

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes August 8, 2016

Council President Joan S. 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 Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Joan S. Hart, Michael J. Wood, John Sticklin, Terry L. Bryant, and Jennifer Mase Updyke, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Chief Jim Bodine and Secretary Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, and Borough resident Detta Alghren.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 11, 2016 Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items -None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to accept Kevin Connelly's resignation from Borough Council. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Resolution # 2016-07 appointing Michael B. Hummel to fill the vacant council seat. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

HARB

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve Senior's Creation/Main Street window sign. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY REQUEST: Councilor Wood made a motion to deny the Grand Canyon Airport Authority request to guarantee a loan. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for June 2016. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to appoint Tom Rudy, SR to the Grand Canyon Airport Authority to fill the unexpired term of Sheila Prevost. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried with Councilor Wood opposed.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to authorize the borough manager to lock in natural gas rate for the next year. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT –No report

Police Report- Officers have been very busy with court proceedings and training on instructor certification updates.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the purchase of a Hand Held Computer with integrated printer and software as per quote for \$8,172.00. This includes software, hardware, training and customizing for our meters, streamlining our ticketing procedures. Funds will be taken from General Rainy Day Fund Parking Revenue. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

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

We are currently in a Voluntary Water reduction situation.

Norris Street Bridge and Riberolle Street Bridge update:

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Change Order #1 to Lycoming Supply for a contract time extension to November 15, 2016. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Bodine Street storm drainage project is nearing completion. There will be a final walk through this Wednesday.

Council approved the bid of Glenn O. Hawbaker 's 2016 street program bids without Sherwood St for a total of \$51,855.00 by motion from Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the request of Soldiers and Sailors Hospital to construct an ADA curb cut across Central Avenue in front of the Green Home. This will be at no cost to the borough. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Thank you to the Rotary Club for donating \$1,178.00 for a planter to be placed near the intersection of Central Ave and Main Street.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

An Executive Session was call for employee matters at 6:15 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 6:24 p.m. Councilor Wood made a motion to present a \$1,000.00 bonus to each of the management employees in 2016, in 2017, and in 2018, through the life of the Union Contract. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comments: Detta Alghren commented on property line issues she has with her neighbor. Council declined to offer comment as this is a civil matter.

Adjourn –Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck