

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

DANVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 6, 2025

VILLAGE OF DANVILLE COUNCIL met on Monday, January 6, 2025 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Mazzari called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows; Jill Byers present, Deb Ridgeway present, Patrick Crow, not present, Darin Durbin present, Scott Mickley present and Jeff Furay, present.

PRESENT:

Also present; Freedom Desich; Administrator, Solicitor; Noel Alden, Safety Director/Interim Police Chief; Monte Vance, Todd Bender; Zoning Enforcement Officer and Laurene Vess; Clerk-Treasurer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Mazzari led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

A motion made by Ridgeway and seconded by Mickley to approve the minutes to the December 16, 2024 meeting as presented. Voice vote, all yes.

GUESTS:

Steve Bratton from American Legion Post in Danville.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Bratton was present to remind the Village to plow the snow up at the American Legion/Head Start. Village agreed to contact County Auditor to get the American Legion building tax exempt. Bratton stated, this is the only American Legion operating in Knox County.

Bratton reported the American Legion is working on getting new rims and tires on the cannon at the Memorial. They also plan to put the cannon on a pedestal.

Mayor Mazzari explained to Bratton, Main, Market & Beyond is working on a grant to pay for the trees behind the Memorial to be taken down and to be replaced with Sugar Maple Trees.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Employee Handbook still needs to be completed. Compensation and Hours worked still needs to be settled, along with Vacation, Personal Leave and Paid Time Off.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations were opened for President Pro-Tem for 2025. Durbin and Furay were nominated. A motion from Byers and seconded by Durbin was made to appoint Furay as President Pro-Tem. For 2025. Voice vote; all yes.

Mayor Mazzari requested that all Chairs for 2025 stay the same if everyone agreed. No one objected, so Chairs for 2025 will remain the same.

When asked for representation on the Fire District Board, Durbin agreed and Ridgeway agreed to be alternate for 2025. Fire Board meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. They are held at Station I in Danville.

Representation and alternate on Regional Planning for 2025 was discussed. Ridgeway agreed to continue representing Danville for 2025, with Furay and Mickley agreeing to be alternate. Regional Planning meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. They are held in the basement of the Memorial Theater on High Street in Mt. Vernon.

Council agreed to keep same schedule for Village Council Meetings for 2025. They will be held the first and third Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. On Holiday Mondays the meeting will be on the next day, Tuesday.

Council agreed to keeping the Planning meetings the same for 2025. They will be held the second Monday of each month in 2025, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Danville Council Chambers.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION 2025-1 To Renew and Appoint Rep/Alt to Regional Planning for 2025, was given a first reading. Ridgeway as representative, with Furay and Mickley as alternate for 2025.

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FINANCE:

A motion to pay the bills, as presented, was made by Furay and seconded by Ridgeway. Voice vote; all yes.

WATER/WASTEWATER:

Furay reported a waterline break on N. Market Street that was repaired. Furay also reminded council the water rate will be increased \$5.00 beginning the January 2025 billing per Ordinance 2022-11.

Desich reported the Sand Filter at the WTP is on-line. The lab tests came back fine. Will need basic internet service at the WTP. Will ask Monte to ask about getting the service at the WTP when he cancels the internet at the Park. Desich continued to report the Final Walk-Thru is scheduled for Friday, 1/17/2025. The chemical feed still needs changed.

6:30 Kenneth Banbury entered the meeting.

Banbury voiced his concerns over the Amish taking over the village. They are slowing the traffic through town. They should have diapers on their horses. Mayor Mazzari assured him they would talk to the Police to keep an eye on his concerns.

MAYOR:

SAFETY:

FIRE

Durbin reported the Fire Board meeting is this Thursday, 1/9/2025.

POLICE:

Durbin reported Cory- Cottrell's last day will be, Sunday, 1/12/2025. He has turned in his resignation and is going to the Sheriff's Department. Dave McElroy will start full-time on 1/14/2025.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR

Vance reported, he has mandated Lt. Thomas to contact 3 business contacts per week. Traffic Law Enforcement, each shift will pick a place to monitor traffic. Vance will monitor these on their time sheets weekly. Council asked Vance if the Officers could monitor the horse and buggy traffic.

PLANNING:

Ridgeway reported the next Planning meeting will be on Monday, January 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

ZONING:

Bender had nothing to report.

STREETS:

Mickley reported the streets are good. The maintenance guys are doing a great job of keeping them cleared.

Mayor Mazzari will be presenting the Proclamation to Coach Blum on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at the High School Gym at 7:30 p.m. Mazzari asked for as many of council members to attend as possible.

PARK:

Byers had nothing to report.

Mayor Mazzari was approached by Randy Kronk, asking for us to take down the old sign at the Kokosing Trail.

SOLID WASTE:

Crow had nothing to report.

TECHNOLOGY:

Nothing to report in Crow's absence.

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ADMINISTRATOR:

Desich reported he would be ordering more salt. Desich also suggested that we consider contracting for mowing in the spring, summer and fall.

TREE COMMITTEE:

Furay reported the Tree City application has been submitted to ODNR.

CLERK:

Vess reported our Insurance Agent, Frank Harmon, has suggested we change from Medical Mutual for our medical insurance coverage to Anthem. We can get basically the same coverage, with a higher deductible and will save almost \$18,800. We need to talk with employees to see what they think of this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

7:50 A motion to adjourn was made by Ridgeway and seconded by Mickley. Voice vote; all yes.
Adjourned until, next meeting on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

Joseph J. Mazzari, Mayor

Laurene L. Vess, Clerk-Treasurer

ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF DANVILLE CONCERNING AND RELATED TO THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AND/OR MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.