

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2013

Council President Joan Hart called the Regular meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors Michael J. Wood, Rudolf Scharf and Terry Bryant, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, James Bodine, Chief of Police

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Janet Strausser, Andrew Harding, Kevin Connelly, Priscilla Walrath, Michael Bonk

MINUTES: Minutes of March 11, 2013 meeting were approved by a motion made by John Wheeler, seconded by Rudy Scharf, and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council did hold an Executive session on a Police personnel matter on March 14, 2013.

HARB- St Peter's Catholic Church proposed to enclose a side porch and add a railing to match the existing stoop at their new Rectory at 47 Central Avenue. The scroll work will be incorporated in the new hand rail. Councilor Wood made a motion to accept HARB's recommendation to approve. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Laurel Health Water Street/Queen Street parking lot addition will now incorporate 10' x 20' parking spots. Motion to approve the addition contingent on the Shade Tree Commission recommending type of trees was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

Minor subdivision for Quarry Lot property. A motion was made by Councilor Scharf, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the subdivision. This carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing for a non-conforming lot. The Planning Commission tabled this matter until their next meeting in April. Council did not make a motion on this matter, preferring to have the Zoning Hearing Board consider it.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Walk Saturday, July 20, 2013- This was approved by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried.

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

A motion to pay bills for 3-21, 3-27, and 4-4 was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDERS- 14 CRAFTON STREET-A motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$34,083.70 and Change Order #2 in the amount of \$7,114.00 for the new office contract was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried unanimously.

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The money will be taken from that realized in the sale of the quarry property for #1 and insurance claim for #2.

PAYMENT APPLICATIONS- 14 CRAFTON STREET A motion to approve payment application #1 from Black Bear Construction for our new building in the amounts of \$59,212.67 General Construction, \$1,845.45 Electrical and \$1,515.60 Plumbing was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Scharf, and carried unanimously.

The Borough thanks the Municipal Authority for their financial help with the new borough office.

General Government, Administration continued

The tax appeal of the Deane Center before the Tioga County Board of Assessment has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 28th @ 9:30 AM. at the courthouse.

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

Police Report- The Chief reported a busy month; the patrol vehicle is out of the shop and back in operation. The new vehicle is ordered. Doug Burd is doing commercial vehicle patrol. Chief Bodine is obtaining a grant for the P.D. The Bullet Proof Vest Program provides 50% reimbursable back from the purchase of body armor.

Police committee will meet on April 23, 2013 @ 4 P.M.

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

King Street Bridge is currently being bid by the state.

The Membrane Water Filter plant is proceeding along as planned. We still anticipate it will be on line in June of this year.

The replacement of the pumps at the sewer plant is an ongoing project. The borough thanks the Municipal Authority for their financial help with this problem.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

A motion to approve Resolution # 2013-02 authorizing the Council President to sign the Woodland Park Master Plan grant application to DCNR was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Bryant and carried unanimously.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Act 111 hearing for the police contract and DPW contract is scheduled for April 30th.

Other Business- The Borough received \$40,730.43 in insurance dividend this year.

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Greenwood Gardens will be allowed to rent out the first two units in August, with completion of the project scheduled for October.

Riberolle Street Bridge fencing will be done early in summer.

Monday garbage collection ends May 6th. Cudo's to Dan Strausser for this smooth transition.

Executive Session: Council went into executive session at 6:32 for personnel matters.

Executive Session: Council went out of executive session at 6:54.

Adjourned at 6:54.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan L. Keck

