# Wellsboro Borough Council Minutes July 13, 2015

Council President Joan S. Hart called the 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, Patrolman Philip J. Deveney, Councilors Joan S. Hart, Michael J. Wood, Rudolf K. Scharf, John M. Sticklin and Kevin J. Connelly, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Robert J. Blair, Natalie Kennedy, Terry Bryant, Jeff Himes, Janet Strausser.

Minutes: June 8, 2015 Council Meeting minutes-were approved by motion of Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Sticklin, and carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Robert J. Blair, Director, Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC): Mr. Blair described the Revolving Loan Fund, offering businesses a 2.25% fixed loan up to \$25,000.00 for five years. This has been used in years past and TCDC is now in a position to offer it again. Mr. Blair asked Council to authorize expanding the loan offering to all for-profit businesses within the Borough limits. Councilor Connelly made a motion to expand the revolving loan fund offering from the Central Business Zone to include any for profit business within the Borough limits. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

### General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for May 2015. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

We have received our 2014 Act 13 funds in the amount of \$128,621.74

Councilor Scharf made a motion to approve LST payments for 2014 to the Fire Company in the amount of \$15,000.00 and the police department in the amount of \$20,861.00. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Councilor Connelly made a motion to request our Civil Service Commission to present to Council the top 3 names on their eligibility list when prepared. Councilor Sticklin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

The street program is completed.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the application for County Aid in the amount of \$5,739.50. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Parking Study will start near the end of this month.

We are applying for a Low Volume road and a Dirt and Gravel Road grant for Bodine Street.

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

The Pool Feasibility Study has started.

We have received a commitment of \$10,000 from the Wellsboro Lion's Club for borough use in the pursuit of Woodland Park restoration. We intend to go after a \$50,000 grant this year.

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

### Other Business-

Councilor Connelly emphasized the professionalism with which the Public Works Department conducts day-to-day business.

Council commended Manager Strausser and the others involved with the 2015 road work. A job well done!

Manager Strausser encouraged Council members to become involved with the "Our Town" public media project, which will tout the events and accomplishments, past and present, that make Wellsboro such a special place to live and work.

Annual Visitors Bureau meeting is coming up. The TCDC Annual meeting is also coming up. Any RSVP's can be made to the Borough Office.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Secretary/Treasurer