

WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 2, 2012

Wellsboro Borough Council met on Thursday, August 2, 2012, in Council Chambers. President Joan Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were President Joan S. Hart, Councilors: Mike Wood, Ron Bowers, Terry Bryant, John Sticklin, Mayor James Daugherty and Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser.

VISITORS: Police Chief James R. Bodine, Assistant Secretary Florence B. Martino and Natalie Kennedy- Wellsboro Gazette.

NEW BUSINESS: The Wellsboro Borough Council held an executive session on July 18th at 5 pm to discuss police personnel matters and July 23rd at 6 pm to discuss a possible real estate transaction.

Council President Hart asked for a motion to approve Resolution #2012-05 to purchase 16 Crafton Street- Councilor Wood said he would make the motion with the following conditions:

1. All income shall be used for the renovations of the building and when the renovations are completed a separate fund be established for future repairs on the building.
2. No tax increase next year
3. People and organizations that have donated money for the purchase or renovation of this property, have no claim to this property.
4. The Police Department will have the other offices in this building, however they will not hire any additional people to work the front office.

Councilor Wood said if this motion is passed, he would want these conditions put in the minutes, so the minutes will reflect what the Council has done and what the money is to be used for. Councilor Wood made the motion to approve Resolution # 2012-05 with the motions he stated.

Councilor Sticklin questioned why the Council had setup the General, Water and Sewer Rainy Day Funds and now plan to use the money to purchase a building. Councilor Sticklin said the borough would then have to maintain two buildings. Councilor Sticklin said to renovate the building it would be a minimum of \$50,000.00 and it would need to be handicap accessible.

Council President Hart asked for a second, Council President Hart gave the gavel to Councilor Sticklin. Councilor Hart seconded the motion. Councilor Wood and Hart voted to approve the motion, Councilor Bryant abstained, and Councilor Sticklin and Bowers voted No. Councilor Sticklin said Councilor Bryant's motion to abstain was considered a No vote.

Council President Hart asked for a motion to approve Resolution #2012-06 to sell the light bar on the Dodge Durango- Councilor Sticklin asked what the light bar was worth? Chief Bodine said brand new a light bar would be \$1200.00 to \$1400.00 however this light bar has a lot of wear, and it has yellowed out. Councilor Sticklin said Borough Council should advertise the light bar.

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Councilor Bowers made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-06, to sell the light bar to Chad Boyce for \$100.00, seconded by Councilor Wood, motion carried 4-1, Councilor Sticklin voted No.

ADJOURNED 6:07 p.m.

Florence B. Martino

Respectfully submitted by Florence B. Martino, Assistant Secretary