

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

**September 1, 2021**

- I. **Call to Order**: Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on September 1, 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, David Winters, Nancy Leavitt, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere were present. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey, and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy were all present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**: David Winters motioned to approve the work study minutes from August 8, 2021 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0. David Winters motioned to approve the work study minutes from August 25, 2021 and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from August 18, 2021 and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment**: Three citizens came forward to speak. Russell Browning of 225 Creekside Dr. spoke out asking for the council to review Ordinance 11-2021. Karen Bembenek of 2150 W CR 50 S spoke out in favor of allowing people to choose whether or not to wear masks or be vaccinated. Ann Johansson of the Downtown Partnership updated the council and everyone present on some of the activities that the Partnership would be facilitating over Labor Day weekend.
- V. **Public Meeting**:
  - a) **Presentation: Medical Insurance**—This item was removed from the agenda.
  - b) **Tree Removal Request**—Code Enforcement Officer Blaine Rout requested the council’s permission to have a tree removed at 210 W Lincoln St. because it is an obstruction according to the town ordinance. He explained that Public Works would be charged with removing it. Chris Gearld recommended to Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher that he should probably reach out to the power company, even if their power lines would probably be safe. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the removal and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c) **Parking Study/Solution**—Code Enforcement Officer Blaine Rout came before the council to propose a solution to parking violations on the town square. It would involve snapping photos of violating vehicles. A few of the town council members expressed misgivings about this, believing the town would be challenged owing to privacy concerns. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the proposed solution and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion failed 2-3, with Tom Pado, Chris Gearld, and David Winters voting ‘nay.’
  - d) **Resolution 25-2021**—This resolution would move the Christmas Party from Thursday December 16, 2021 to Friday December 17, 2021. David Winters motioned to approve the change and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e) **Discussion on Town Christmas Party**—Town Manager Mark Morgan explained that the Christmas Party would be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. He said it would be \$250 for the alcohol permit and \$912 for the rental fee, but that the Fairgrounds had waived the rental fee. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve this arrangement and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - f) **Resolution 26-2021**—This item was removed from the agenda.
  - g) **Resolution 27-2021**—This resolution would permit Public Works to dispose of a portable restroom and a backhoe that are no longer of use to the town. David Winters motioned to approve the resolution and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- h) **Ordinance 25-2021**—Council President Tom Pado gavelled open a public hearing regarding the annexation of 1509 10<sup>th</sup> Street and then closed it shortly thereafter when no one came forward.
- i) **Ordinance 27-2021**—This ordinance would reduce the speed limit on Meadowood Drive from 30mph to 20mph. It was left as introduced.
- j) **Policy Change: Town Credit Cards**—This change would add the Wastewater Superintendent to the town’s credit card plan. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the changes and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- k) **Policy Change: Meals**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy asked the council to make a change in the town’s meal policy for employees that are travelling. This change, to section 2.9.2 in the employee handbook, would increase the per diem amount from \$35 to \$50. David Winters motioned to approve the increase and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- l) **Policy Change: CDL Physicals**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy requested a change to the town’s policy that would reimburse all town employees for the costs of getting a CDL physical. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the change and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- m) **CER: Salt Spreaders**—Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher requested a capital expenditure of \$55,990.00 to purchase some salt spreaders. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- n) **Capital Expenditure Request: Slide Restoration**—Parks Superintendent Will Lacey requested a capital expenditure to rehab a slide at the pool. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the expenditure and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark updated the council on the different departments:

Planning: Was doing work related to the Miles Farm; they were working with the Steering and Redevelopment commissions.

Water: They were reading meters and doing work around Kensington; they were doing their monthly report and preparing for a well project.

Public Works: They were doing work on the cemetery’s sidewalk and the alley on the square. They were preparing to help with some events on the square that were put on by the Partnership and the Chamber of Commerce.

Fire: Had 1315 runs YTD; they got a chance to be reunited with a seven month old baby that they had rescued from an accident; they were holding a fundraiser at the Royal Theater.

Wastewater: They were part of a CIOA meeting. They were doing plant and pipe-yard cleanups, working the bell press, and doing work around Northwood Haven.

Parks: They were doing pool and concert clean-up and looking to hire a new employee. They were also updating their rental process.

Police: They were a few men down owing to some officers quarantining with COVID

Community Engagement: Was doing interviews around town and working on playbooks.

Mark told the council that he had received a thank you note from Rhonda Beck in response to the proclamation the council adopted at the last meeting. He asked the council to pin down a day for another work study. They agreed on September 9, 2021.

Legal counsel introduced a new attorney for the town, Kayla Moody Grant.

Greg thanked Blaine for his presentation regarding the town’s parking issue as well as Matt Ellison for some work on Lincoln Street.

**David** thanked Blaine for his work, as well. He expressed his negative opinion about the mask mandate for schools issued by the governor.

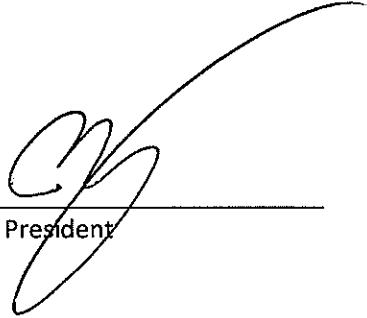
**Nancy** mentioned some of the weekend events as well as some repairs around the town Subway.

**Tom** seconded David's feelings regarding the mask mandate.

- VII. **Claim Docket** – Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the claim docket and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld motioned to adjourn and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:

  
Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Tom Pado, President