

MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2022

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at the Borough Building, 463 Mill St., Danville at 6:00PM. Vice-President Woodruff presided.

Present were Councilpersons Gregg, Walters, Beers, Stigerwalt, Woodruff, Humphries, Deroba and Mayor Swank. Also present were staff members Mordan, Roberts, Graham, Horne and Police Chief Swank. Absent was Herritt.

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

Public Comments

Ken Strausser requested a portion of Front Street to be blocked off between Ferry and Cross Keys on Saturday, November 12th for a Block Party at the Friendships to celebrate the new ladder truck. Council referred the request to Chief Swank. Chief Swank stated this could occur. Approval was given.

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. Minutes September 13, 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 – None

Topics/New Business

1. November’s Council meeting will be moved from the 8th to the 1st due to Election Day.
2. The next step in considering Geisinger’s zoning map change is to conduct a Public Hearing. Motion by Mr. Stigerwalt, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council decided that November 15th at 6PM, will be the scheduled Public Hearing.
3. Motion by Mr. Beers, seconded by Mr. Gregg and a unanimous vote, Council accepted a letter of separation/retirement from Shannon Berkey, Danville Borough Manager. Mr. Woodruff thanked her for her service and best for her future.

4. Motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Gregg and a unanimous vote, Council accepted a request from Christ Memorial Episcopal Church at 156 E. Market St., to place a handicap sign by the main entrance of the church which would be the double red doors on Market St. side.
5. Mr. Roberts commented the zoning section changed from cost to square footage based and there are other minor house cleaning changes. Motion by Mr. Deroba, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council approved Resolution No. 2022-08 "Fee Schedule".
6. Letter from Kevin Herritt resigning as Council President but staying on Council. Motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt, Council accepted this letter. With a motion by Mr. Stigerwalt and a second by Mr. Gregg and a unanimous vote, Mr. Woodruff is now the President with Mr. Walters being Vice-President and Mark Deroba as being pro-tempore.

Correspondence & FYI Items

1. Letter of resignation from Jim Sanders, Sewage Enforcement Officer. Motion by Mr. Stigerwalt, seconded by Mr. Deroba and a unanimous vote, this resignation was accepted.
2. Letter from DEP referring to the Hazardous Waste TSD permit for Cherokee Pharmaceuticals, LLC.
3. Letter from DEP in reference to Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells.

Unfinished/Old Business- None

Committees

Finance – Mr. Walters reported working on budget now.

Personnel – Mr. Walters reported they accepted letter of retirement from Ms. Berkey and will discuss an interim Borough Manager tonight during executive session.

Water

Public Safety (fire)

Flood – Mr. Roberts reported that the comment period has ended for the levee recertification. Mr. Walters questioned if the remapping for the flood map put more residents in the floodplain. Mr. Roberts stated that after it gets recertified the properties should come back out of the floodplain.

Police

Streets

Sewer - Ms. Graham reported she received the end of the year nutrient totals and they are well under the credits. She stated that the last year has been tough with low staffing and thanked everyone for their support.

COG – Mr. Humphries reported the push for fire coverage needs to come from the state level.

EMA

Property – Mr. Woodruff reported:

1. Discussed a “community garden”. This has been tabled for now.
2. Discussion land by the water tower. This has been tabled.
3. There has been discussion on renovations to be done in the Council Chambers. This will be discussed further at a budget meeting.

Mayor’s Report - The Mayor welcomed Chief Swank back from surgery.

Codes, Zoning & Health

1. Code Administrator’s report was attached.

Other Business - none

News Media

The news media had questions on the restructuring of Council and the hiring of a Borough Manager.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Stigerwalt, Council appointed Brindy Mordan as interim Borough Manager until the end of January with a stipend of \$2,500 per month.

Adjournment

Council recessed for an Executive Session at 6:30 and reconvened at 7:00. There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:05.



Brindy Mordan, Finance Director