

# *Danville Town Council Work Study*

October 23, 2017 ~ 6:00pm

Council President Marcia Lynch called the work study to order on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm, Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne Street. Council members present were Mike Neilson, Marcia Lynch, and Tom Pado. Absent Council members were Jim Stephens, and Dennis Wynn. Also present were Gary Eakin, Town Manager; Laura Parker, Asst Town Manager; Will Lacey, Park Superintendent and Jerry Crisp, Wastewater Superintendent.

## Meeting Topics

**Neighborhood Selection for First Fiber Build Out** – Darin LaCoursiere and Jay Watkins with Endeavor were present for the meeting. They wanted to review and discuss the various locations suggested for the first fiber-to-the-home build out. Five neighborhoods were proposed by Endeavor with an additional four suggested by council members. After extensive discussion and evaluation of the different locations, it was decided to go with Barryknoll as the first neighborhood for build out. Endeavor will also be running fiber down Lincoln Street from Mackey Road to the substation at Tennessee Street. Barryknoll is adjacent to their Lincoln Street project, so it makes sense to start in close proximity to an existing trunk line. It will take about 3 months from start to finish for the neighborhood build out. Pedestals will be set about every 6-8 homes and the fiber is buried 36-42 inches deep. The service line from the curb to the house will be about 18 inches deep. Endeavor plans to start marketing their presence around January 2018 and be ready to install packages in spring of 2018. They discussed the use of different marketing tools (contract buy outs, free or reduced starter rates, open houses, door hangers, etc.) to entice customers to make the switch to fiber once they are ready to start extending fiber to a specific neighborhood. After the discussion ended, Darin and Jay left the meeting.

**Black Vultures** – Park Superintendent Will Lacey gave a brief summary of the issue and described the planned strategy to address the problem. Because they are a protected species, he spoke with DNR and USDA regarding options to remove and deter the vultures from roosting in Eakin Park and Parkridge. Steps include cutting down dead trees that the birds prefer to roost in, setting off pyrotechnics to disrupt them, and as a last resort, hanging vulture effigies in the trees to deter them from inhabiting the area. Will also recommended hiring an expert who can evaluate the situation and advise the Town on best practices to relocate the birds. The council asked Will to look into to it and report back at the Nov 6, 2017 Council Meeting. It is not the

Town's intention to harm these birds; however, they just want them to roost elsewhere because of the nuisance it creates for citizens in the roosting area.

**Water Utilities** – Some of the water bills last month had zero consumption due to an error, so when the October 4<sup>th</sup> bill came out with a two-month read, a customer complained because of the bill with double consumption and a higher monthly bill. Council feels that this should be handled by the Clerk-Treasurer according to the standard practice applied in such situations.

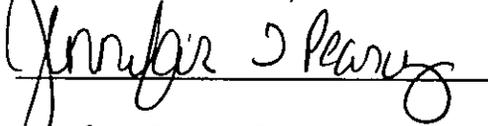
**Insurance Agent of Record** – The Town's property and liability insurance policy will be coming up for renewal soon and there are a few insurance agents that would like to be considered because they think they can get coverage at a lower rate than our current agent provides. The consensus was to put this on the Nov 6<sup>th</sup> agenda to allow the full council to discuss and decide if they want to change insurance agents.

Mike Neilson informed the others that Dennis Wynn wants to have a proclamation honoring Chris Goins who passed away earlier this year. Mike suggested to Dennis that he should go ahead and prepare the proclamation.

**Adjourn**

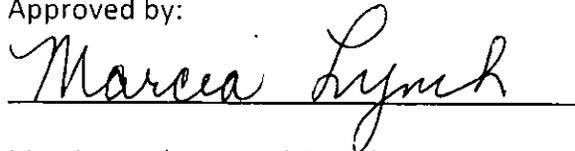
President Marcia Lynch adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by:



Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by:



Marcia Lynch, Council President