must be followed.

The borough will be waiving late fees on water/sewer/garbage bills for the remainder of 2020. This does not affect late charges that have previously accumulated.

NTSWA's electronic collection event scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> had been postponed.

Community –Wide Yard Sales scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> are postponed. Borough Council will consider a new date when appropriate. No yard sale permits will be issued until further notice.

Spring Cleanup is the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day. Residents can contact the borough office with any questions on what will be picked up.

The Borough has paid off the C&N water loan, leaving only one other water loan remaining

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

Tree planting on Nichols and Queen Streets has been pushed back to the fall

The playgrounds at Packer Park and Woodland Park remain closed until further notice

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

Councilor West made a motion to ratify the hiring of John Freligh as a part-time Parks and Rec employee, effective March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote as follows:

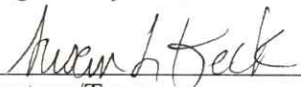
Councilor Sticklin -yes  
Councilor DeCamp (2)  
Councilor West (1)  
Councilor Hart- yes  
Councilor Prevost- yes  
Councilor Wood- yes

**Other Business**-Councilor West made a motion to authorize Sue Keck and Teresa Marshal to pursue email billing of water, sewer and garbage accounts. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Sticklin- yes  
Councilor DeCamp -yes  
Councilor West (1)  
Councilor Hart -yes  
Councilor Prevost- yes  
Councilor Wood (2)

**Adjourn** – Next Borough Council Meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer