

Village of Wellsville Regular Council Meeting  
**Council minutes of Regular Council Meeting held on January 17, 2017 at  
6:00 PM at Wellsville Village Hall**

Mayor Nancy Murray called the meeting to order.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Randy Allmon, Diane Dinch, John Cianni, Tony Cataldo, John  
Morrow, Rosie Gibson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Cataldo, seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve the Regular  
Council Meeting Minutes for 01/03/17.

**All vote yes, Motion passed.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Mr. Barry Podwell – asked about fiscal emergency and if anything could be done to the past administration for mishandling things. He said that we are now at the point that families could be losing insurance coverage. Mr. Allmon referred to Lynsey about the legal questions and she will look into it. Mr. Allmon felt that it would probably have to wait until final audit is completed to see if anything legal can be done.

Mrs. Dinch spoke up and said that these insurance cuts are not due to the past administration, our revenue has decreased over the years and cuts need to be made to cover the revenue that is coming in. Council has done everything possible to not cut employees and some of those changes should have been made a long time ago. She acknowledged that the employees deserve a lot more than what they get, but the revenue is just not there. She gave an example of the ones that are torn down are now bringing in \$100 property tax instead of \$600.

She said that as far as the benefits go, the revenue to cover it has to be a steady income and not a onetime sum and unfortunately today insurance is so expensive that most employers cannot afford to supply insurance for families.

She said that this is something that they do not want to do, but she promised that Council was going to meet and discuss ways that we can save monies.

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Mr. Allmon said that it helps that council is willing to work together on this. He said that the auditor asked him why is the village going into fiscal emergency for the third time and they all want it done right this time so it does not happen again.

Aaron Roach – asked about pot holes on Chester Avenue – Mayor Murray will pass it on to Mr. Medley.

Mark from Aspen Energy

He checked on the county elections website and the village has already passed an electric aggregation in 2011 so next step would be to schedule public meetings for the residents – about ½ hour in length. There would be two meetings scheduled for the same day and a notice would be in the newspaper 2 weeks before the meeting. They hand out Plan Documents to the residents so they can review the program and how it works. If council wanted to pursue this the public meeting could be set up for February 7, 2017 and could proceed from there with a completion date of June 1, 2017.

He explained that Aspen helps residents to find the cheapest supplier for electricity and they can change or stay where they are at, it is totally up to them. They can also opt out at any time.

Motion made by Mr. Cataldo, seconded by Mrs. Dinch to have 2 public hearings for Aspen Energy on February 7, 2017.

**All vote yes, Motion passed.**

Mr. Cianni asked him to explain to the people exactly what aggregation is. Mark explained that this is for the electric bill and everyone in community would be bundled together which enables a better price. Once set up, Aspen Electric approaches Council with 3 bids and gives them an opinion on who they think it is best. If residents are already in contract with a supplier, Aspen cannot interfere with that. The supplier will show up on the AEP monthly invoice.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **POLICE**

Nothing at this time

### **FIRE**

Nothing at this time

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### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jerry Medley -Village Administrator

Nothing at this time

### MAYOR'S REPORT

-The deficit has been reduced from \$300,000.00 to \$150,000.00 since the first of the year and Mayor Murray wanted to thank the employees for being so conservative.

-She wanted to thank the Fire Department for their hard work on the fire on Commerce Street and also thanked the Police Department for their assistance.

-She reminded everyone who is interested in volunteering with the Action Planning Group for the Rural Community Development Initiative (R.C.D.I.) Grant to please contact the Mayor's Secretary.

-she read the 2017 Committee members –

Finance – Tony Cataldo, chairperson, Randy Allmon, Diane Dinch

Streets/Lights/Parking – John Morrow, chairperson, John Cianni, Rosie Gibson

Personnel – Randy Allmon, chairperson, Tony Cataldo, Diane Dinch

Property/Equipment/Cemetery – John Cianni, Randy Allmon, John Morrow

Claims/Rules/Ordinances – Rosie Gibson, chairperson, John Morrow, John Cianni

Water/Sewage/Refuse – Diane Dinch, chairperson, Rosie Gibson, Tony Cataldo

-She also announced that there was an increased revenue of \$57,000.00 from R.I.T.A. Subpoena Program that the village entered into in 2016 to help with delinquent and back taxes. She also announced that the first installment of \$64,000.00 for the timber has been received. The next installment of \$64,000.00 should be received within the next 6 weeks.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Finance

Committee Chairperson – Tony Cataldo

Mr. Cataldo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch to approve invoices totaling \$4249.02. Mr. Allmon questioned the invoice for snowflake light bulbs and the Mayor explained that some had been damaged by trucks and this would all be taken out of the donation fund.

**All vote yes, Motion passed.**

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Mr. Cataldo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch to hire Dave Lewis, Senior Benefits Consultant from NFP immediately to be the Agent Of Record for new employee benefits.

Mr. Cataldo asked the Mayor and Hoi Wah Black, Fiscal Officer if they could meet with Council for a Work Session. It was scheduled for Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

### Streets, Lights, Parking

Committee Chairperson – John Cianni

A response from the Executive Director of OMEGA was received and the estimate for fixing the streets from Dallis Dawson did not include the price of videoing the sanitary and storm sewers. Once this is completed and the status of the sewers is known then a plan to repair the roads can be developed. The Mayor said that the videos for both sewer and sanitary had been done and everything looks for the most part looks good with just one elbow area that needs to be looked at more closely. Marathon Corporation took care of the cost of videos.

### Claims, Rules Ordinances

Committee Chairperson – Rosie Gibson

Nothing at this time

### Water, Sewer, Refuse

Committee Chairperson – Diane Dinch

Nothing at this time

### Property

Committee Chairperson - John Morrow

The Village turned in a list of properties that are not repairable. Out of 208 condemned properties, 184 are delinquent in taxes. A list was submitted to the County Auditor's office and only 14 set up a contract payment plan. \$80,000.00 has been collected in back taxes of which the village gets \$40,000.00 but there is still \$395,500.00 still owed. Some of these are multiple years. He will stay in touch with the Auditor's Office and Prosecutor's Office to make sure letters are being sent out.

Mayor Murray did let everyone know that the property on 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Clark Street will be taken care of this summer by the First Christian Church as one of their projects.

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### Personnel

Committee Chairperson – Randy Allmon

Nothing at this time

### LEGISLATION

-Ordinance No. 17-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WAGES AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE REGULAR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Dinch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cataldo to place Ordinance No. 17-01 on Second Reading.

**All vote yes, Motion passed.**

### OLD BUSINESS

none

### NEW BUSINESS

Lt Marsha Eisenhart is working with Hoi Wah Black on a grant from the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program. This grant will be for \$75,000.00 and could be used for two new cruisers. Mayor Murray did announce that State Representative Tim Ginter's office contacted Mrs. Black and he will write a letter of recommendation that Wellsville receive this grant.

Mr. Cataldo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch to authorize Lt. Marsha Eisenhart to apply for a \$75,000.00 Grant with the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program.

**All vote yes, Motion passed.**

Mrs. Dinch asked about the Fiscal Emergency Committee that is to be formed and is there any news. The Mayor stated that she has contacted the Governor's office, they apologized for the delay due to the holidays and we should know within the next 5 days, so end of this week or beginning of next week.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Morrow made motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch that the meeting be adjourned.

The next regular council meeting is on Tuesday February 7, 2017 at the Village Hall.

**All vote yes. Motion passed**

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**Nancy Murray, Mayor**

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**Hoi Wah Black, Fiscal Officer**