

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## September 9, 2019

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Council President Craig West called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Craig West, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Dr. Bill Yacovissi, Lou Prevost, and John Sticklin, Junior Council Member Katarina Swendrowski, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Chief Jim Bodine, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

**VISITORS** –Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, John Voght, Andrew Moore, and Joshua Allen from the Wellsboro Home Page, Joel Young, Karon Swendrowski, and Kevin Clark.

**Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Council Meeting-** Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – An executive session scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., was cancelled.

### **HARB:**

#### **The following were recommended for approval by Council:**

1. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a request from Mr. Colin Flynn to install an ADA accessible ramp at 23 East Avenue, contingent on using turned, treated spindles and painted to match the existing porch in two years, and meeting the front zoning setback. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve a request from Oregon Hill Wine Company, Inc. for hanging (4' x 3', treated wood) and window (70" x 46") signage with gold lettering and maroon background at 87 ½ Main Street. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.
3. Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve a request from Nicolle and Shawn Mayo to convert an attached carport to a garage without changing the dimensions. The request also covers the re-painting of the house and shutters at 12 West Avenue with Rare Gray (base), Casablanca (trim), and Pewter Green (accent). Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for July, 2019. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

The Shade Tree Commission, Council Committee, and Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at their regular times. The change is due to the observance of Veteran's Day.

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Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the 2019 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for police and non-uniform pensions. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to approve the Joel and Kathryn Young Subdivision. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Yacovissi made a motion to sign the J.H. Williams Auditor Engagement Letter. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Police Report-A Children's Advocacy Center is being set up in town. We would like to invite Council to meet with the executive director to garner local support. The P.D. had a very active number of callouts this last month, over a hundred.

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

Community Yard Sales will be held in October on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, residents are reminded that no permits are needed for this weekend. Yard sale signs are not to be hung on gaslights, boulevards, street signs, or utility poles.

Fall Cleanup will be the week of October 14<sup>th</sup> on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day

The Brewery Lane Bridge is now open to vehicles

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

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve request of UPMC Susquehanna Soldiers and Sailors to close the following streets on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 12p to 6 pm for the annual Halloween Path. The roads to be closed are Walnut Street (from Central Avenue to Norris Street), Pearl Street (from Central Avenue to Charles Street), and Charles Street (from Main Street to Walnut Street). Activities will be held on the Green and in the Cancer Treatment Center parking lot. This motion is contingent on the hospital providing a list of at least 4 approved traffic control personnel to Chief Bodine and council. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Sticklin made a motion to approve the Lion's Club request to hold a White Cane Day event on October 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at each end of the boulevard. Councilor Prevost seconded the motion and it carried.

Kevin Clark from 41 Water Street, updated council on the Community Garden project: construction has not begun, but they are working to get Mansfield University students as volunteers. There is no produce at Meade Street this year, but they have donated produce to the Food Pantry from home lots.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer