

DANVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2023

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Borough Building, 463 Mill St., Danville at 6:00PM. President Woodruff presided.

Present were Councilpersons Woodruff, Walters, Gregg, Beers Jr., Stigerwalt, Woodruff, Humphries, Deroba, Herritt and Mayor Swank. Also present were staff members Mordan, Roberts, Earlston, Horne, Fire Chief Buckenberger, Police Chief Swank and Solicitor Mike Dennehy.

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

Public Comments

1. Eric Warren from FastBridge Fiber introduced his company and their fiber services. Fiber is a high-speed broadband connection and FastBridge Fiber would like to bring that service to this community. They would be running new fiber optic wire and are licensed with the PUC.
2. Rebecca Dressler with the DBA would like to address the concerns of the Council’s agenda regarding the LERTA ordinance and switching UCC services.

Consent items Including Financial Reports & Payment of Bills

Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Joe Stigerwalt with a unanimous vote to approve the following:

1. Minutes January.....Regular meeting
2. List of checks- Jim Gregg abstains from check paying, “Jim’s Small Engine Repair” 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.....President Woodruff

Meetings.....President Woodruff

1. Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Mark Deroba to approve CDBG FFY 2020-CV Funds \$39,473.00 - \$19,136.50 to The Plant Based Juice Bar & \$19,136.50 to The Pub II, \$1,200 for the Financial Underwriting Agreement.

Roll Call

<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Wes	Gregg
Mark	Beer
Herritt	
Stigerwalt	
Woodruff	

Humphries abstained from voting he didn't have enough background information to have an opinion on the topic.

The motion carries.

2. Motion was made by Jim Gregg and seconded by Howard Beers for approval of Ordinance No. 575 – Chapter 225, LERTA.

Questions before roll call vote:

Herritt – Committee Chair explain the reason behind the repeal of this ordinance. Deroba states LERTA is designed to stimulate growth and there is already lots of interest in development of properties in the Borough.

Roll call

<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Deroba	Walters
Gregg	Humphries
Beers	Herritt
	Stigerwalt
	Woodruff

The motion fails and is referred back to committee.

3. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Mark Deroba with a unanimous vote to approve the Services Agreement with Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for UCC Services.

Joe Stigerwalt questioned will BIA offer free onsite consultant like NEIC used to?

Phillip Prout, BCO, CFM of BIA responded, we pride ourselves on the service we provide, we always go above and beyond, yes they will provide onsite consultations.

- Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Mark Deroba with a unanimous vote for final approval of Resolution 2023-02 Fee Schedule.

Topics / New Business.....President Woodruff

- Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Mark Deroba with a unanimous vote to approve the emergency repairs needed at the Rooney Ave Pump Station. It will cause more damage by not fixing this issue and its isolated only to the Rooney Ave Pump Station. Capital Reserve monies will be used to fund the Cleveland Brother quotes in the amount of \$6,696.

Correspondence & FYI items.....President Woodruff

- The CDBG FFY 2023 Funds schedule was provided. The first Public Hearing and Project Development Workshop will be held Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers.
- Dewatering Improvements Project Act 14 Notification from Gannett Fleming.
- Invitation to the 22nd Annual West Branch COG Equipment Show & Training Day.

Unfinished / Old Business.....President Woodruff

Committees

Finance.....Mr. Walters

Personnel.....Mr. Walters

- Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Joe Stigerwalt, followed by a unanimous vote to hire Troy Patterson for the Flood Technician Position at an annual salary of \$46,860.00.

Thanked the committee and Brindy for their time in the interview process.

Property.....Mr. Humphries

Water.....Mr. Gregg

Byard Woodruff asked when the water and sewer bills will come out? Brindy Mordan responded, they will come in mid-April with a 30-day due date.

Public Safety (fire).....Mr. Walters

Reported Borough employee, Don Erlston got a rose in the newspaper for his quick response on the Mill Street fire and thanked him for his quick response and service for the community.

Chief Buckenberger stated since the last meeting officers have stepped up with the training. He is proud of the Danville Fire Department with how they handled the Mill Street fire and thanked

the local businesses (Beiters, Amigos and Bason Coffee) for the donations to the first responders. The Fire Board discussed consolidation at a recent meeting and would like Council to think about giving approval on the consolidation. Discussion occurred on the topic regarding property, company approval and the unknowns.

Tyler Patterson discussed memberships and potential tax breaks for first responders.

The Fire Ordinance revisions will go to committee.

Flood.....Mr. Gregg

Police.....Mayor Swank

Chief Swank stated that Phillip Savidge reached the end of the probationary period and is requesting approval to hire him full-time. Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Kevin Herritt with a unanimous vote to approve the hiring of Phillip Savidge as a full-time Police Officer.

Streets.....Mr. Stigerwalt

Welcomed back Bruce Earlston Superintendent of the Street Department.

Sewer.....Mr. Gregg

COG.....Mr. Humphries

A meeting will be held on Thursday March 16, 2023 at the Borough Office.

DBA.....Mr. Stigerwalt

Rebecca Dressler already addressed the reportable topics.

EMA.....Mr. Beers

Mayor's Report.....Mayor Swank

Thanked the police and fire department for their service.

Codes, Zoning & Health.....Mr. Deroba

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

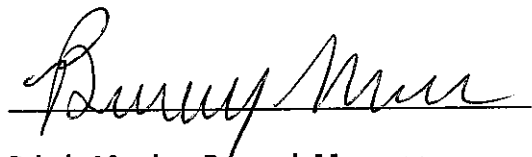
Other BusinessPresident Woodruff

News Media

Press Enterprise questioned are the BIA fees higher and when was the vote to terminate the agreement with NEIC? No, they price matched the current fee schedule and it was voted on at the February meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brindy Mordan", is written over a horizontal line.

Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager