

DANVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Borough Building, 463 Mill St., Danville at 6:00PM. President Woodruff presided.

Present were Councilpersons Woodruff, Walters, Gregg, Beers Jr., Stigerwalt, Humphries, Deroba, Herritt and Mayor Swank. Also present were staff members Mordan, Roberts, Earlston, Horne, Graham 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. Deborah Erdman, GMC respectfully requested a Proclamation be signed that June 2<sup>nd</sup> be proclaimed as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and the color orange be worn. Mike Dennehy addressed Ms. Erdman and advised her Council does not formally vote on Proclamations.

Georgia Cole from 37 Fisher Court thanked Council for the letter she received stating all alleys should be left open and it will be enforced by the Danville Borough Police. She is requesting Council to resolve her issue of Mr. Clark parking in the alley. Mike Dennehy addressed Ms. Cole advising her this is not the place of Council to resolve private disputes; she would need to use the judicial system.

Chief Swank addressed Council regarding Ms. Cole’s concerns. Mr. Clark was given a handicap sign and has to keep his vehicles parked on one side; Georgia wants the entire alley open. When he doesn’t keep to one side, he gets ticketed, when he threw water on her he got arrested. Georgia Cole is concerned he is hiding behind his jeep.

Ms. Cole also questioned if the topic of dog feces was discussed at a meeting while she was out of the town.

**Consent items Including Financial Reports & Payment of Bills**

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

1. Minutes April 11, 2023.....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 Wes Walters and seconded by Jim Gregg and a unanimous vote to adopt Ordinance No. 575 Chapter 24 Fire Department.
2. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Jim Gregg and Byard Woodruff voting Nay to adopt Ordinance No. 576 Chapter 225 LERTA, Section 64 entitled Designated Area.

**Topics / New Business**.....President Woodruff

1. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Kevin Herritt for approval of the Annual Rock the Block Party. Discussion occurred regarding a rental fee for the parking lot since the ballroom will not be able to be utilized. Wes Walters withdrew the motion and the topic will go to Property Committee.
2. Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Mark Deroba and a unanimous vote to terminate Airiam as IT Services Provider with a 30-day cancellation notice.
3. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Jim Gregg and a unanimous vote to accept the letter of resignation from Erik DePhillips, Certified Water Operator. A motion was made by Kevin Herritt and seconded by Howard Beers and a unanimous vote to approve posting the position in-house then publicly advertising the position if nobody transfers to said position.

**Correspondence & FYI items**.....President Woodruff

1. Renewal of Water Treatment Plant NPDES Permit Notification.
2. 2023 EMS Week Proclamation request from Tim Nilson, Executive Director of Seven Mountains EMS Council. Council is abstaining from making the proclamation. The Mayor has the documents to make the proclamation.

**Unfinished / Old Business**.....President Woodruff

**Committees**

Finance.....Mr. Walters

Personnel.....Mr. Walters

1. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Howard Beers and a unanimous vote to promote Barry Koser, Certified Water Operator to Street Superintendent with a 6-month probationary period starting in September when he will be shadowing Bruce Earlston. Annual salary for the probationary period is \$75,000. After the probationary period the annual salary will be the same as the other Superintendents \$83,315. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Howard Beers and a unanimous vote to

approve posting the Certified Water Operator job in-house around June and publicly advertising the position if nobody transfers to said position.

Property.....Mr. Humphries

1. Motion was made by Steve Humphries and seconded by Mark Deroba with a unanimous vote to approve the proposal from Herrold & Son in the amount of \$15,781 for the stone rebuild of the A Street Wall. The rebuild mirrors the other side of the street that was not damaged and withholds the historical value for the community. \$9,800 was received from the insurance for the repairs and the remaining \$5,981 will be funded by capital reserves. The stone rebuild is the cheaper option since the concrete rebuild would involve replacing sidewalks.

Water.....Mr. Gregg

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

Chief Buckenberger reported Friendship Fire Company damaged the ladder truck during a training exercise. The truck is currently at Glick's being repaired and will return after the expo on May 20, 2023.

A social media policy is in progress for the Fire Department using sections from the Police Department and Boroughs existing policies. They are working on an overall Fire Department handbook, currently each house has their own. Tyler Patterson explained the methods of creating the policy and requested a review from Solicitor Mike Dennehy.

Nick Sandri informed Council the Friendship Fire Company has been certified as a QRS Unit, QRS is a quick response service. When an ambulance is dispatched to assist with medical services and one is not immediately available the QRS unit can provide prompt medical care. To be able to be dispatched through 911, a letter from Danville Borough Council and Cooper Township is required. No motion can be made regarding this topic since it was not on the agenda. This will be on the agenda in June.

Steve Humphries questioned if the continuing education and recertification is going well and it is.

Flood.....Mr. Gregg

Ken Roberts reported we are currently in a holding pattern with Wood Environmental. The deadline for resubmission is June 13, 2023 and FEMA has a 30 day review; hopefully by July the levee will be recertified.

Police.....Mayor Swank

Mayor Swank proclaims May 9 through May 20, 2023 as National Police week.

Streets.....Mr. Stigerwalt

- 1. Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Kevin Herritt with a unanimous vote for intent to adopt Ordinance No. 577 amending Chapter 237 Vehicles and traffic, Section 25 entitled Parking Prohibited at all times.

Sewer.....Mr. Gregg

Jane Graham reported the plant was staffed 24/7 during the heavy rain storm.

COG.....Mr. Humphries

The next meeting will be held May 18, 2023 at Valley Township.

DBA.....Mr. Stigerwalt

He was unable to attend the meeting due to work. The outcome of the Spring Fling was great and thank you to the DBA for putting it on and helping the community.

EMA.....Mr. Beers

Mayor's Report.....Mayor Swank

Proclaims May 21-27, 2023 is EMS week. This Proclamations came across her desk and that's what she prefers.

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

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

Ken Roberts stated the new Code Officer is doing well and hit the ground running.

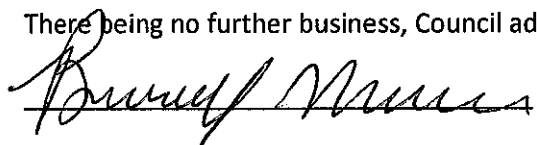
**Other Business** .....President Woodruff

**News Media** .....President Woodruff

Gerri Gibbons of the Press Enterprise asked if the Gun Proclamation is not happening and the Mayor stated she would look it over.

**Adjournment** .....President Woodruff

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:50PM.



Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager