

MINUTES

September 14, 2021

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at the Borough Building, 463 Mill St., Danville at 6:00 PM. President Herritt presided.

Present were Councilpersons Herritt, Woodruff, Gregg, Walters, Beers, Stigerwalt. Also present were Solicitor Dennehy, Mayor Swank, S. Berkey, B. Earlston, J. Swank and J. Hart. Absent was J. Walter and Christian Force.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Jason Sullivan from the Iron Mill Church, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Stigerwalt, second by Woodruff and a unanimous vote, Council amended the agenda and added the designation of Trick or Treat as an Action item.

Public Comments

Mr. John Grabusky, Columbia Montour Pride Committee from the Coalition of Social Equity was in attendance requesting Council to sign a Proclamation designating October 16th 2021 as OUTFEST in support of the LGBTQ community.

Consent Items Including Financial Reports & Payment of Bills

Motion made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt and a unanimous vote, Council approved the following:

1. August 10, 2021.....Regular Meeting
2. List of Checks – Jim Gregg abstains from the check paying, “Jim’s Small Engine” invoices, and this is on record as a standing abstention.
3. List of General Journal Entries
4. Month end Financial Reports and monthly List of Bills for payment.

Action Items from previous meetings

1. Bids for the ARLE grant work at the Bloom/Walnut/Ferry Sts. Intersection. The low base bid is over budget by \$53,500. Motion by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council approved the low base bid of \$357,521.10 to TRA Electric, Inc., including the approval of the addition of option #2, inclusion of the slate sidewalk. The slate sidewalk option to be funded by Greg Cole/Cole’s Hardware. The overbudget amount will be funded in the 2022 budget.
2. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Beers and a unanimous vote, Council designated Trick or Treat in the Borough on Saturday, October 30th from 6-9 PM.

September 14, 2021

Topics/New Business

1. Motion by Mr. Stigerwalt, seconded by Mr. Gregg and a unanimous vote, Council awarded the low bid to Gray Builders @ \$397,400, for the Canal Park project.
2. Presentation of the Uniformed and Non-uniformed MMO for the pension plans for 2022. On a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt and a unanimous vote, Council approved these MMOs.
3. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Beers and a unanimous vote, Council approved the Northeast Inspection Consultants (NEIC) Agreement for Services commencing on September 15th, 2021.
4. The Planning Commission has approved and is asking for Council approval on the following:
 - 530 E. Market St. – The Commission reviewed a plan for the consolidation of two lots as well as an access drive to Railroad St.
 - 639 Nicholas Ave. – The Commission reviewed an application for the subdivision of property and the construction of two (2) two-family dwellings.

Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Gregg and a unanimous, Council approved the above projects.

5. Danville Municipal Authority vacancy – letters were presented to Council from Mr. Mike Kuziak and Mr. Gerald “Max” VonBlohn as well as a letter from the Authority Board supporting the appointment of Mr. VonBlohn. Motion by Mr. Beers, seconded by Mr. Gregg and a unanimous vote, Council appointed Mr. Kuziak to the Danville Municipal Authority to fill the unexpired term of James Shutt until 12/31/23.
6. Pride Month Proclamation – A motion was made by Mr. Stigerwalt and a second by Mr. Walters to sign the Proclamation presented. A roll call vote followed –

Yes	Mr. Stigerwalt	No	Mr. Beers	abstained	Mr. Herritt
	Mr. Walters				Mr. Gregg
	Mr. Woodruff				

Mr. Herritt and Mr. Gregg abstained because it was felt that this is not something the governmental entity should be involved in as well as Proclamations are usually supported by the Mayor’s signature and not the Council’s signature. The motion failed due to not having a majority vote of the members present.

Correspondence & FYI Items

1. Montour County’s 108th Annual Township Officials Association Convention will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Please RSVP to Donna by October 12th.

Unfinished/Old Business - None

Committees

Finance

- ARAP funding for premium pay to essential workers – Council discussed setting aside 10% (\$48,650) of the allocated funding on a prorated share to make a premium payment to full and part-time employees actively working during the designated pandemic timeframe. Motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt and a unanimous vote, Council approved of the payment to these borough employees.

Personnel

Property

Water

Public Safety (fire)

Flood

1. Mr. Gregg thanked all for their efforts during the high water event of Hurricane Ivan.
2. Mr. Earlston, Street Superintendent reported that the Route 11 closure drill will be on Sunday, September 19th at 5:00 AM.

Police

1. Police Chief Swank provided information on the DPOA's golf tournament being held on Friday, October 15th. He also informed Council of a PT officer leaving the department for full-time employment. He is requesting a Personnel Committee meeting to address a replacement.

Streets

Sewer

COG

1. Jackie will prepare the UCC appeal hearing info for Mr. Beers to take to the next meeting.

September 14, 2021

EMA

Parks & Recreation

1. Mr. Earlston is working with a tree sculpture to transform the large tree in the park.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor gave thanks to everyone involved in the 9/11 event that was held.

Codes, Zoning & Health

1. Health Officer's report was attached.
2. Fireworks – no action taken at this time.
3. Danville Borough Code Office Report was attached.

Other Business - None

News Media None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Shannon Berkey
Borough Manager