

REGULAR MEETING OF WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council President Joan Hart called the regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council for the Borough of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, to order with a quorum of six members present at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2011, in the council room of the John E. Dugan Fire Station Municipal Building, 28 Crafton Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The following elected officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

Mayor James Daugherty

First Ward Council Member- Michael Wood

First Ward Council Member- Rudolf Scharf

First Ward Council President- Joan Hart

Second Ward Council Member- John Sticklin

Second Ward Council-Vice President- John E. Wheeler

Second Ward Council Member- Terry Bryant

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

The following appointed officials of the Borough of Wellsboro were present

Superintendent of Public Works- Mark Dieffenbach

Superintendent of Water & Sewer Plants- Daniel Brought

Police Chief- Jim Bodine

Secretary/Treasurer- Susan Keck

Assistant Secretary- Florence B. Martino

PRESS:

Wellsboro Gazette- Jason Przybycien

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 6:02-6:30 p.m., Legal Issue

CHIEF POLICE- Chief Bodine reported Officer Deveney was back from two weeks of training and will be sending him over to the State Police Barracks for weights and measurement training.

RESCIND REQUEST TO ABOLISH CIVIL SERVICE LIST- Chief Bodine he would like to rescind his request made at the last meeting to abolish the civil service list. Council Member Wheeler made a motion to rescind the request, seconded by Council Member Scharf motion carried 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- TRAFFIC SIGNALS- Superintendent Dieffenbach informed Council the work crew had pulled out the loop sensor and one of the police officers had put it on flash mode. Superintendent Dieffenbach said Mike Kuharchik could not repair the loop sensor until the project is completed.

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CENTRAL AVENUE & GRANT STREET- Superintendent Dieffenbach said the crew had relocated a water main that was in the way of construction. There was also an old catch basin with a 1 to 1½" thick lid. We had done the PA. One Calls and have the lines marked out. They drilled above the flow line and we got a new cover on it. It is the hospital's trunk line and it is 10 to 14" above the flow line.

Superintendent Dieffenbach said then they punched the electrical conduit at boulevard from Hebe's office to the Fifth Season. We have called Kevin Borden however he hasn't responded yet. They are working to install ADA handicap intersections.

Council Member Sticklin asked why the Borough would have to pay for their errors? Secretary Keck said it is 100% grant funded project.

Superintendent Dieffenbach said the dirt streets have taken a heavy hit with all of the rain. Superintendent Dieffenbach said last night the borough received over 1 ¼" of rain. Superintendent Dieffenbach said the rain hit some of the streets, like Antrim Street, Buena Vista and Bryden Street, very hard.

Superintendent Dieffenbach said Mr. Gee has a new home up on Antrim Street and the resident will pay part for a new inlet for his driveway. He wasn't able to get a driveway pipe. Superintendent Dieffenbach said he would determine what the cost would be for the resident to pay.

THANK YOU TO TIOGA COMMISSIONERS STREET SIGNS- Superintendent Dieffenbach would like to thank the Commissioner's and Council Member Scharf for his assistance in meeting with the Commissioner's. The cost of the new street signs was \$10,600.00, and the county will pay 75% of the cost. Council Member Scharf said Dave Cohick was very helpful in obtaining the payment. Council President Hart requested Secretary Keck write a letter of thank you to the Commissioners.

AWARD MATERIAL BIDS- Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve the bids per Superintendent Dieffenbach recommendation, seconded by Council Member Wheeler motion carried 6-0.

PLANT SUPERVISOR- Dan Brought cleaned the sand filter and has it back on line. We are trying to keep water into town with Rock Run and Willis Run. Dan Brought told Council there had been a filter plant inspection. Council Member Scharf asked how the new employee was working? Dan Brought said he his learning and working well with the other employees.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT- RATIFY PAYMENTS FOR 4/18TH & 4/20TH- Council Member Sticklin made a motion to approve the payments, seconded by Council Member Bryant motion carried 6-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT- Secretary Keck asked Council to reconsider the PLGIT Credit Card to be used by Council President Hart, Mayor Daugherty, Chief

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Bodine, Superintendent Dieffenbach, Dan Brought and herself when going to conferences, training and making purchases on the Internet. Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Scharf motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER WATER REVENUE TO TWO PLGIT ACCOUNTS- Secretary Keck requested Council approve the transfer of the budget amount in 06.421.4370 with two accounts in PLGIT. The first transfer would be to account 3647062 Water, Sand & Equipment in the amount of \$5,018.84, the second account 3647305 Water Exploration in the amount of \$34,281.37. Council Member Sticklin made the motion to approve the two transfers, seconded by Council Member Scharf motion carried 6-0.

AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF CONSENT ORDER & AGREEMENT- Secretary Keck informed the Council they had gotten permission from the Wellsboro Municipal Authority to sign the agreement and pay the fine. Council Member Sticklin made a motion to approve signing the COA, seconded by Council Member Wheeler motion carried 6-0.

COX & STOKES LETTER- Secretary Keck informed Council that Bob Cox will be retiring effective June 30th. Secretary Keck would like to write a letter back thanking Mr. Cox for his years of service to the Borough of Wellsboro.

PAINTING OF CENTRAL AVENUE & 2 PARKING LOTS- Secretary Keck said Mr. Griscavage would paint the 35 lampposts located on Central Avenue and in the two municipal parking lots for \$770.00. Council Member Scharf requested the payment for the two parking lots are paid from the PLGIT Parking Account. Council Member Scharf requested someone check the lamps and see if the heads are tight. Superintendent Dieffenbach said he called and Mike Pierce does check each post is tight when he is working on the lamps. Council Member Sticklin made a motion to accept the offer, seconded by Council Member Scharf motion carried 6-0. Mayor Daugherty requested they look for a different type of paint, stating the last time the paint did not adhere well to the posts. Council Member Wood requested they don't paint over the breather boxes.

PAPER STREETS- Secretary Keck asked if Council would make a motion to create a policy that would keep the paper streets in place and not turn them over to residents? Council Member Sticklin made a motion to keep the paper streets, seconded by Council Member Wood motion carried 6-0.

REQUEST TO REPORT UNLICENSE CARS IN BOROUGH- Council Member Bryant requested Chief Bodine report these vehicles to Secretary Keck and a report be given to Borough Council once a month. Council Member Bryant said it is a borough ordinance and we need to keep the town cleaned up.

ADJOURNED 6:55 p.m.