

## BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 9, 2012

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 and Ronald 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, Kevin Connelly, Dawn Pletcher.

Minutes of the June 5, 2012 Council Meeting - made by Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor John Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

Dawn Pletcher of "Goodies For Our Troops" requested parking passes and permission to set-up a donation table on Main Street during the monthly 3 day packaging events for the program. Council President Hart acknowledged the program as a good cause and, merits and needs of the program aside, the Borough Council has to guard against setting a precedent. The motion was made by Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood, to deny the request. This motion was carried unanimously.

**Bills Approved:** Councilor John Sticklin made a motion to approve payment of bills from June 11, 14, 28, and July 3, 2012. This motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried unanimously.

**Greenwood Gardens Tap Fees Received:** Borough Manager Dan Strausser commented on the receipt of Greenwood Gardens water tap fees of \$24,600, and sewer tap fees of \$26,500. The Borough also received \$77,432.35 in Real Estate taxes.

**Randy Hebert to Full Time Status:** Councilor Bryant made a motion to remove Randy Herbert from probation status to full time laborer retroactive June 30, 2012. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**Brian Blackwell to Full Time Status:** Councilor Bryant mad a motion to remove Brian Blackwell from probation status to full time laborer effective July 14, 2012. This was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**Police Report:** Chief Bodine reported an active month for permitted yard sales, with traffic congestion on West Avenue causing a safety hazard. Police are speaking with homeowners to spread the word to their sale customers to park in driveways. On Purple Street and Morris Lane, lawn ornaments are being taken. Police would like to have residents call them if they see any suspicious activity.

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**Glenn O. Hawbaker paving bid accepted.** A motion to accept the bid of for the street project of Glenn O. Hawbaker in the amount of \$173,804.25 was made by Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Terry Bryant and carried unanimously.

**Paving Project #2 for 2012:** Councilor Terry Bryant made a motion to advertise for Bids for the street paving project #2 for 2012. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried unanimously.

**Resolution # 2012-04:** A motion to approve Resolution # 2012-04 authorizing the borough manager and borough secretary to sign the King Street Bridge Reimbursement Agreement was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Bowers, and carried unanimously.

**Fireball Run street closures approved:** A motion to approve the Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce' request to close Charles Street from Main Street to Walnut Street, and Pearl Street from Norris Street to Central Avenue on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 10 am Tuesday, September 25 was made by Councilor Ron Bowers, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried unanimously. Also approved in this motion was no parking on Main Street and Central Avenue for the Fireball Run event.

The next negotiation session is scheduled for July 31 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Susan L. Keck*  
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