Wellsboro Borough Council Special Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 27, 2020

Council President Craig West called the Special Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors Craig West, Mike Wood, Matt DeCamp, Joan Hart, Lou Prevost, and John Sticklin, Mayor John E. Wheeler, Chief of Police James Bodine, Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Solicitor Billy Stokes, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck. Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Julie Henry and Blake Maxson representing the Chamber of Commerce, and Wayne Zohner, a busines owner, were also in attendance.

Public Comments on Agenda Items- None

NEW BUSINESS:

 Resolution #2020-07- a Resolution rescinding previous approvals for the Dickens of a Christmas event due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, was presented. Council Wood made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-07. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested.

Councilo	r Wood-	yes
Councilor	r Prevost-	yes
Councilo	r Hart-	yes
Councilor	West-	no
Councilor	DeCamp-	no
Councilor	Sticklin-	yes
Councilor	DeCamp-	no

The Resolution passed with a vote of 4-2.

Some members of Council cited reasons for their votes, i.e. concerns for the public and possible spread of the virus, withdrawing police support staff, the risks of ignoring Tioga County Task Force advice, and then agreed to put press releases out widely to the public to get the word out.

Julie Henry thanked the Council for their quick response and agreed to cancel and refund any advanced fees, while warning some may not comply and set up independently. A Transient Retailer permit would normally be a requirement for any vendor to set up independently and with Council rescinding support, that permit would not be issued.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m. by motion of Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried.

Minutes respectfully presented by Sugar I Keek Socret

Susan I. Keck Secretary/Treasurer