

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2018

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President, Mike Neilson, called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order at 7:00 pm on December 17, 2018 in the Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne Street.
- II. **Roll Call:** President, Mike Neilson acknowledged a quorum of the Council and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Clerk-Treasurer noted the following Council members in attendance: Jim Stephens, Mike Neilson, Marcia Lynch, Dennis Wynn and Tom Pado. The following Administrative officials were present: Gary Eakin; Town Manager, Laura Parker; Assistant Town Manager, and Jenny Percy; Clerk Treasurer.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Marcia Lynch to approve the minutes as read for the Town Council meeting of 12/3/2018, seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0.

An Executive Session took place at 6:00pm, prior to this meeting Council President Mike Neilson on the discussion of the Town Manager Contract.

IV. **Public Meeting:**

- a) **Town Manager Contract** – Tom Pado made the motion to rescind his vote from November 19th council meeting for Laura Parker as Town Manager seconded by Dennis Wynn. Motion passed 3-2. Marcia Lynch and Jim Stephens opposed. Tom Pado made the motion to appoint Laura Parker as Interim at the current rate of Town Manager until the hiring process is completed, Council President Neilson asked Ms. Parker if she would accept these terms. Her response “I would be happy to serve”. Seconded by Marcia Lynch. Motion passed 5-0.
- b) **Wastewater Expenditure Request** – Superintendent Jerry Crisp is making a request to exceed funds for heavy brush removal to access and repair sewer main that has defects, sometimes it will over flow. The main runs on the south side of town through Council President Mike Neilson’s property, Mike will recuse from the vote. Motion was made by Dennis Wynn and seconded by Marcia Lynch. Motion passed 4-0.
- c) **Economic Development Commission Appointment** – Gary tells the council that Greg VanLaere a past representative on the County Economic Development Commission. Mr. VanLaere agreed to be reappointed by the council to serve on the County EDC. Motion was made by Marcia Lynch and seconded by Dennis Wynn. Motion passed 5-0.
- d) **Inter-local Agreement for SRO2** – Jenny tells the council that Danville Community School Corporation will continue its partnership with a second School Resource Officer. A new second SRO will start fall of 2019-2020. The town will provide a temporary SRO starting January 2, 2019 until the end of the school year. Motion was made by Marcia Lynch and seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0.
- e) **Ordinance 25-2018, 2019 Salary Ordinance** - Jenny tells the council Ordinance 25-2018 provides a raise for the council and a 2% raise for town employees for the year of 2019. Marcia Lynch made the motion to suspend the rules and seconded by Tom Pado. Motion passed 5-0. Motion was made by Marcia Lynch and seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0.
- f) **2019 Host Budget** – Jenny tells the council that she, Laura, Gary and the Department Heads met to review the Annual Expenditures and priority projects, with the cuts and expenditures are sufficient to purchase the public works facility. If the council approves. Property improvements can be done over a period of time. Motion was made by Dennis Wynn and seconded by Tom Pado. Motion passed 5-0.

V. **Department Head Reports**

- A. **Water** – Superintendent Jim Russell reports they are 65% done with the asset master plan project and posting winter weather water tips on the Town’s website.
- B. **Wastewater** – Superintendent Jerry Crisp provided his report to the council, permit modification to discharge clean wastewater with deduce cooper and lead into to the creek. Superintendent Crisp it’s impossible to remove all the copper, wastewater did a lot of sampling and testing for show the IDEM their limit. IDEM removed the “limit” from the permit. This is good news, now Jerry would like to look at ways to keep copper from entering the treatment plant.

- C. **Fire** – Fire Chief Morgan turns in his report, thank the council for the 2% salary raise, they have concluded their several months of training with structure at 200 E. and E. Main St. which they had for the whole summer. They did 3 days training burns on the structure then burned completely Dec 7th with one fire fighter slightly injured, Hendricks Regional Hospital donated the structure for training.
- D. **Police** –Police Chief Raney on Dec 11th the Police Commission approved the new hire Maegan Coombs to be the second SRO at Danville Community Schools Ms. Coombs is a past officer will undergo training at the police academy and locally. Chief Raney expects her start in the fall of 2019. In the packet a letter to Brandon Costin as the new parking officer. The chief attended an educational summit sponsor by Congressman Todd Rokita it addressed school safety, stats report 712 runs for November. Chief Raney thanked the council for the approval for the 2 new hire, SRO and the 2% salary raise.
- E. **Planning** – Laura Parker no report.
- F. **Stormwater** – Superintendent Barry Lofton absent.
- G. **Public Works** – Superintendent Ray Whitaker reports he is in budget for the end of the year, the new mowers have been bought and delivered except the parks the fire department has one of the old mowers. The paving on Sherwood Dr. is complete, road patching and finishing up leaves. Thank you Jim for your service. Tom Pado asked Ray again about the lines on E Columbia Street because it show them there on Google Maps before they paved. Ray will check into it.
- H. **Parks** – Superintendent Will Lacey reports Winterland is going great. New gatehouse went out Wednesday. Amphitheater specs finally settled on and working on the drawings. Thank you to DPW for help with two Saturdays of traffic control. Thank you Jim and Marcia for serving on the Park Board the council for the 2% raise.

VI. **Public Comments** – Gail Tharp at 302 Northpoint Court withdrew her public comment.

Comments

Gary Eakin- wishing Jim and Marcia well you have been an asset to the Town of Danville, our Mondays will be free.

Laura Parker- Ditto.

Dennis Wynn - Ditto

Jim Stephens – It was a fast 4 years.

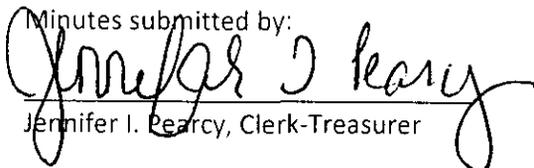
Marcia Lynch – Assistant Town Manager Laura Parker will prove to be the best for the Town Managers job. Marcia wrote a summary of her 10 yrs. serving the Town which I have attached to the minutes.

Mike Neilson – Happy belated birthday to Jim, Mike pasted out services awards to Marcia and Jim for their service to the Town and Merry Christmas.

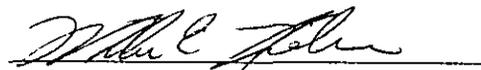
VI. **Claim Docket** – Marcia Lynch made the motion to approve the claim docket. Seconded by Dennis Wynn. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. **Adjourn** – President Mike Neilson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:


Jennifer I. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by:


Mike Neilson, President

- For months now I have thought about what I would say tonight. I told everyone to bring popcorn, but you all want to leave here before midnight so I will keep it short!
- First of all I want to thank Gary, Laura, the department heads and all the employees for being so great to work with making Danville a great place to live, work and play. Danville is fortunate to have a great group of employees.
- I want to wish Gary the most wonderful retirement. After all the years that you have given to Danville, you truly deserve to enjoy your time fishing, golfing and time with your family. Thank you for being a friend as well as a leader for this community.
- I have learned so much over the last 10 years, I always took my role as a town council member very seriously, worked very hard to do the research, classes and fact finding, always conducting myself and voting in a way that I believed was best for the majority of the people in this Town. I am proud of my service for the people of Danville. I can sleep at night knowing that I never compromised my integrity, honesty or my values.
- I have NO REGRETS. There are times that tough decisions have to be made and some people are not going to like them. That doesn't mean they aren't the right thing to do. I have said in the past that if I lost the election because of doing the right thing, so be it, I can live with that. Sadly, I have lost friends because of some of those tough votes but I am glad to say that because of my time on the council, I have developed many more life-long friendships that are built on mutual respect.
- I wish the new council members good luck. Please take every opportunity to learn everything that you can. This job is not just every other Monday. You are a reflection of the town in every aspect of your life. I would ask

that you cast your votes based on the facts as they relate to the best interest of the town, not the influence of others. You represent almost 10,000 people, not just those on chatter. Talk to people every chance you get, hear both sides, review the facts then make your decision.

- I want to thank the board and membership of the Chamber for their support while I have had this dual role. I still believe that it has been a win-win for both the town and the chamber. I have always believed that I represented Danville regardless to which hat I wore. I look forward to leading the chamber for another year until my retirement.
- Although my work for the town has been such a passion, it is not my first love. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful, supportive family and terrific friends. I thank them all for being by my side over the last 10 ½ years. In the good times and bad, you have always been there for me. As I look forward to this next chapter of my life, they will continue to be 1st and most important in my life and I will now have more time to dedicate to them.
- With that, I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and I wish all of you and the Town and great 2019. Thank you.