

## ***Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes***

**August 19, 2020**

- I. **Call to Order**: Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on August 19, 2020, in the Danville Town Hall.
- II. **Roll Call**: Town Council President Tom Pado acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Tom Pado, Nancy Leavitt, David Winters, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere were present. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**: Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the minutes for August 5, 2020, and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment**: Patrick McNabb of 200 Adams Street spoke about the chicken ordinance. He shared his view that he thought that the law should be modified to accommodate those citizens that would like to rear chickens in town.
- V. **Public Meeting**:
  - a) **Ordinance 23-2020**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented this ordinance which would include the newly hired code enforcement officer to be part of the phone stipend program that the town offers its employees. Chris Gearld motioned to suspend the rules and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. David Winters motioned to approve the ordinance and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b) **Ordinance 24-2020**—This ordinance would establish a bond for police equipment, specifically for the future purchase of ten police vehicles as the current vehicles are in need of replacement and expensive repairs. This bond issue would not exceed \$475,000 and the maximum time would be four years, though it will likely be less than that. Buzz is hoping for a rate of 2.25 percent. This was the first reading for this ordinance.
  - c) **Ordinance 25-2020**—This ordinance would establish a BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) for Wastewater projects, specifically to replace those parts of the sewer system that are over a hundred years old. This was a first reading for the ordinance.
  - d) **Request to Use Town Property for a Wedding**—Town Manager Mark Morgan received a request to use a bridge that belongs to the town for a wedding. Mark thought it was a good idea and desired to grant the couple's request. Greg VanLaere noted that the bridge in question, while structurally sound, needed clean-up and suggested helping the wedding party clean it up for the ceremony. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the use of the bridge for this purpose and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e) **Appointments to Plan Commission**—Town Manager Mark Morgan received two resumes from individuals desiring appointment to the plan commission, one from Ronidean Atnid and another from Jill Howard. Both were able to demonstrate that they were members of the Democratic Party (the appointee was required to be a Democrat). Town Council President Tom Pado appointed Jill Howard to the Plan Commission.
- VI. **Staff Comments**

**Greg** attended the Plan Commission and Redevelopment Commission meetings and attended Brian Everling's retirement party. The RDC needed a council member appointed to help them with annexation issues and Greg volunteered to be the representative for that. He attended the

BZA meeting. He asked about what would be done since the budget meeting was canceled and Mark said that they would reschedule the work study.

**Nancy** commented on a new path in the park that was dedicated to Steve Johnson.

**David** asked to make sure that the town would get its first draft of the budget submitted in enough time and legal counsel confirmed that the town was indeed on track for this.

**Chris** wanted to have further discussions about the chicken ordinance as well as the speed limit on one of the town's roads. The council briefly discussed the issue of speed limits through town and legal counsel recommended that before any changes are made that the council should commission a traffic study.

**Will** reported that the amphitheater, trails, and sign projects were coming along pretty well.

**Mark** received a phone call from someone complimenting the work that the town has done the sidewalks. He sent \$50 to the fairgrounds on the town's behalf in honor of Ray and Ralph Whitaker's mother, who passed away recently. He introduced Blaine Route, the new Code Enforcement Officer. He also asked one of the council members to attend one of the emergency management meetings on behalf of the council and Chris volunteered.

Police: Were performing tests for the position of sergeant.

Water: Was doing work on six-inch water main on East street and was doing test wells. One result came back that was not very good. The department finished replacing all of the old meters with new ones after several years' effort.

Wastewater: Was working on a fee booklet for the town so that builders coming to town know what the costs of building will be.

Stormwater: Was working on a large sinkhole and on erosion control in Commerce Park as well as inspections in Woodland Terrace.

Fire: Started taking donations for the baby box. They had 1012 runs YTD. Danville Rotary offered to match donations for the baby box up to \$5000.

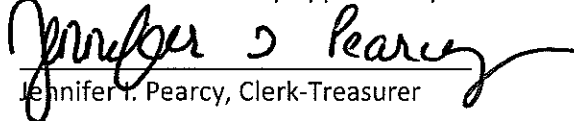
Admin: Was working on grants and Malynn was in grant training.

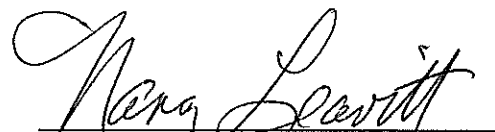
Public Works: Was doing patching, landscaping, traffic control, and installing electronic signs.

VII. **Claim Docket** – David Winters motioned to approve the claim docket and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:

  
Jennifer V. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
~~Tom Pado, President~~  
Nancy Leavitt, Vice President  
