

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
April 6, 2020**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting, all Council Members were present. Council had to meet with a 6-foot distance in an open space because remote access was not available. Mr. Riddell was on a phone conference due to his work. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – None

Wastewater Report – No discharges violations for the month of March, 2020. Disinfection season for E. coli started April 1, 2020.

Electric Report – The Utility/MVH Maintenance Linesmen Brian Mullen and Jason Gates have been working on underground service for West side of Academy Place. A new Digger Derrick was purchased for \$15,000.00 with a trade in of \$5,000.00 on the old Digger Truck.

MVH – Mr. Mullen reported that pot holes have been repaired still waiting on more estimates of street projects. Mr. Mullen is waiting on estimates for Storm Drain in front of the Library. Mr. Mullen informed the council that Mr. Steve Helgers is working on cleaning out the ditch on Pike Street on his own property. Mrs. Carpenter will be drafting a letter to the town residents on West and East Main Street to let them know that if they have the option to park off street they will be required to do so. Farmer are having a hard time getting equipment down Main Street.

Town Marshal – Marshall Long reported he and Deputy Rivers have been keeping informed and working with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department on the constant updates of the pandemic. While the Darlington Police Department hasn't adopted all the policy the county and city have put in, they are doing task by a day to day basis. The county officers have been asked to remain driving their own vehicles and not switch over to the Darlington Police vehicle this was approved by President Carpenter and Vice President Parker. Marshall Long reported the calls picked up from the last several months with various search warrants, theft at the Dollar General, and well being checks. Marshall Long reported that once the speed board has fully charged it will last the entire night.

Park - Tim Shoptaw – Mrs. Carpenter presented an estimate for hooking up the sewer to the new building at the park. Motion was made by Mr. Hatley to hook up the sewer for \$1,110.00, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0) Mrs. Carpenter reported that there will be no spring ball at the park this year. Several maintenance projects are being worked on currently at the park.

Clerk Treasurer informed the council that the town had paid Mrs. Morgan for the required 4 weeks, and now she would be laid off until further notice. Once the band has lifted and the front lobby can be open Mrs. Morgan will resume her current position.

The Utility Board meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge followed Mr. Hatley with the prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Parker made a motion to approve the March 2, 2020 council meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (5-0)

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation and transfers for negative balances docket, by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0)

New Business

A motion to approve Resolution 2020 –2, declaring a Public Health Emergency and Exercising Emergency Powers was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0). A motion to approve Resolution 2020 –3, adopting a Policy for Remote Participation in Town Council Meetings was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0). A rate increase study for the Darlington Electric Utility Department is being requested to be done by IMPA and Mr. Mullen and Mr. Gates. The study should be done every 10 years. The council requested for the Clerk Treasurer to ask for more information and put the study under old business for the May meeting.

Old Business

Recycle Center Curb – Mrs. Carpenter will be reaching out to both Township Trustees to see if they would be interested in paying on the bill.

Code Enforcement Procedures will be under the Darlington Police Department. The complain reports will be filled out and have Mrs. Carpenter's number for the Police Department to follow up with, and the completion will be discussed at the board members monthly meeting.

Council Members Report

Nick Riddell – None

Noelle Suiter – None

Nicole Parker – Ms. Parker updated the council on the RMS (Record Management System) installed for the Police Department. The final cost will be \$3,305.00 onetime, with a two-year annual cost of \$1,571.25. This quote is from Caliber Public Safety and will come with five licenses. A motion to approve this quote was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0) Ms. Parker went on to explain the benefits of the system to the council. Ms. Parker asked the Clerk Treasurer to email our IT department to find

Public Comment – None

Next schedule meeting will be on May 4, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. –Utility Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. – Regular Scheduled Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (5-0).



Kim Carpenter, Council Member



Nicole Parker, Council Member



Nick Riddell Council Member



Ron Hatley, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer