

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
September 27, 2023

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Janet Whitt, Council members Wendi Spraker and Dave Hoskins. Council members Steve Shelton and Gary East were absent. Town Administrator Mike Barsness and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. A quorum was recorded.

Visitors present: Terri Flagg, representing Stokes News.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Mayor Whitt read a Conflict of Interest Statement regarding items on the meeting agenda. No Council member disclosed a conflict or appearance of conflict with any item on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: The parade on September 9th went well. Has been busy promoting the Friends of the Stokes Shelter (FOSS) Gala fund raiser scheduled for Saturday, 9/30/23. Next Stokes League meeting is hosted by Stokes County on Thursday, 10/26/23, at Luna Trails Farm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting.
2. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of August 24, 2023 to September 27, 2023.
3. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the August SCIF Project payment to NCDOT in the amount of \$52,735.48.

4. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve additional drainage work following the paving of Sheeprock Road at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00.
5. Additional streets in need of paving were discussed as being appropriate use for remaining SCIF Grant funds. NCDOT has provided estimates that are attached to the minutes.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the paving of Camping Island Creek Road, Crestview Road, and a section of Old Church Road. Also approved were King Circle and South Mill Hill Street, all utilizing SCIF funds.

6. The latest information regarding improving the intersection at Sheppard Mill Road and 8/89 were discussed. Council was informed that NCDOT will not allow southbound egress from Dan River Road. Reversing traffic flow on the one-way section of Old Church Road and Dan River Road was considered. Store owner will be contacted for comment. Council agreed to explore this concept. NCDOT will be informed and the issue will be placed on the October agenda for further discussion.
7. Financial Report – Revenue intake is normal for the first quarter of a year. Trends will be more meaningful moving forward.
9. Administrator's Report
 - a. A second meeting was held with Stokes County Planning Director and included the County Manager to discuss 1) planning & zoning assistance with complex Town issues, 2) comprehensive plan updating, 3) project partnering. Positive tone. More discussion to follow, focusing on Economic Development.
 - b. Met with the Arts Council Director Eddy McGee to discuss preliminary plans for an amphitheater next to the Arts Place. Property subdivision, zoning compliance, parking, buffers, and structure design were discussed in very preliminary detail.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:14 PM.

Attest:

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk

*(Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 6:30 PM, at the library.**)*