

# Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## May 11, 2026

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Council President Rachel Smith called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Attending were Councilors Matt DeCamp, Rachel Smith, Rhonda Pearson, Louis Prevost, Mike Wood and Julie Henry, Junior Council Member Ellie Largey, Mayor Craig West, Chief Chad Boyce, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Kennedy, Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Also attending were Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), George Loughery, Wayne Gray, Brandy Hirsh and Brenda Brought.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- Councilor Prevost stated that he has submitted suggested changes to the proposed datacenter ordinance to the planning commission. They will be meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss.
- Discussion on proposal from Packer Pool Boosters to purchase sprinklers to be placed at Packer Park. The additional option of a misting station located in the playground was discussed. More information and discussion are needed before a decision can be made.

### **NEW BUSINESS – None**

### **HARB**

Councilor Pearson a motion to approve the following HARB recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

- Exterior renovation and signage for Reese Family Acupuncture at 49 Central Avenue.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel**

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve the April 2026 Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prevost and carried.

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Councilor DeCamp made a motion to approve the Rain Meadow Project in Woodland Park as presented by Tyler Upham, TCCD. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pearson and carried.

Councilor DeCamp made a motion to not move forward with the improvements to the Nichols' Street Triangle and the designation as a "wilds" area at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henry and carried.

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

Mayor's Report –

- Preparing for the upcoming summer season.

Police Report –

- PD has been prepping for upcoming events.
- The new police car is scheduled to be delivered as soon as by the end of this week.

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

There are two (2) open Parking Authority member positions. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest to the Borough Office.

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

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

All office/DPW and Water & Sewer staff recently completed CPR/First Aid Training.

### **Other Business**

- The Parks & Recreation Committee has decided to contract BKP for architecture and project management services for the Packer Pool Project.

### **Public Comment**

Wayne Gray – Would like to see the dangerous limb/trees removed from the Nichols' Triangle for safety reasons.

Brandy Hirsh/Brenda Brought – On behalf of Packer Park Boosters, expressed frustration with progress of coming up with a solution regarding the proposed sprinklers.

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**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 5:23PM. The next Borough Council Meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary/Treasurer