

## BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 11, 2012

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Council President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor James Daugherty, President Joan S. Hart, Vice President John E. Wheeler, Councilors Michael J. Wood, John M. Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, Ronald B. Bowers; Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS:** Police Chief James R. Bodine, Janet Strausser, Natalie Kennedy, of the Wellsboro Gazette, Cindy Copp, Detta Alghren, Robin Adams, Marge Wetherbee, Julie Sticklin, Andrew Harding

**Cindy Copp-** Expressed concern about the red light at the Charleston Street/Route 6 intersection at Main Street: perhaps a sign is needed for turning in to Pizza Hut; Not all traffic stops for pedestrians in the crosswalk. A street light should be put on the island. The Borough should provide an alternative water source for system users for cases like the recent boil water advisory.

**Minutes of the May 14, 2012 Council Meeting** – with a correction adding the qualifier that Councilor Wood’s motion approved the 2012 paving loan not exceed \$250,000.00. This correction was approved by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried unanimously.

**Minutes of the May 29, 2012 Council Meeting** – approved by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor John Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

**HARB Report-**Chairman Andrew Harding presented recommendations for approval of the following applications:

**Enchanted Hollow,** 2 applied letter signs on the East Avenue side and one applied lettering sign on the Alley side of 6 East Ave were approved by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried unanimously.

**First Citizens National Bank,** change of name from ‘National’ to ‘Community’ 1 Pearl Street approved by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried unanimously.

**Wired Rooster,** one 38.25” x 130” sign at 76 Main Street, with removal of awning and centering the sign approved by motion of Councilor Terry Bryant, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried 5-1 with Councilor Hart opposed.

**John Albrecht,** 151 Main St. approved with the condition that the siding matches the house by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor John Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

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**Sign at Rock L. Butler School-** the Zoning Hearing Board approved the variance request of the School to allow LED interior lit sign despite knowledge of the ordinance prohibiting signs of this type. Councilor Bowers made a motion authorizing Dan to appeal to the County Courts to reverse the Zoning Board decision. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

**Wellsboro Art Club Mural-**action on this item was tabled, after Council learned the HARB ordinance prohibits murals not promoting business.

**Katie Mader** has given her resignation from the Planning Commission. Councilor Bryant made a motion to appoint Rudy Scharf to fill her term. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

### **Committee Reports:**

A motion was made by Councilor Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Wood, to approve bills for 5/16, 5/23/5/30 and 6/6 as presented. This motion was carried 6-0.

**Deane Center Tax Appeal:** The Deane Center has appealed the Change of Assessment Notice on their new tax assessment. Councilor Bowers made a motion authorizing the Borough Manager to challenge the appeal. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Greenwood Gardens Sewage Facilities Plan-** A motion to ratify Resolution # 2012-04 for Plan Revision for New Land Development for Greenwood Gardens to our Official Sewage Facilities Plan was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried 5-1 with Councilor Bryant abstaining.

**Police Report-** Chief Bodine reported on the planning for the Laurel Festival events; adding the State Police Mounted Patrol Unit would be in the Laurel Parade. The new police car may also be in service this week.

**Street Paving-** Action on street paving bids was tabled to provide the Borough Manager time to review and recommend a contractor for the second meeting in June.

**Sand Bids-**Action on sand bids was tabled to provide the Borough Manager time to review and consult with others who use the Hanson sand.

**PennDOT Curb Cut Proposal Rejected-** A motion was made by Council Wood to reject spending \$144,000 to pay for curb cuts as part of a PADOT milling project from Main Street to the Wellsboro Plaza. This motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**Negotiations:** The next negotiation session is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for Police and 1:00 p.m. for Public Works.

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When the Pedestrian Crossing pole was hit at Main St. and East Ave the trucking company's insurance never responded. Our insurance will be paying \$6,409.74 and then collecting off the trucking company. We ordered an extra pole.

### Other Business

**Boil Water Advisory-** Manager Strausser reported that both Slow Sand Filters clogged, so that unfiltered water is now entering the system. Larson Design Group has been brought in for advisement on the matter.

**Mary Louise Foltz O'Day-** Council authorized Secretary Keck to invite Mrs. O'Day, as the remaining relative of Lt. Jonathan C. Foltz, to a re-dedication of the Central Avenue Bridge to coincide with her winter plans to travel here from South Carolina.

Adjourn