

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Chris Gearld called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on September 4, 2024, at 7:09 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Chris Gearld acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Chris Gearld, Michael Chatham, Greg Irby, David Potter, and Bret Doub were present. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey, and Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Potter made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2024, Council meeting and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Sandy Hodges voiced her concern regarding Town growth and asked if the hotel plans were still in the works.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Wishes to be Heard: Street Closure**—Code Enforcement Officer Blaine Rout presented a request for a street closure on September 14, 2024. The request is on behalf of the Studebaker Club. Blaine requested Jefferson St. from Clinton St. to Main St. for the closure. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the road closure for the Studebaker Club and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Wishes to be Heard: Street Closure**—Code Enforcement Officer Blaine Rout presented a request from the Danville Community School Corporation to conduct street closures for the Homecoming Parade scheduled for October 4, 2024. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the street closures and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council that Friday, September 6, 2024, Fair on the Square set up and next month, Friday, October 4, 2024, Homecoming Parade was affecting the first Friday Cruise-ins. He wanted the businesses on the square to know that it was not an intentional act and that the cruise-in would be at the park.
 - c) **Proclamation: Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month**—Town Manager Mark Morgan said that Madison, Community Engagement Coordinator, had placed a basket of purple and teal ribbons at the door for suicide prevention awareness if anyone wanted to wear them. Mark then read the proclamation to declare September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness month. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the proclamation and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0. As a side note, Mark told the Council that he would be speaking on October 26, 2024, at Ellis Park for suicide prevention.
 - d) **Military Banners**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented a request from the Wa-Pe-Ke-Way chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to install military banners around Downtown Danville for 2025-2026. Michael Chatham approved the military banners for DAR and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **2025 Danville Chamber of Commerce Contract**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the 2025 Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce contract. There were not any changes from 2024 in the contract. After a few questions and discussion, Bret Doub made a motion to approve the 2025 contract for the Danville Chamber and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with David Potter stating nay.
 - f) **2025 Marion Township Fire Contract**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the 2025 Marion Township Fire Protection contract in the amount of \$44,401.42 to be distributed in 3 payments. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve the 2025 Marion Township Fire contract and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- g) **Ordinance 18-2024: Amendment to Salary Ordinance**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton along with Fire Chief Rick Duncan presented an amendment to the salary ordinance to create a new title for a civilian EMT and stipend for paramedics. Chief Duncan told the Council it was more of a pay increase than a stipend. After the Council discussed with Carrie and Rick, Michael Chatham made a motion to table Ordinance 18-2024 to get the wording and money parts corrected. Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Carrie told the Council that she would retro the pay back after the ordinance goes into effect.
- h) **Ordinance 20-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet told the Council that this ordinance was up for introduction only. The petitioner is Norman Blume and his property is at 4297 E. Main Street adjacent to Four Oaks.
- i) **Ordinance 21-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet told the Council that this ordinance was up for introduction only. The petitioner is Bubba Stultz and his property is located at 501 Sycamore Lane which is near the new Water Plant.
- j) **Ordinance 22-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet told the Council that this ordinance was up for introduction only. The petitioner is Larry and Kathy Witte and their property is at 556 Sycamore Lane which is East of the new Water Plant.
- k) **Resolution 18-2024: Surplus Property**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented a resolution to dispose of surplus property in the form of IT/computer equipment. This will be managed by our IT provider. Greg Irby made a motion to pass Resolution 18-2024, Surplus Property, and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- l) **CER: Utility Truck**—Water Superintendent Matt Ellison presented a CER request to spend funds on a new utility truck. Matt told the Council that he had obtained 3 quotes. Greg Irby made a motion to pass the CER request for the new utility truck and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- m) **BZA Appointment**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the name Tiffany Dalton for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Chris Gearld made a motion to approve Tiffany Dalton to serve as a BZA member and Greg Irby seconded. Consensus was 5-0.
- n) **South Interceptor**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton was seeking consensus to negotiate with Bowen Engineering to procure a guaranteed maximum pricing contract for the South Sanitary Sewer Overflow Division Improvement. Consensus was given Barry to bring to next meeting.
- o) **East Interceptor**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton was seeking to exercise a contingency project associated with the East Interceptor based on savings from the current construction plan. This would extend the current project north. Barry told the Council that he was not requesting additional funds. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the scope addition and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Town Manager Mark Morgan introduced Tiffany Dalton to the Council, the newest member of the BZA, since she was in the audience.

Staff and Council Reports

The Town Council received the following staff updates via email, from the following departments: Utility Director, Police Department, Wastewater, Parks Department, Assistant Town Manager, Community Engagement Coordinator, Town Planner, Public Works, Code Enforcement Officer, Water Department, and the Fire Department.

Mark Morgan asked the Council if they would like to have a work study with the Center Township Trustee and he was told yes. The date and time decided is 9/18/24 at 6:00 p.m. Bret Doub said he might be possibly out of town for work, but he would attend virtually. Mark then addressed the Council and asked them if they would be interested in applying for the excess levy appeal. The

answer was yes. Mark told the Council that they would come back with an ordinance on first Council meeting in October. He would have it ready for them to sign and probably ask for a suspension of the rules because of the timeline. Mark then asked the Council if they would be interested in Clerk-Treasurer to work with the financial consultant regarding the GEO bond and after the Council asked questions and discussed it, consensus was given.

Bret Doub typical thank you to all Town employees for their hard work and dedication. He then said to keep the National Guard in their thoughts. He said they leave in a couple of weeks for training locally then leave for a year or so.

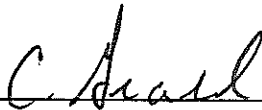
Michael Chatham wanted to bring up the same things that Bret had said about the National Guard. He then said he wanted to give a shameless plug to Will Lacey regarding Michael's son getting engaged at the Blanton House and wanted to say thank you for the access.

Chris Gearld apologized for being off for a month, he was on vacation 1 week and sick on another week, with that being said, he had zero worries about the Town. He thanked all the Department Heads,

Mark, Will, and Carrie for the budget proceedings process and thanked them for doing their job.

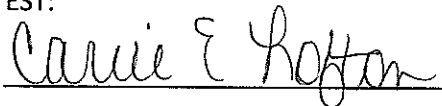
- VI. **Claim Docket**—David Potter motioned to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$2,692,386.81 and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VII. **Payroll Docket**—David Potter made a motion to approve the payroll docket and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjournment**—David Potter motioned to adjourn, and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Danville Town Council

By: 

Chris Gearld, Council President

ATTEST:

By: 

Carrie E. Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer