

Danville Town Council Work Study Session

February 15, 2023

I. **Call to Order:** Council President David Winters called the Work Study session of the Danville Town Council to order on February 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Town Council President David Winters led the Council and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **Roll Call:** Town Council President David Winters acknowledged a quorum of the Council. David Winters, Nancy Leavitt, Michael Chatham, Greg Irby and Chris Gearld were present. Town Manager; Mark Morgan, Assistant Town Manager; Will Lacey and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy were present.

IV. Topics of Discussion:

- a) **Government Consolidation** – David Winters provided information to the council regarding the possibility of a government consolidation between Center Township and the Town of Danville. Greg Irby explained the goal for consolidating is to find a way to receive more revenue and help grow the fire department. The council was previously against establishing a fire territory due to the amount it would increase taxes for our citizens. Center Township is responsible for fire protection, cemetery maintenance and poor relief. Greg Irby feels with a consolidation the Clerk Treasurer's office could take on some of the responsibilities. Mike Chatham expressed his concerns and shared information regarding other areas that have consolidated. The council discussed pro and cons, the process of conducting the study and cost associated with the study. A consolidation would increase the number of town council members. It would go from a five-member board to possibly a nine-member board.

Dee Oliphant asked if both Center Township and the town will have to agree to the reorganization. Attorney Chou-il Lee answered, that both parties would have to agree.

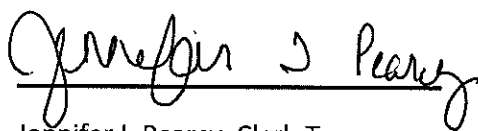
Mark Morgan explained the options are to do nothing, establish a fire territory or turn the fire department over to Center Township.

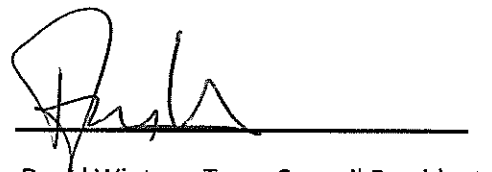
David Winters asked if we would have sufficient funds to have Bondry Consulting to do the study. There are sufficient funds in the General, Host and/or EDIT fund. It would just take an additional appropriation to increase the budget for the expenditure.

The next step is to try and meet with the Center Township board and see if they have interest in moving forward with a study.

V. **Adjournment:** Greg Irby motioned to adjourn the meeting and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer


David Winters, Town Council President