

DANVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the Borough Building, 463 Mill St., Danville at 6:00PM. President Woodruff presided.

Present were Councilpersons Woodruff, Walters, Gregg, Beers Jr., Humphries, Stigerwalt, and Deroba. Also, present were staff members Mordan, Graham, Koser, Mayor Bernie Swank, Police Chief Swank, and Solicitor Mike Dennehy.

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

Public Comments - Open discussion is encouraged during any agenda item.

Chas Bartholomew, Danville Borough Resident, reported his neighborhood is experiencing animal feces in the public property grass between the sidewalk and streets. He reviewed the ordinance and the penalties. Chief Swank confirmed if he catches the person on camera the police can prosecute, fines up to \$500 determined by the judge.

Mark Deroba directed staff to increase public awareness of the animal ordinance on Facebook and website.

Notification: An executive session regarding a legal matter will occur at the end of the meeting.

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 November 14, 2023.....Regular meeting
2. List of checks- Jim Gregg abstains from check paying, "Gregg'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

Meetings.....President Woodruff

1. Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Wes Walters with a unanimous vote to approve the 2024 Budget. New council can open it back up in 2024 but the Borough needs to pass a budget before yearend.
2. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Howard Beers with a unanimous vote to approve Ordinance No. 582 Tax Ordinance for 2024. The ordinance is required due to switching the amounts of milage from light and fire to general.

- Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Jim Gregg with a unanimous vote to approve Ordinance No. 581 amending Chapter 237, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, establishing parking meter zones and rates.

Topics / New Business.....President Woodruff

- Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Wes Walters with a unanimous vote to approve the below meeting schedule for 2024 as the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6PM.

JANUARY	2 nd (organization)	9 TH
FEBRUARY	6th	13 TH
MARCH	5th	12 TH
APRIL	2nd	9 TH
MAY	7th	14 TH
JUNE	4 TH	11 TH
JULY	2nd	9th
AUGUST	6th	13 TH
SEPTEMBER	3rd	10 TH
OCTOBER	1st	8 TH
NOVEMBER	5th	12 TH
DECEMBER	3rd	10 TH

The Borough won't need to have the meeting on January 9th. They will handle all business on January 2nd.

- Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Jim Gregg with a unanimous vote to approve the Lease Renewal Agreement with the Danville Municipal Authority for sludge disposal on the farm land.
There is no change from 2023 to 2024, it did change from 2022 to 2023 due to the lease of land to the school district. DEP requires it to be posted from public. The public is okay on the road but nobody should be in the farm fields.
- Motion was made by Joe Stigerwalt and seconded by Howard beers with a unanimous vote to approve the reappointment of Paul Rapp for the Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2024. His fee schedule was included.
- Motion was made by Howard Beers and seconded by Mark Deroba with a majority vote for approval of the 2024 Annual Events List, including street closures, fire police requests, etc. with the additional request of the Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 at 9am, requesting fire police and road closures. It was noted that the Heritage Festival Parade had TBD as the date due to the possibility of not having the parade at all. Discussion occurred on the Geisinger Welcome Event and closing Mill Street during rush hour. There are no issues with the event for the Street or Police Department.
Opposed – Steve Humphries and Jim Gregg
- Motion was made by Jim Gregg and seconded by Wes Walters with a unanimous vote to appoint Ronda Keefer to fulfill the remaining term of Dean VonBlohns Police Commission appointment 2020-2025. Chief Swank has no Issues with this appointment

6. Motion was made by Mark Deroba and seconded by Steve Humphries with a unanimous vote to waive the penalties (\$126.11) on the Borough portion of the tax bills for 1140 Vine Street and 1161 Ash Street. The County has waived their portion.
7. Motion was made by Howard Beers and seconded by Joe Stigerwalt with a unanimous vote to submit a Green Light Go application for signal improvements at the intersection of the proposed Wawa. Grove Miller Engineering, Inc. submitted a match commitment letter from Danville Development, LLC.
President Woodruff questions what happen if we do not get the grant awarded – The project needs the intersection upgrade so they would need to pay out of pocket to move forward with the project.

Correspondence & FYI items.....President Woodruff

1. The Gatehouse 2023 Holiday Letter was attached.

Unfinished / Old Business.....President Woodruff

Motion was made by Jim Gregg and seconded by Howard Beers with a unanimous vote to approve an authorized official of Council to sign the consent on the operational agreement with Valley. Danville Municipal Authority will take over operations as of January 1 since they are unable to close due to the mandated Act 537 Plan.

Committees

Finance.....Mr. Walters
Accepted the budget for 2024.

- Personnel.....Mr. Walters
1. Motion was made by Wes Walters and seconded by Howard Beers with a unanimous vote to hire Brock Roberts for the Chief Automotive Mechanic position with a starting salary of \$50,502.

Property.....Mr. Humphries
Mark Deroba questioned did the sale go through with the school district on the farm land – yes. Discussion occurred on the deed restrictions and newspaper article. He also questioned if the timbering project has started – no.

Water.....Mr. Gregg

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

Flood.....Mr. Gregg

Police.....Mayor Swank

Streets.....Mr. Stigerwalt

Sewer.....Mr. Gregg

COG.....Mr. Humphries

EMA.....Mr. Beers

Mayor's Report.....Mayor Swank
Chief Swank and herself judged the 38 Christmas windows tonight. Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers and glad to be back.

Codes, Zoning & Health.....Mr. Deroba
Discussion occurred on reports and meeting attendance. Reports and meeting attendance from BIA will be a cost that the Borough will not want to pay. Ellie Erliston-Phillips will provide the typical code reports, they were not ready for tonight because she has been out all week.

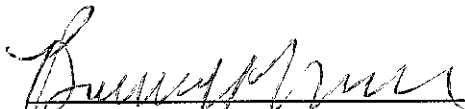
Other BusinessPresident Woodruff

Mike Dennehy reported the Solicitors' office enjoyed working with Wes for a bunch of years. The rest of Council thanked Wes and Kevin for their years of service.

News MediaPresident Woodruff

AdjournmentPresident Woodruff

Council recessed for an executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss a legal matter. There being no further business, Council reconvened and then adjourned at 6:45pm.



Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager