

MINUTES

February 2, 2016

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at the Borough Building, 239 Mill St., Danville at 6:00 PM. President Richardson presided.

Present were Councilpersons Rodman, Rogers, A'zary, VonBlohn, Wickham, Herritt and Richardson. Also present were S. Berkey, J. Hart, J. Graham, E. Gill, B Brady, B. Horne, J. Hack and Solicitor Marks Sr. Absent was Mayor Swank, Mr. Walters and Junior Councilperson Ciucci.

The invocation was given by Solicitor Marks followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Prior to the start of the Regular Meeting, Council met in executive session to discuss employee hiring and legal issues.

Public Comments

Fred Stoner gave thanks to the Street Department for the snow clean-up and thanks to Council for providing the appropriate equipment for them to do their job. He also commented on the Borough covering the Solicitor's health insurance and the fiscal responsibility of the Borough.

Topics

1. Letter from Cub Scout Pack 33 requesting permission to have their annual Cub Mobile event on Mill Street on Sunday, May 8th. Motion by Mr. A'zary, seconded by Mr. Rogers and a unanimous vote, Council approved of this event.
2. Consideration of an Ordinance establishing "no parking" on the east side of the 400 block of Church Street per the Street Committee's recommendation. Motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. VonBlohn and a unanimous vote, Council approved to advertise the ordinance and have this ready for adoption at the March 1st, 2016 meeting.
3. Personnel Committee has the following recommendations for hiring:
 - Hiring Randy Raker as a full-time Water Operator/Maintenance employee at a starting wage of \$16.79, probationary period of 6 months, start date Wednesday, February 3rd. Motion by Mr. Wickham, seconded by Mr. VonBlohn and a unanimous vote, Council approved.
 - Hire Scott Keppler as a Street Department, part-time permanent labor at a starting wage of \$10.50, probationary period of 6 months, pending a background check, drug screen and physical. Start date to be Monday, February 8th. Motion by Mr. Wickham, seconded by Mr. Herritt and a unanimous vote, Council approved.
 - Hire Jamie Shrawder as the Director of Governmental Affairs at a starting salary of \$49,700, and an increase of \$4,000 after a probationary period of 6 months pending a background check, drug screen and physical, start date of

March 1st. Motion by Mr. Wickham, seconded by Mr. Rodman and a unanimous vote, Council approved.

- Promote Brindy Feese, AR/AP, to the position of Finance Director with an increase in salary of \$5,300 making her annual salary \$44,000, effective February 8th. Motion by Mr. Wickham, seconded by Mr. Rodman and a unanimous vote, Council approved.
4. Motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Rodman and a unanimous vote, Council approved the CDBG Resolution granting SEDA-Council of Governments Administrative Authority to carry out certain CDBG related activities on the Borough's behalf.
 5. Motion by Mr. VonBlohn, seconded by Mr. Wickham and a unanimous vote, Council agreed upon the Senior Center lease Amendment 1 specifying payment amounts and terms that needed updated due to the date of the signing of the original lease.
 6. Motion made by Mr. Herritt, seconded by Mr. Rodman, Council agreed to a Resolution to allow Council participation and voting via phone at a Council Meeting. Mr. A'Zary opposed.
 7. Motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. A'Zary and a unanimous vote, Council agreed to a "street closure request" made by the Danville Area Heritage Festival parade on July 15th, 2016.
 8. Motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. VonBlohn and a unanimous vote, Council agreed to a Resolution, entering an agreement with PPL to replace 376 street lights with LED bulbs, total cost \$9,784 with a return on investment time of 47 months. Chief Gill suggested that the Borough dedicate the project to Wilbur Hause.

Old Business

1. MARC is still in need of an interested Borough resident to join their Board.

Correspondence Received

1. DBA quarterly report.
2. Letter from Mahoning Township Supervisors requesting discussions to merge Police Departments. Motion by Mr. Rodman, seconded by Mr. Rogers and a unanimous vote, Council agreed to open this for discussion by sending the Township a favorable letter in return.
3. Letter from Robert Ernest in regards to the Fourth Ward Parking Ordinance to hold a meeting to resolve his issues to keep this from moving further. No action was taken.

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FYI Items

None.

Other Business

Mr. VonBlohn thanked the Street Department for their work during the recent snow storm and the Sewer Department for their work on a sewer issue on Front Street.

News Media

The news media had a question on the opposing vote on the Resolution to allow council participation and voting via phone.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Shannon Berkey, Danville Borough Manager