

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
August 4, 2022**

Call to Order

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with four council members present. Mr. Riddell joined at 5:45 p.m. Joining the council were Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, Wastewater Troy McKinney, and Mike McKinney.

Pledge was given by President Parker, with Mrs. Suiter following up with the prayer.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the July 7, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0).

Money Matters

The motion to approve the payroll and appropriation report was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

At this time President Parker asked to hear from Troy McKinney and Mike McKinney the Wastewater Plant managers. Troy and Mike put in their resignation effective August 31, 2022, due to a promotion in their current full-time job. After much discussion on the current status of the plant, Troy and Mike gave some suggestions as to whom the council could look into replacing by September 1, 2023. Ms. Parker will reach out to a few people and companies to see who is interested and set up a meeting with the council.

New Business

The first reading of Ordinance 2022-6 electronic Funds Transfer and Online Banking.

Ms. Parker talked about the 2023 salaries for the Clerk-Treasurer, the utility billing clerk, Town Marshall Crull, and the Darlington police deputies. A motion to increase the Clerk-Treasurer salary \$6,000.00 and the Utility Billing Clerk's \$3,000.00 starting January 1, 2023, with the understanding that if either position is vacated the salary goes back to the matrix on year one, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin, Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to increase each position in the police department by \$2.00 an hour, starting January 1, 2023, was made by Ms. Parker, second by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

Old Business:

Clerk Cash and President Parker gave an update on the festival. Lots of positive feedback about the location, activities, food, and entertainment as well as other events that took place. Clerk Cash gave a big thank you to the Darlington Fire Department for being a part of the festival committee and providing service to help clean up the shelters among many other services they helped with. Clerk Cash and Ms. Parker thanked everyone who sits on the committee for all their dedication and hard work in helping the festival come together. The festival committee will begin meeting to work on next year's festival, Clerk Cash read off the receipts and expenses, and the remaining balance which will stay in the fund for future 2023 festivals and any fundraisers.

Mrs. Suiter reached out to the League Supervisors of the Darlington baseball and softball program and asked that they be at the August meeting. The softball league supervisor explained that she would be busy and would try to make the September meeting. Mrs. Suiter

heard nothing from the baseball league supervisor. After reviewing the signed contracts for the 2022 season, the council made a request for Mrs. Suiter to email the contract and remind them of their obligation to the town council.

Progress is being made on the electric rate study. Clerk Cash will inform the council when the paperwork has been sent.

A motion to hire Ken Smith to create the pavement access plan for \$1,000.00 to submit to LTAP for the Community Crossing Grant, which is the next phase was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0). This process takes someone who is certified in the field. Mr. Smith will be submitting another quote to do the bidding, paperwork, and close out after the grant is approved.

Staff & Elected Official Report
Attorney Report –no report.

Wastewater Report – Mike McKinney reported there was one plant discharge for the month of July 2022.

Electric Report – Brian Mullen and Jason Gates – No Report

MVH Report- No Updates.

Darlington Police Department - Marshall Kevin Crull sent the August police schedule and activity logs by email.

Park – Big compliments to Park Maintenance Bob and Wyatt Cash for keeping the park looking good. Ms. Parker received several compliments on the upkeep of the park during the festival.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mr. Smith will be following up on some properties that are still incompliant with the town ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of July 2022. Clerk Cash asked for a motion to approve the 4th quarter tracking factor. A motion was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee - Nothing

Teresa Sutherlin – Mrs. Sutherlin turned in some addresses for the Code Enforcement Officer.

Noelle Suiter – Mrs. Suiter was asked if the council was to put a plaque on the rock by the tree that was dedicated to Dick Ames last year. The council was told last year that Mrs. Rhoda Ames will be putting the plaque on the rock.


Nick Riddell – Nothing

Nicole Parker – Ms. Parker wanted to congratulate Brian Mullen for winning the Larry Hobart 7 Hats award from IMPA.

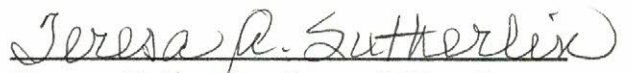
Public Comment – None

Town Board and Utility Board Monthly meeting will be on September 1, 2022 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center. The adoption of the 2023 budget will be on September 22, 2022 -at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.


Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Riddell and seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0).




Nicole Parker, President



Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member




Nick Riddell, Vice President



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer