

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on January 20, 2021 at Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne St., Danville, Indiana.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Tom Pado acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Tom Pado, Chris Gearld, David Winters, and Nancy Leavitt were all present, while Greg VanLaere was absent. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present while Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the January 6, 2021 council meeting and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion approved 4-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** No one came forward. Town Manager Mark Morgan explained that there were no live microphones at this meeting tonight.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Swearing-In of New officer** – Pulled from this agenda
 - b) **Insurance Renewal** – Kevin Hill with NFP Insurance explained the town’s insurance policy. He was pleased that what was budgeted for 2021 came in below the 2021 renewal. He also explained how Covid has impacted insurance costs. Workers comp will renew in July. His recommendation was to renew with Astra.
 - c) **Request for Street Closure: Fair on the Square**—This item was tabled because the individuals that were supposed to be speak on behalf of Tri Kappa could not attend.
 - d) **Resolution 1-2021**—This resolution would give the Danville Schools Police Department the authority to have police powers not just on school grounds but throughout all of Danville. Police Chief Jim Hilton explained that this was practical as it would allow the school officers to assist should they come upon an incident requiring police attention as they are traveling through town. David Winters motioned to approve the resolution and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - e) **Ordinance 20-2021**—Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher requested of the council to have his department’s line locator added to the list of employees that receive a phone stipend since he occasionally has to use his phone when he is on-call outside of working hours. It would be a level 3 stipend, the lowest one. This was a first reading.
 - f) **Capital Expenditure Request: Water Department**—Water Superintendent Matt Ellison requested a capital expenditure of the council in order to do maintenance work on Pump 4 in the water plant. He explained that this is something needs done regularly about every five years. Nancy Leavitt mad the motion to approve the capital expenditure request and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - g) **Capital Expenditure Request: Water Department**—Water Superintendent Matt Ellison requested a capital expenditure of the council in order to replace the Raw PH/Free Chlorine monitor. David Winters motioned to approve the capital expenditure request and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - h) **Community Crossing Grant**—Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher came forward with a proposal of doing a matching grant where in the town would spend \$107,100 to be matched at 75% by the state. This would go towards paving projects throughout town. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the grant and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - i) **Road Impact Fees**—Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey came before the council to discuss the possibility of charging road impact fees of new developments coming into town. To perform a study would cost between \$100,000 to \$125,000, and the revenue over the course of just a few years would be almost a \$1 million, which could be used to pay for the study. There was no action taken on this, it was just an update on where the project stood.
 - j) **RDC Appointments**—Jerry Vornholt’s position on this board needed filled. Town Manager Mark Morgan had one applicant, Linda Monk, who had previously applied unsuccessfully for the Parks

Board. Council President Tom Pado approved her appointment to the board. The council also needed to appoint someone else from the council to this board and the discussion favored Greg VanLaere. Chris Gearld motioned to appoint Greg VanLaere to this board and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark Morgan gave the council an update on the departments:

Public Works was dealing with weather issues throughout the weekend. They were able to repair the spray patcher and were beginning training on that so that the town won't have to outsource that task in the future. They were also working on cleaning their shop.

Water was working on mapping. They were planning work on Tennessee and Mill to fix a leaky valve. They were also planning on doing work on meters at the government center. They also hooked up a new customer to the water after they found themselves without it.

Admin was working on the Community Crossing grant and updating the town website.

Wastewater had put in the UV panel and were doing training on it. They were also planning on holding a meeting to discuss taking something that is normally outsourced to a private company and doing it in-house.

Fire was working with the state to try to have some smoke detectors donated and were also working on-sight during COVID vaccinations in case people have a negative reaction. They had 96 runs YTD.

Parks were getting ready to put in a new flagpole and they were working on the sign policy for the sign display. They were also working on the HVAC system at the DAC and were looking at estimates for the Christmas lights that were destroyed a few weeks back.

Stormwater/Building was going to be doing repairs on the roof of Bosstick Gym for about \$3,000 but it will eventually need replaced. The chillers for the town hall are going out and that will probably run about \$100,000. He was also working in the boiler room.

Police held interviews for their reserve officers and had it narrowed down to six applicants. Two vehicles for those new officers had arrived. They did extra patrols over the previous weekend.

Will said that the Chamber of Commerce and Danville Downtown Partnership would be presenting updates on their organizations at the next meeting.

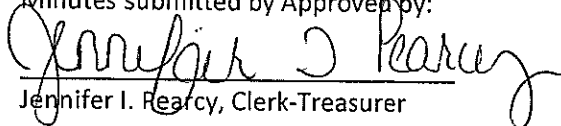
Chris thanked Mark and Will and all town employees for all of their work.

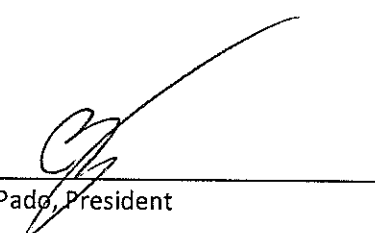
David singled out Maddie Patterson of Danville Girls Basketball for having now scored 1000 points.

VII. **Claim Docket** – David Winters motioned to approve the claim docket and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VIII. **Adjourn** – David Winters made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Jennifer I. Rearcy, Clerk-Treasurer


Tom Pado, President