

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** Town Council President David Winters called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on October 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President David Winters acknowledged a quorum of the Council. David Winters, Nancy Leavitt, Chris Gearld, and Greg Irby were present. Michael Chatham was absent. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy, and Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Nancy Leavitt made a motion to approve the September 20, 2023 Council Work Study minutes and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Nancy Leavitt made a motion to approve the September 20, 2023 Council meeting minutes and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Nancy Leavitt made a motion to approve the September 26, 2023 Special Called Session minutes and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The Town attorney Chou-il and Town Manager told the Council that there would be an addition to the agenda. Greg Irby motioned to approve the addition to the agenda for the amendment of the salary ordinance and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council there were no requests to speak.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Oath of Office: Police Department**—Police Chief came up and introduced the new Police Officers and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy swore them in. After pictures were taken, Council President David Winters announced that caucus had been taken on Saturday and that Carrie Lofton would be the new Clerk-Treasurer starting the following Monday. He also said that she had been sworn in earlier today.
 - b) **Selection of Financial Advisor for Bonds**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy told the Council that this was a selection to vote a financial advisor for the geo-bonds. Nancy Leavitt made a motion to hire Bondry Consulting as a financial advisor for the geo-bonds and Greg Irby seconded. Council President David Winters had Jenny do a roll call where the motion passed 3-1 with Chris Gearld responding with a nay.
 - c) **Budget Discussion**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy came before the Council to approve the budget. Jenny told the Council that they would not be adopting it tonight. Various members of the Council had some questions for Susan Cowen with Baker-Tilly in which she provided them with answers.
 - d) **Levy Appeal**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy told the Council this was to be used for the PERF 77 for Public Safety. Greg Irby made a motion to accept the Levy and Chris Gearld seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy took roll call where the motion passed 3-1 with David Winters stating no.
 - e) **Resolution 9-2023: PERF Contribution (Fire Department)**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented a resolution that allows the Town to contribute the employee portion of PERF 77 for the Fire Department. Greg Irby motioned to approve the resolution and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - f) **Resolution 10-2023: PERF Contribution (Police Department)**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented a resolution that allows the Town to contribute the employee portion of PERF 77 for the Police Department. Greg Irby motioned to pass the resolution and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- g) **Resolution 11-2023: Transfer Funds (HOST)**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy presented a resolution to transfer funds in the Community Host fund to balance accounts. Greg Irby motioned to approve Resolution 11-2023 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- h) **Resolution 12-2023: Transfer Funds (CCD)**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy presented a resolution to transfer funds in the CCD fund to balance the account. Greg Irby motioned to approve Resolution 12-2023 and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- i) **Ordinance 17-2023: Budget Reduction**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy and Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher presented an ordinance to do a budget reduction in the MVH fund. Nancy Leavitt made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-2023 budget reduction and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- j) **Marion Township Fire Contract**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the 2024 Marion Township Fire Contract. Chris Gearld made a motion to approve the 2024 Marion Township Fire Contract and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- k) **Amendment to Credit Card Policy**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented an amendment to allow the Human Resources Director to have a Town credit card for events. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the amendment to the credit card policy and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- l) **Request to Expend Funds: Paving**—Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher presented a request to expend funds to pay the CCG for paving projects. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the expenditure request and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- m) **Request to Expend Funds: Paving**—Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher presented a request to expend to pave Northview Drive and Old Farm Streets. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the expenditure request and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- n) **Salary Ordinance 20-2023 Amendment**—Town Manager Mark Morgan asked the Council to suspend the rules after he explained the request for the amendment. Chris Gearld made a motion to suspend the rules and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-2023 and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Staff Updates:

Council President David Winters took a moment to recognize Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy on her years of service. Each of the other members of the Council congratulated her and wished her well.

Town Manager Mark Morgan told her that the Town wouldn't have been as successful and she will be missed. The Department Heads that were in attendance took turns to thank her and congratulate her.

Parks: Winterland prep; Removing construction drive at Eakin Park; Electric at football tower; Starting pollinator gardens at Eakin park; Working on shelter covering for concrete pad next to Playscape or Jack Willard park.

Assistant Town Manager: Budget; Meeting on handbook with H.R.

Wastewater: Lift station checks; Run belt press; Manhole inspections; Vac out County Home lift station; Install new County Home lift station pump; Lateral inspections; Clean belt U.V. room; Replace motor on ditch #2, rotor #1; DMRQA testing done for the year.

Fire: 181 calls for service; 45 building inspections; Hired 2 full-time and 2 part-time firefighter EMT's; 2 firefighters resigned; 9 firefighters certified Driver Operator, 2 certified rope rescue, and 2 certified in trench rescue; Special thanks to the Pence family for the training opportunity on their building.

Water: Filed September's MRO to IDEM; Meeting with the County to discuss removal of the water meter at the old jail; Crew will be out reading water meters; Water Plant progress meeting.

Public Works: Repairing the North ditch line and making pavement repairs on Sycamore Ln.; Replaced sidewalks at 105 N. Washington St.; Replaced the driveway approach at Station 192; Sweeper demos. On the management side-Aaron has begun CDL Train the Trainer course; Interviews; Leaf clean-up schedule; Updated snow routes; Updating 5-year proposed road maintenance schedules.

Community Engagement Coordinator: Facebook; Website; National Night Out event; Leadership Hendricks County workshop; Scares on the Square event meeting; Looking at promotional items for Christmas.

Police: National Night Out was well attended and everyone had a good time; Officer Meadlo helped with a few classes at Snoopy School (safety program); Det. Lien followed up on case which led to Assistant Chief Allison activating our warrant team and working with other agencies, recovered 3 lbs. of meth, 2 stolen trailers, 1 stolen UTV, some cash and a gun. Also, arrested a few people at the houses.

Town Planner: Report to IMPO regarding the East interceptor for the READI grant; OCRA grant writing training completed; Sending out packets for the Plan and Redevelopment Commissions; Trees removed from a property adjacent to 195 E. Main St. to prepare for demolition, asbestos testing had been completed, and the Fire Dept. will be training in the building; Had an inquiry to annex a private school.

Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey congratulated Jim Hilton on Night Out Against Crime. Thanked the Council for the budget process. Again congratulated Jenny Pearcy on years of service. He congratulated Carrie Lofton who will be the next Clerk-Treasurer.

Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy thanked her staff for being loyal, thanked Mark Morgan for all the calls. She thanked Will and Barry and the team for all their hard work. She thanked O.W. Krohn, Baker Tilley, the vendors, her family, Jim and Flory Phillips, and Darlene Rose. She then thanked everyone.


Chris Gearld said Night Out Against Crime was awesome. Thanked the Department Heads for their work on the budget. And he also thanked the Fire Department and Fire Chief Richard Duncan.

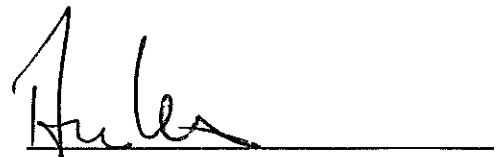
David Winters said Night Out Against Crime was fun last night, he got there too early he said. He also said he missed his daughter's softball game this evening and that she scored the winning run.

VI. **Claim Docket**—Greg Irby made a motion to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$649,409.76 and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VII. **Adjourn**—Greg Irby motioned to adjourn and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Carrie E Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer


David Winters, Town Council President