

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REMOTE MEETING via ZOOM
October 27, 2021

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held remotely via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Present at Town Hall: Mayor Janet Whitt and Town Administrator Mike Barsness. In attendance remotely were Council Members Steve Shelton and Wendi Spraker. Also present remotely: Town Attorney Eugene Russell and Neill Caldwell representing Stokes News. Council members Dave Hoskins and Gary East were absent.

Mayor Whitt called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the agenda as proposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton recently spoke with a Mountains-to-Sea Trail hiker who was passing through town. These contacts will likely increase once the Hanging Rock connector trail is constructed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of September 21, 2021 to October 21, 2021.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Christmas in Danbury program will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021, beginning at 4:00 PM and will include the usual candle lighting and tree lighting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:
Due to upcoming holidays, the November meeting will be moved to December 1st, and the regular December meeting will be moved to December 29th.
2. N. MILL HILL STREET:
Still waiting for contractor quotes on cost to repair the street. Ditching and asphalt patching is needed.

3. REVENUE REPORT (4 MO.):

After 4 months of the fiscal year, total revenue intake is up 4.7%, property tax is unchanged, general sales tax +16.8%, utility sales tax +5.8%, and motor vehicle tax +8.6%.

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. It may be advantageous to use ARP funding to offset revenue losses rather than develop specific covid-related programs. Lost revenue can be used for any legitimate government purpose. The government will assume that any loss is covid-related and no need to prove it. Calculations suggest the Town will have more loss than the ARP award will cover. Mike suggested to identify a project or purpose that the entire community can enjoy. Lost revenue must be used for some project purpose and not simply deposited in the general fund for ongoing needs.
- b. Melinda Ring has been officially reappointed by county commissioners to the planning board for another three-year term.
- c. Jamie Hicks has mowed two times for the Town and has done a good job. No issues of concern.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Janet Whitt, it was RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 6:58 PM.

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk