

AMENDED MINUTES
February 8, 2022

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Borough Building, 463 Mill St., Danville at 6:00 PM. President Herritt presided.

Present were Councilpersons Herritt, Woodruff, Gregg, Walters, Stigerwalt, Beers, Deroba, Humphries and Mayor Swank. Also present were Solicitor Dennehy, S. Berkey, B. Earlston, J. Swank, K. Roberts and J. Buckenburger.

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

Public Comments

1. Janet Comrey from the Montour County Republican Committee announced their Gala on March 5th which will include a speaker. Meal and raffle for \$20 with proceeds going to the local Police Department.

2. A Certificate was presented to Officer Davenport for saving the life of a man earlier in January.

Consent Items Including Financial Reports & Payment of Bills

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

1. January 3, 2022.....Regular Meeting
2. List of Checks – Jim Gregg abstains from the check paying, “Jim’s Small Engine” invoices 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 - None

Topics/New Business

1. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Deroba and a unanimous vote, Council agreed to the renewal of the Lease Agreement with the Danville Municipal Authority for sludge disposal on the farm land. Mr. Deroba had asked if the sludge disposal in this agreement is the reason that residents are not allowed to access the Farm Road for pedestrian purposes. It was confirmed that during certain times of the year it is not safe for residents to use the road, and to prevent possible lawsuits if someone were to get sick, that it is best to keep it closed to the public year-round. Mr. Deroba then inquired how MARC was able to hold races, such as the Humdinger, on the

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property and road if the Borough is worried about possible lawsuits. Mr. Dennehy was uncertain if the race occurred on the road in question and would have to investigate it.

2. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Gregg and a unanimous vote, Council approved the appointment of Jim Sanders as the Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2022.
3. Motion by Mr. Stigerwalt, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council gave approval to circulate an RFQ for engineering services for the design of ADA curb ramps on Ferry, Pine and Church Streets from Bloom to Market Streets using CDBG funds.
4. Personnel Committee recommended the transfer of Stephen Finn to the Sewer Department as a Collection System Technician, effective once the snow is done flying. Motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt and a unanimous vote, Council approved the transfer.
5. Consideration and possible approval of a Website proposal and Brand Identity plan provided by Seven Mountains Media. Council would like to see other proposals before making a decision on how to proceed. Staff will solicit responses from additional website designers.
6. Consideration to sign and send a letter supplied by the Coalition against Bigger Trucks (CABT) to the necessary state officials. No motion was made.
7. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council approved Resolution 2022-02, increasing the fee for Criminal History Requests.

Correspondence & FYI Items

1. Alpha and Omega Motorcade to take place June 6th.

Unfinished/Old Business None

Committees

Finance

Personnel

Water

Public Safety (fire)

1. Chief Buckenburger reported on the following:

- The ladder truck has been sold to the Kunkle Fire Department with a down payment of \$25,000. He will be also meeting with John Grubuski to discuss Geisinger's continued support of the department.
- Buckenburger would like to add a message/arrow board to the compliment of equipment and will be talking with the Fire Board about funding it.
- Danville Fire Police are in need of new uniforms at a cost of \$7500. Buckenburger is giving \$1,000 from his budget. Chief Swank is going to pledge calendar money to help. Berkey suggested that if there is money left in the budget for website upgrades in the ARAP funding, this could be reallocated to help with the uniform purchase, but we won't know this until that project is completed.
- Chief Buckenburger would like to recognize Joe Stigerwalt on the hiking incident. He had command on site and is commended for his performance.

Flood

Ken Roberts reported that he just attended the Kick-Off meeting for the year of the PA Association of Flood Plain Managers. Danville Borough and its flood system history are going to be highlighted in the next newsletter.

Police

Streets

Sewer

COG

There was conversation by the Townships that code money can be used for anything as long as there is a plan in place. During the meeting they also discussed the proposed Solar Farm Development in Derry and Anthony Townships. The next COG meeting is March 17th at 7:00PM at Danville Borough.

EMA

Mr. Stigerwalt reported he continues to look for and interested replacement for the EMA Director. Also, the house sirens are not working for structure fires. Mr. Stigerwalt is going to discuss with the fire companies on how to revamp the siren system.

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Parks & Recreation

Property

1. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council gave approval to deed the unopened alley to the rear of 533 Alton Street to Mr. Lutz the property owner, with the receipt of a letter from the adjacent owner (Jeff Brandt) stating this is not a hardship on his property. All cost to be incurred by Mr. Lutz.
2. No recommendation was made on making East Mahoning Street one way.
3. Vacating of Hollow Street – According to the Solicitor, how this street was originally created will determine what we can and can't do. He will research this and get back to the Borough Manager with the information.

Mayor's Report

Codes, Zoning & Health

1. Health Officer's report was attached.
2. Code Administrator's report was attached

Other Business - None

News Media - None

Adjournment

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

Shannon Berkey
Borough Manager

