

Wellsboro Borough Special Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021

Council President F. Craig West called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors F. Craig West, John Sticklin, Matt DeCamp, Joan Hart, Louis Prevost and Mike Wood. Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Conditional Use Applicant Erin De Los Rios. Borough Residents/Business Owners Jerry Curreri, Christina Vandergrift, Brad Goodwin, Anne Leete, Alexander Goncharov, and Lucas De Los Rios.

Public Comment on Agenda Items –

1. Jerry Curreri, Timeless Destination – Jerry believes capitalism and competition are a good thing. He does feel the current restriction are affecting only brick and mortar business which are struggling because of them.
2. Christina Vandergrift – Christina feels that competition in business is a good thing. As a local business owner, she also believes that small business should be encouraged. There are currently no small businesses that offer a drive thru option and she looks forward to having more options when it comes to convenience.
3. Brad Goodwin, Red Skillet – Brad is thankful that the Council years ago gave him the ability to start his small business as a food truck. If he had not been given the opportunity it would not have led to the successful business he has today. He believes that competition just encourages small business owners to work harder at making the business succeed.
4. Anne Leete – Anne believes that encouraging small business is what allows are community to continue to build and grow.
5. Alexander Goncharov – Alexander believes that everyone should be given the opportunity to realize their dream in the form of small business. He thinks it is wonderful that Mrs. De Los Rios is pursuing something she is so passionate about.
6. Lucas De Los Rios – Lucas stated that he has been given nothing but positive feedback when he has mentioned the possibility of the food truck opening. People seem to be excited to having this new option for their morning coffee.

Agenda Items:

1. Wandering Barista Conditional Use Hearing

Councilor Prevost has concerns for the existing businesses in Wellsboro which are already struggling and how this new business will further affect their business.

Councilor Wood believes that personal choice will lead consumer decisions regarding where they frequent. If they currently are visiting an established business they will continue to do so if they are offering choices they prefer.

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Mrs. De Los Rios presented her plans for the business. She answered questions from Council regarding her compliance with the ordinance. The Borough has received a Zoning Hearing Application to operate the food truck outside of the currently established hours. She explained the reasoning behind the application is to better accommodate people during their morning commute.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for the Wandering Barista food truck. Councilor Hart seconded the motion and it carried 5-1 with Councilor Prevost casting the opposing vote.

Adjourn – Councilor Sticklin made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____
Secretary/Treasurer