

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

April 9, 2012

**CONDITIONAL USE HEARING-CONNELLY**

Wellsboro Borough Council met on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 5:30 for the Connelly Conditional Use Hearing in Council Chambers. The request to allow a professional office in a Residential Area was approved by motion of Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried 6-0.

Council 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; Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS:** Police Chief James R. Bodine, Janet Strausser, Alyssa Strausser, Natalie Kennedy, of the Wellsboro Gazette, Chris Lantz of Cox, Stokes and Lantz, Jon Cox of Rhoads and Sinon, Kevin and Jenny Connelly, Dennis Phelps, Steve Kirsch.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the March 12 Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

**PAVING LOAN APPROVED:** Jon Cox from Rhoads and Sinon explained the ordinance was advertised with a maximum of \$300,000. Councilor Wood made a motion to adopt the street loan ordinance but not to exceed \$250,000.00 and to have every draw come before Council. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin and carried 5-1 with Councilor Bryant opposed.

New Business:

**GREENWOOD GARDENS:** Dennis Phelps of Trehab told Council that if approved, the Greenwood Gardens project would break ground in May and be ready to rent one year later. Steve Kirsch has responded to comments of both the Planning Commission and the Borough Engineer and has incorporated their changes into the Final Plan. The plan has increased parking space sizes; one more hydrant will be installed as recommended by the Fire Chief, and the Shade tree Commission will meet with them prior to any planting. Councilor Bowers made the motion to approve with the following conditions: The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission must be consulted before any plantings, a sidewalk must be along Greenwood Street to near the creek, and approval of the Engineer and Borough Manager. Also to authorize the Borough Manager to sign. This was seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried 5-0 with Councilor Bryant abstaining.

**SMITHGALL MINOR SUBDIVISION:** This two lot subdivision was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with the following conditions: a formal subdivision map will be required for recording purposes, and an access easement from Brewery Lane to the rear of the Queen Street parcel and sewer and water line easements and our borough engineer and borough manager approval. Councilor Sticklin made the

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motion to approve as recommended with those conditions. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bowers and carried 6-0.

**General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel:**

**Prevailing Wage Reform:** Councilor Sticklin made the motion to adopt the Resolution for Prevailing Wage Reform. Motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried 6-0.

**Open Records Ordinance:** Councilor Bryant made a motion to adopt the Open Records Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried 6-0.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve bills for 3/14, 3/21 & 4/4 as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Bryant and passed unanimously.

**Consolidate Accounts:** Motion to consolidate PLGIT accounts and authorize the borough manager and treasurer to move these account from PLGIT to the financial institution that we get the best interest rate was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried unanimously.

Motion to consolidate 6 CD's which have reached maturity at First Heritage into one CD at First Heritage was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

Motion to consolidate the two Parks and Recreation Feasibility accounts at First Heritage into one account was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried unanimously.

**Appoint Deputy Tax Collector:** Motion to approve Bonnie H. Goodreau, Wellsboro Tax Collectors' appointment of Florence Martino as Deputy Tax Collector was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried 5-1 with Councilor Sticklin against.

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

Chief Bodine advised Council of the officers' completion of the defensive tactics and annual updates. He will begin testing for the Officer Pool on April 20. The new car is getting retrofitted and this will take a few weeks. On April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the Police Department there will be another prescription drug take back. The Ride along program will start again next week.

Chief Bodine received a request regarding a 5 kilometer run to take place in the Borough. Additional Police costs and insurance costs would be incurred if the request was granted. It was suggested the High School track be considered instead. Chief will write a letter saying the budget is in place for 2012 and to have them consider making such a request before the next budget has been put in place.

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

Cleanup week is scheduled for April 23 to April 27, 2012.

Street Program: Project Estimate Sheets for proposed 2012 street work are included for review.

**KING STREET BRIDGE WATER LINE:** A motion was made to approve Larson Design to design the water line extension at the King Street Bridge in the amount of \$3,900. This motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, carried 6-0. This work will be done with the bridge replacement next year.

Discussion on whether to authorize the borough manager to sell the 1998 Ford pickup truck was tabled till Councilor Bowers could be consulted.

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

**SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL PERFORMANCE RALLY:** Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Request for Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally scheduled for June 1 & 2 and allow the closing of the streets as requested and "No Parking" signs around the Green. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

**FAMILY DAY & CHILDRENS HEALTH FAIR AND LAUREL FESTIVAL:**

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Wellsboro Foundation request for the following events and for garbage cans and recycling bins at the Green for June 9<sup>th</sup> – Family Day & Children's Health Fair and June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – PA State Laurel Festival. This was seconded by Councilor Bowers and carried unanimously.

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

We have received \$9,994 dividend from our worker's comp insurance and \$33,145.19 dividend from our blanket policy. Motion to deposit these dividends and use toward the 2012 insurance payments was made by Council Bryant, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, carried unanimously.

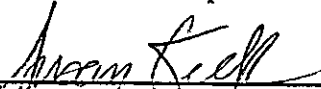
The State mediator cancelled the March 21 meeting for contract negotiations and will tentatively be here on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Executive Session for personnel matters**

**Executive Session ended**

**NEW HIRE:** Motion to hire Randall Hebert was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Bowers, and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNED 6:49 p.m.**



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Respectfully submitted by Susan Keck, Secretary/Treasurer