

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
APRIL 22, 2026

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary East and Council members Steve Shelton, Shannon Conner, and Jacob Tilley. Town Administrator Mike Barsness, Town Clerk Renea Brown and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. A quorum was recorded.

Absent: Andrew Mathys

Visitors present: None

Gary East called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Gary East asked if any council member had a Conflict of Interest regarding items on the meeting agenda. No conflicts were expressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton gave an update on the Trail Town progress. He and Mike Barsness met with Tory Mabe and the TDA has agreed to absorb the expense for Danbury to be a part of the 2nd level of Trail Town designation. Some constituents have approached him about the county giving more notice when the water will be shut off. Also reported that the water project contractor indicated they would not be repairing scarring done to town streets by their equipment. Jacob Tilley gave an update on when he will be leaving to go to basic training and officer training.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gary East thanked everyone for the help in notifying everyone about the cancellation of the Stokes County League of Governments dinner. The dinner will be rescheduled for May 7, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Jacob Tilley, seconded by Shannon Conner, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2026, meeting.
2. On motion of Shannon Conner, seconded by Jacob Tilley, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of March 26, 2026 to April 22, 2026.

3. On motion of Jacob Tilley, seconded by Shannon Conner, it was unanimously RESOLVED to set May 27, 2026, as the date for a public hearing on the proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget.
4. Mike Barsness informed council that projects such as park improvements, trailhead, and additional egress point from town hall require more planning and cost estimates before adding to the proposed 2026-27 budget. Such additions, if any, can be done by budget amendment at the appropriate time. An estimate for replacing the entrance to town hall has been acquired but a second is advisable.
5. Mike Barsness presented the Financial Report for the last 10 months. He stated that sales tax revenue was down a little but too soon to project a trend. The other revenue sources are unchanged from the projected path.
6. Administrator's Report
 - a. Mike informed council that the street name for Camping Island Creek St. had been corrected with Stokes County Mapping, as well as Moratock Park now listed as being located within the town corporate limits.
 - b. Mike advised council that there has been an interest in some property on Seven Island Rd. A developer would like to place some short term rentals similar to Post Card Cabins on the property. He thinks one option might require only a text amendment to the zoning ordinance section on campgrounds rather than requiring a conditional district, additional zoning district, or some other solution. No extensive study will occur until sewer and water availability issues are resolved by the developer.
 - c. Roadside mowing will take place toward the end of May.
 - d. The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is being updated.
 - e. Courthouse Circle will be closed in the morning for street repairs.

On motion of Shannon Conner, seconded by Jacob Tilley, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Gary East
Mayor

Attest:

Renea Brown
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 6:30 PM, Danbury Library)