

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on February 3, 2021 in 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, Nancy Leavitt, and Greg VanLaere were all present. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present, as was Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 20, 2020 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Swearing-In of a New Officer**—Chief Hilton introduced the council to Dakota Meadlo, the department's new part-time officer. Mr. Meadlo was sworn into the department by Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy.
 - b) **IPEP Check Presentation**—Kevin Hill of IPEP presented the town with a \$20,000 check, presenting it specifically to Fire Chief Rob Roberts. This money came as a result of a grant for which the town had applied.
 - c) **Request for Street Closure**—Brittany Titus from Tri Kappa came before the council to request a street closure from September 10-12, 2021, and September 9-11, 2022 for the Fair on the Square. David Winters motioned to approve and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Ordinance 1-2021**—This bill was up for adoption. It would add to the town's phone stipend the Public Works employee responsible for line locates. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Ordinance 3-2021**—This ordinance was up for first reading. It would annex a property on 200 East just north of Main Street and would be a residential PUD. Council President Tom Pado briefly gaveled open a public hearing. An attorney representing the company that owns the property briefly spoke. Without further comment, the hearing was gaveled closed.
 - f) **Ordinance 4-2021**—This ordinance was up for a first reading. It would annex a property located on the west side of town. It is known as Miles Farm and is around 388 acres and would be a housing development. Some representatives from the company that owns it came forward to give a short presentation. With no public comment, the hearing was gaveled closed.
 - g) **Release of Liability for Insurance Claim**—This came before the council as a few months prior some water was used by a company without the town's permission and caused some damage that the town had to repair. The insurance company for the company that caused the damage said they would pay for the claim that the town had made, but sent this form to the council for their signature and approval, saying that the town will not pursue any further legal action related to the claim. David Winters motioned to approve the claim and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - h) **Capital Expenditure Request: Wastewater**—This expenditure would replace the old grinder and install a new grinder at the wastewater plant. The grinder is the piece of equipment that breaks large solids into smaller solids. The old one has seen about eleven years of use, and they normally only last ten years. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - i) **Capital Expenditure Request: Public Works**—This expenditure would be to purchase a new superintendent's truck. Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher requested it on the basis that the diesel emission system is going out in the current truck that would not be cheap to fix and the truck is already at 73,000 miles when its cap is supposed to be 80,000 or fifteen years. He explained that it would be more reasonable to buy a new truck and he presented the council with some quotes. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve an expenditure for the truck and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- j) **Approval of Expenditure for Insurance to NFP**—Town Manager Mark Morgan asked the council's permission to spend \$193,248 to pay for the town's insurance premiums. Chris Gearld motioned to approve and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- k) **Approval of Expenditure for Technology Contract**—Town Manager Mark Morgan asked the council's permission to spend \$157,129 to renew a yearly contract with One Choice Technologies for their services. Corey Caylor briefly came up and spoke before the council to answer a few technical questions. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the contract and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- l) **Approval of Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement**—Wastewater Superintendent Jerry Crisp came forward to discuss an easement with a wastewater station run by Hendricks Regional Health that they share with Sheltering Wings. This station has encountered many problems in the past and these two organizations came to the Wastewater Department for help. This agreement would link the wastewater station in question into the town's system. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the agreement and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- m) **Capital Expenditure Request: Purchase of a New Vehicle**—Town Manager Mark Morgan requested permission to purchase a new vehicle after one of the town's was lost in an accident. The insurance payment that the town received from GEICO was \$8,733.34. The expenditure on a new vehicle would not exceed that amount. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark Morgan updated the council on the departments:

Planning has had been dealing with two annexations, sign permits, and preparing for the Plan Commission meeting.

Water was working on a fire hydrant repair, preparing for a plan inspection, reading meters, preparing reports, had finished the repair on 300 East, and the new pump was in place in the water plant.

Public Works spent 114 hours on the last snow event and \$10,000. Two trucks went down and were being repaired. The new tire changer and balancer was being installed.

Admin was having to reregister the website because LTAP has changed. They had several permits. iWorq was hacked the night before the council meeting, all from one individual, but it was straightened up.

Wastewater had some issues with 811. They had a meeting with Taft Law over some lateral issues. Some repairs will need to be done on Meadow and South Cross Streets.

Fire had 151 runs YTD. They are preparing to clean the fire house owing to having had a few COVID runs.

Parks saw a lot of sledding going on at the park. They were working on the football funding project. Will was working on an annual report and some safety items pertaining to the storage of Winterland equipment. The spec on the roundabout sign was completed, as was the installation of the cameras in Town Hall. Will also added that they were in search of master plans for the parks systems and had put out an RFP for the recreation impact fees that they had discussed previously.

Police had a new officer, Kennedy Wilson, accepted to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. They obviously swore in a new part-time officer that evening. Chief Hilton was planning on conducting an accident review board. They also had a reported theft that turned out not to be a theft.

Stormwater was working on some 811 issues. He issued 22 new permits and was working on the Meadow Drive project with Wastewater.

Will Lacey reported that the Danville Partnership conducted interviews last Friday for a new employee and said that they would hopefully have someone chosen soon and introduced to the council. The Chamber was planning on coming in the following week to give the council an update.

Nancy Leavitt thanked the Public Works Department for their work on snow removal and the other departments for their work, especially on the budget.

Jenny Percy wanted to schedule a work study on the Host fund and another item and asked that it not be on the same night as a council meeting. The council settled on meeting on February 10 at 6:00pm.

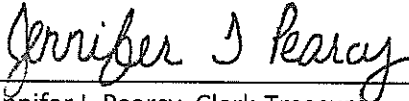
Greg VanLaere has attended several meetings recently and thanked Mark, Will, and Jenny for accommodating his working remotely.

David Winters thanked the Public Works Department for clearing the streets and the Police and Fire Department for responding to a call near his wife's place of work. He also emphasized how important the new housing developments are for the future of Danville.

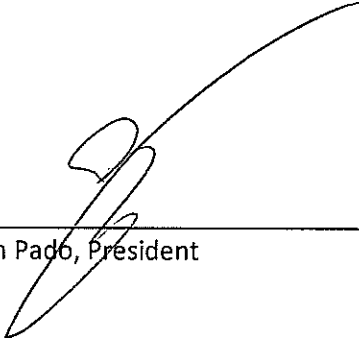
Tom Pado seconded the other members' thanks to the departments as well as David Winters thoughts regarding the housing development. He also suggested installing a "free speech" zone in one of the parks such as he has seen done in New York and expressed his concern over the future of this liberty.

- VII. **Claim Docket** – Greg VanLaere 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 David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 8:04pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:



Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer



Tom Pado, President