

MINUTES

April 12, 2022

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Borough Building, 463 Mill St., Danville at 6:00PM. President Herritt presided.

Present were Councilpersons Herritt, Woodruff, Gregg, Walters, Beers, Deroba, Humphries and Stigerwalt. Also present were Solicitor Marks, Berkey, Roberts, Horne, Sergeant Stanley and Fire Chief Buckenburger. Absent was Mayor Swank.

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

Disclosure – Council met in an executive session on Thursday, April 7th to discuss the hiring of a code officer and the transfer of real estate to the School District.

Public Comments- none

Rebecca Dressler of the DBA discussed the “Chalk the Walk” Event to be held Saturday, April 23rd. Ms. Dressler also made a request to allow the DBA Design Committee to place flower baskets in the tree planters on Mill Street.

Consent items Including Financial Reports & Payment of Bills

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

1. March 8, 2022Regular 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 Entries
4. Month end Financial Reports and monthly List of Bills for payment.

Action Items from previous meetings

1. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council approved the adoption of Ordinance 571, amending Chapter 123 Groundwater.
2. Motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Beers and a unanimous vote, Council agreed to the acceptance and recording of the “Quit Claim Deed’ releasing the agricultural restriction on 40 acres of farm land and also authorized legal counsel to begin the steps to transfer 20 acres to the school district. This transfer will include provisions allowing only for the development of an athletic fields complex and no resale of the parcel.

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Topics/New Business

1. Consideration of quote to pave Library Avenue. The Street Superintendent was approached by Robert Young because he is paving the library's parking lot which abuts Library Ave. He offered a quote to pave a portion of the alley that would make the paving of the lot a more continuous project or a quote to pave the alley from Ferry Street to Mill Street. Motion by Mr. Stigerwalt, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council agreed to go with paving Library Ave. from Ferry Street to Mill Street at a cost of \$14,800.
2. Request to use Montour Street and Meadow Avenue for a 5K run on May 15th. On a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Beers and a unanimous vote, Council approved this request.
3. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council approved HARB's recommendation for a door, windows and masonry cleaning at 1064 Mill St.
4. Requesting approval of Resolution 2022-03 for the submittal of a Flood Mitigation Program Grant application of \$250,000. Motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt and a unanimous vote, Council approved this Resolution.
5. Request from PA One Call System to sign a Proclamation supporting April as "Safe Digging Month." No motion was made.
6. Request from Montour County to fund 25% of the admin fees not covered by the CDBG-DR Grant to buyout and raze the three properties on Iron Street not protected by the levee system. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council approved this request.
7. HARB currently does not have an Architect on the Board. J.A. Lefevre is willing to serve this open term until 12/31/2026. Motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and a unanimous vote, Council approved this appointment.
8. Motion from Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Deroba and a unanimous vote, Council gave approval for the DBA to place flower baskets in the tree planters on Mill Street.
9. Motion by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Beers and a unanimous vote, Council approved a request to close West Market St. for the resident's annual block party. There will be no permanent blocking of the street in the case of an emergency.

Correspondence & FYI Items

1. National Osteopathic Medicine Week is April 18-24, 2022. A Proclamation was signed by the Mayor. 2

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2. 2nd annual “Chalk the Walk” will be held Saturday, April 23rd from 9AM – 3PM.
3. The schedule for the 2022 CDBG funding was attached.
4. The Borough Code Administrator is spearheading Building Safety Awareness Month in May. The Borough staff will be posting safety tips on the Borough’s Facebook page, hosting an Open House in the Borough office on May 17th from 4-6 and requesting the Mayor sign a proclamation on May 10th recognizing May as Building Safety Month.

Unfinished/Old Business - none

Committees

Finance

Personnel

Meeting after to discuss the next steps in hiring a Code Officer.

Water

Public Safety (fire)

1. Structured burn on East Market St. on the Strausser property to take place.
2. A request was made to do fire training activities on the Iron Street buyout properties. This would need to go thru other agencies other than the Borough to make this request.

Flood

Police

Streets

1. Spruce Street stormwater project to start this week, weather permitting.
2. Dumpster Day is set for April 23rd. AYSO scheduled their soccer games this day even after being informed of Dumpster Day in February. After discussing other alternatives, Council decided to continue with Dumpster Day as previously planned.

Sewer

COG

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Property

1. MOU for Canal Park/Ballroom – this is still in committee.
2. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Beers and a unanimous vote, Council gave approval for staff to apply for the zoning variance on the shooting range to Mahoning Township. First it must be confirmed with the Commonwealth that this does not violate the agricultural restriction on the land where the shooting range will be developed.

Mayor's Report – provided at the meeting

Codes, Zoning & Health

1. Roberts provided suggested revisions to Chapter 207, Solid Waste. Motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt and a unanimous vote, Council voted to draft and advertise an ordinance to implement these revisions.
2. Health Officer's report was attached.
3. Code Administrator's report was attached.

Ad Hoc – Website rebuild and Maintenance

1. The Ad Hoc committee met twice and requested additional information from three of the proposals that were received last month. The Committee is recommending the Borough contract with GovUnity for website design and maintenance services. Motion by Mr. Deroba, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt, and a majority vote, Council approved using the services of GovUnity. Mr. Herritt abstained from the vote.

Other Business - none

News Media - none

Adjournment

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:20.

An Executive session was held after the meeting to discuss the hiring of a code officer.

Shannon Berkey
Borough Manager