

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## May 13, 2019

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Council President Craig West 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** –Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette., Matthew Grimes of Kelsey Street, John Voght and Andrew Moore from the Homepage, and Mr. Clark from the Community Garden effort.

**Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Council Meeting-** Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**The following was recommended for approval by HARB:**

1. **Main Street Creamery- 17 Main Street-** Rick Beckwith's request for signage and handicapped ramp in the same color as the existing building. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Trent Aughenbath's request for awning with lettering at 63 Main Street. The lettering on valance will be restricted to the business name and logo. Window signage not to exceed 20% of window area. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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

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

The June Borough Council will be held on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 6pm.

The following public hearings will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>:

1. 5:00 pm – Request for fence variation submitted by GROW
2. 5:15pm – Conditional Use Application for Bed and Breakfast at 49 Central Avenue
3. 5:30pm – Conditional Use Application from Vineyard Church for a church in the Commercial/Manufacturing District

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Grimes Land Development Plan for 502 Kelsey Street. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to advertise Ordinance #693, adding no parking zones to Water Street (from Norris Street for 343 feet to the northeast along the southeastern side of the

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street; and Pearl Street (between Charles Street and King Street on the southeastern side of the street). Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Wheeler made a Proclamation of Peace for Memorial Day which will be read at the Memorial Day remembrance on the Green.

Police Report – Chief Bodine reported 26 new cases, one which, due to Officer Boyce's efficient and timely response, led to the capture of a man who burglarized several places in the Borough.

Reminder: The compost area at the Borough garage on Old Tioga Street is for un-bagged grass clippings and leaves only. No contractor should be dumping anything in this compost bin. Contractors can dump materials at the Meade Street area for the daily or yearly fee. Residents can dump branches, shrubs, and logs in this area for free. No materials from outside of the Borough are to be dumped at either site. Please refrain from including garbage or other materials with the compost materials. Also, please be mindful and refrain from leaving piles that block the driveway or access to the wood mulch pile.

The Bodine Street Stormwater Extension Project is complete.

The Hamilton Dam Rehabilitation Project has received full funding for the Design phase of the project.

The Borough Council would like to thank the high school students who assisted with the tree plantings around the community.

The Packer Park Pool will open on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Hours for the pool are 1-7pm on Monday through Friday and 1-6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a request to close Pearl Street and Charles Street, adjacent to the Green, for Relay for Life on July 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Request also includes blocking parking spaces along Central Avenue (near Deane Center lot) for dumpster placement. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve request from American Legion Post 84 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4907 for a parade, beginning at 10:30 am on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – starting at the Green, proceeding down Main Street to Queen Street, then following Queen Street to Nichols Street, ending in the Wellsboro Cemetery, where a ceremony will be conducted to honor veterans who gave their lives in service to our country. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a Rock L. Butler Middle School parade for a school-wide boat regatta on May 31, 2019, starting at 10:00 am, the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students will walk from Nichols Street, around the exterior of the Green, and down Water Street to Packer Park where the regatta will be held. Councilor DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor DeCamp made a motion to accept the resignation of Joseph Hastings from the Borough of Wellsboro. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Applications are being accepted for the position of Laborer in the Department of Public Works. Applicants must live within 10 miles of the Borough and possess a CDL with a tanker endorsement. The duties of this position can change daily and requires the ability to complete physical tasks in all weather conditions. Applications are available at the Borough office, or online at [www.wellsboroborough.com](http://www.wellsboroborough.com).

Applications are due by 4:00 pm on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Kevin Clark reported an organization meeting for the "Wellsboro United" – a proposal for a community garden on public land- would be held shortly. They'll develop bylaws and want to make a raised garden on Borough property. He will keep Council posted on their progress.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer