

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes AUGUST 12, 2013

Council President Joan Hart called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Janet Strausser, Mr. and Mrs. James Updyke, Kevin Connelly, Gordie Dunlap, Steve Kramer, Craig Musser and Walter Colton.

MINUTES- Minutes of July 22, 2013 meeting were approved by a motion from John Sticklin, seconded by Mike Wood, and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS- Craig Musser asked Council to make a contribution toward the sandblasting of the Jet A and 100 load tanks. Delmar and the Borough are both being asked to contribute toward the total cost of \$6800.00. The council tabled this matter until the Administration Committee could look it over more thoroughly. They will have an answer at the next meeting.

Kevin Connelly asked that future State road paving take into consideration installing a bike lane, appropriately marked.

HARB-

Alan Goodhue, 49 Central Avenue- Porch modifications and repair; HARB recommends approval. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the modification and repair, Councilor Sticklin seconded, and it passed.

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital 32-36 Central Avenue - Replace sign on front lawn: HARB recommends approval. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the sign, Councilor Scharf seconded, and it passed.

Tussey Moser Funeral Home 139 Main Street- Siding replacement; HARB recommends approval. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the modification and repair, Councilor Wood seconded, and it passed.

Thank you to the Wellsboro High School football team for their help in moving our office. Also, thank you to Dewaine Starkweather for his help.

Adopt Ordinance #674 amending Ordinance # 348, establishing "The Borough Planning Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members. Councilor Scharf made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Councilor Bryant seconded, and it passed.

Adopt Ordinance #673 providing for the reimbursement for expenses and services for fire, police, public works and other public safety services for extraordinary expenses. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Councilor Wood seconded, and it passed.

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Resolution #2013-03-Motion to adopt Resolution #2013-03 Revising the Schedule of Fees. Councilor Wood made a motion to adopt the resolution, Councilor Bryant seconded, and it passed.

Ordinances updating Transient Retail Business and an Ordinance on Maintenance of Life, Quality of Life were included for review. This will be discussed and changes presented during the month, and a motion to adopt could be made at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

Motion to pay bills for 7/3, 7/10, 7/12, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1 and 8/8 as presented. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Wheeler seconded, and it passed.

Motion to approve Change order # 3 to Black Bear Construction for additional remodeling in the police office in the amount of \$10,650.00. This will be taken from Police LST account \$5,650 and General Rainy Day Fund \$5,000.00. Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve, Councilor Scharf seconded, and it passed.

The Deane Center's request for partial tax exemption was denied by the County Tax Assessment Board.

Motion to accept UGI Gas price of \$6.06 per dth for 12 months from September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014. We currently are at \$5.93. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to accept the quote, Councilor Wheeler seconded, and it passed.

Motion to approve Act 13 fund uses. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the uses, Councilor Scharf seconded, and it passed.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – The Drywall at the Police Station is nearing completion. There have been many burglaries in our area.

Police Report –Chief Bodine thanked Council for approving the changes in the Police Department. The DEA is holding another Drug take-back in the month of October.

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

The King Street Bridge start date August 12th.

New Membrane Water Filter Plant:
Tentative Time table is:

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Emergency Generator was delivered Monday August 5th Building will be erected on August 13 - 20th Interior walls will be started approximately August 21st Electrical and heat will start approximately August 22 Membrane Filter delivery after September 11th. Startup will be completed within 30 days of delivery.

Sewer Pumps:

Pumps have arrived

Electrical part is being prepared now.

All other items have been ordered for this project.

The 2013 street program has started and will be completed by August 23rd. This consists of Stickley Street and Nichols Street from Route 6 to school entrance.

Traffic Signals update- The camera at Charleston Street and the camera at Central Avenue were not functioning properly. They are under warranty and will be replaced. Timing was off at Grant St. and East Avenue. Also, the time on the master control was off by one hour. It needs to be manually adjusted for daylight savings time.

As there were many complaints about the traffic signal timing and many concerns voiced about pedestrian safety, the Borough Manager will obtain PennDOT's permit modification procedure in writing.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Motion to advertise on Auctions International the following: skid loader, Ford tractor, drag box for asphalt and old traffic signals for sale. Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve, Councilor Wood seconded, and it passed.

Our new one ton dump truck should be here any day.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

A Dam Safety Outreach Meeting will be taking place in September. Everyone has a copy of the information.

No decision on contract arbitration.

Other Business

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan L. Keck

