

## Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes September 12, 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, and Mike Hummel, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Solicitor Bill Stokes, Chief Jim Bodine and Secretary Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS-** Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Bob Hawk, Natalie Smith, Lewis and Linda Covert, Christopher Robinson, Keith Johnson, Ron Warren, Rex Johnson, Tim Cole, Mary Ann and Bob Taynton, Pete Lupkowski.

**Executive Session:** Council held Executive Sessions on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 and again on September 12 at 5:45 for employee matters.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 8, 2016 Council Meeting were approved by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Bryant, and carried.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items -None**

Ronald Warren spoke to council, asking why he was terminated from the Police Department when his record was consistent and had no disciplinary actions.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Wood made a motion to notify Ronald Warren, per Section 1186 of the Borough Code, that he will not be offered a full time position with the Wellsboro Police Department. Councilor Bryant seconded and it carried.

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

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

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the 2017 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for police and non-uniform pensions. Councilor Sticklin seconded and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to appoint Blake Maxson to the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilor Mase Updyke seconded and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to appoint Mike Wood as President Pro Tem. Councilor Sticklin seconded and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve a Lot Line Change on Willard Terrace. Councilor Sticklin seconded and it carried.

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Tax Appeals for Wellsboro Veteran's Club, Montessori School and The Deane Center will be held later in September.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve LST (Local Service Tax) payment to the Wellsboro Fire Department in the amount of \$15,000.00 and our Wellsboro Police Department in the amount of \$19,678.75. Councilor Sticklin seconded and it carried.

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **Police Report**

Councilor Hart made a motion to approve the hiring of Crossing Guards at a cost of \$8.00 per hour to supplement the crossing guards the school can secure. Councilor Sticklin seconded 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: The grates will be delivered soon.

Bodine Street storm drainage project is done. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Change Order #1 increasing Mansfield Contracting price by \$1,950.00.

Councilor Sticklin seconded and it carried. This project was funded by a grant in the amount of \$84,000 and \$22,000 of Borough tax revenues.

The 2016 street program is completed. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Change Order #1 increasing Hawbaker's price by \$1,654.50. This will be paid from Liquid Fuels funds. Councilor Bryant seconded and it carried.

Fall Borough Yard Sale is October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Fall Cleanup is the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> on your regular scheduled garbage collection day.

## **Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center**

Halloween Parade will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM beginning at Packer Park. Trick or Treat will run after the parade until 8 PM.

## **Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training**

## **Other Business**

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Councilor Sticklin made a motion to appoint Michael Hummel to the Wellsboro Parks and Recreation Board of Directors. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to allow the Wellsboro Lions Club to hold their White Cane Day fundraiser on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. Council Wood added the provision that no signs shall be placed in the ground on the Boulevards. Councilor Wood seconded this and it carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Many of those present voiced concerns on the condition of Bodine and Ellis Streets.

Pete Lupkowski expressed concerns on the LST Distribution, asking that the Ambulance Association be a recipient of LST dollars.

Mark Coleman asked council to work with the Electric Company on offering a rebate on electricity. He'll provide more information at a later meeting. He thanked Council for paving Calkins Lane.

### **Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training**

Adjourn –Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Susan L. Keck