

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

WORK STUDY

September 10, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Jeff Martin, called the Work Study meeting of the Danville Town Council to order at 6:00pm on September 10, 2009 in the Danville Town Hall, 147 W Main Street.
- II. ROLL CALL: President, Jeff Martin, acknowledged a quorum of the Council. The following Council members were in attendance: Jeff Martin, Richard Burrows, Mike Neilson, Steve Hartsock, and Marcia Lynch. The following Administrative officials were present: Gary Eakin, Town Manager and Amy Roberts, Clerk Treasurer. The following staff members were present: Rob Roberts, Steve Carter, and Laura Parker. The following guest speakers were in attendance: Mary Atkins and Jeff Peters of M.D. Wessler & Buzz Krohn and Jerrod Hall of Krohn

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

a) Stormwater Utility Task - Wessler

Mary Atkins of MD Wessler provided a handout regarding the establishment of the Stormwater utility, noting that this was collaboration between members on the Advisory Committee to determine what should be included in a Stormwater utility. Devin Dogan assisted with legal interpretation of draft policies and ordinance development. Included in the handout was a Project Task List – Mary noted that this meeting was the 32nd task on this list.

b) Impervious Surface Area Measurement Summary – Wessler

The impervious surface average for each residential property is 3700 sq ft; therefore, 1 ERU = 3700 sq ft. There are 2,910 residential properties. Residential = 1 ERU.

The impervious surface average for non-residential property is 4,112 sq ft.

c) Stormwater Management Needs and Costs

1. Storm Water Quality Management Program (SWQMP) is an unfunded mandate by the EPA and IDEM. This is the primary reason why the Town began soliciting information regarding a Stormwater utility. The associated costs came from a budget submitted to IDEM from the Town of Danville:

- \$135,000 in 2009
- \$124,500 in 2010
- \$124,500 in 2011
- \$124,500 in 2012
- \$134,500 in 2013

2. Storm Drainage Improvement Projects noted:

- Ditch Cleaning – High Street to White Lick Creek \$337,500
- Ditch Cleaning – Kentucky St. to Tennessee St \$131,300
- Tradition Lane Ditch Cleaning \$ 35,200
- Heritage Drive Storm Sewer \$463,900
- Cross Street Storm Sewer \$1,046,700
- Fairlane Street and Cook Avenue Storm Sewer \$557,700
- Mill Street/Kentucky Storm Sewer Project \$807,200

3. DPW Annual Costs

- Drainage Repair/Maintenance \$94,955.04

- Leaf Pickup \$33,234.26
- Street Sweeping \$18,991.01
- Erosion control \$52,225.27
- Storm clean-up \$23,738.76

d) Public Education Efforts

1. August 12, 2009 – Posted information on Town Website
2. September 4, 2009 – Educational pamphlet mailed out to all residents
3. 9/14 and 9/21 Public educational sessions scheduled
4. Late September, Stormwater utility section added to utility bills
5. October 19, 2009 – Public Hearing to present the selected rate
6. December 7, 2009 – Goal date for final approval of rate

e) Rate Study – O.W. Krohn & Associates

The Stormwater Task Force is proposing a 3-step gradual phase-in of the Stormwater user fees to the Town Council. The Stormwater user fees will not solve all of the Stormwater issues but it is intended as a starting point and framework for the future. The total revenue that would be required to meet the Capital Project requirements would be \$3.4 million – The proposed initial annual budget requirements are between \$240,000 and \$350,000.

Rates Proposed:

- 2010 \$2.00 per ERU & \$2.00 flat rate
- 2011 \$2.50 per ERU & \$2.50 flat rate
- 2012 \$3.00 per ERU & \$3.00 flat rate

Council Action Steps and Funding Initiatives:

- Establish consensus on rates
- Proposed time-table – Rates to become effective in 2010
- Continue to look for new grants/low interest loan programs for projects and also look for direct congressional appropriations.

There as a discussion regarding the content of the upcoming public information meetings.

It was recommended that each time one of the projects is being done or is completed that is on the list of Stormwater Projects, the Town advertises that “This project is being funded by or was funded by the Stormwater Utility” so that residents will see where this new Stormwater utility is being utilized.

IV. ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Amy J. Roberts, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Martin, President