

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD

MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2020

Call to Order

Vice President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with three (3) council members present, not present Nick Riddell and President Kim Carpenter, along with the council Attorney Ethan Myers, Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric and MVH Brian Mullen, Marshall Dave Long, Deputy Bob Rivers, Wastewater Mike McKinney, Code Enforcement Officers Mike Smith and Park Maintenance Tim Shoptaw.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – Nothing

Wastewater Report – No discharges violations for the month of July, 2020.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Brian Mullen that the Banjo project was 90% completed.

MVH – Mr. Mullen reported that the contract for Deckard Engineering to do the Asset Management Plan for the road system to apply for the Community Crossing Grant was signed and completed.

Darlington Police Department Report - Town Marshal Dave Long handed out the August schedule. Marshal Long reported on some new residents keeping the Police Department busy. Marshall Long also reminded the council of the need to look into either a new vehicle or be prepared for some potential costly repairs for the current police vehicle. Marshall Long wanted more information on the need for the time clock his concern was for the town's liability with the officers if they punched out and then received a call and had to go back on. Attorney Ethan Myers assured them that they would be covered and would just need to report the extra time to the Clerk Treasurer to get paid. After a lengthy discussion the time clock will be on hold until some clarification can be made by the rest of the board members.

Park - Tim Shoptaw –Mr. Shoptaw made a request for a bid for the water and sewer line needed for the park. Mr. Shoptaw hadn't received the estimate back at this time. Vice President Parker asked Mr. Shoptaw what was able to be completed with some of the work needing done at the park. Mr. Shoptaw felt that some of the things listed would just result in more vandalism to the park. Vice President Parker assured Mr. Shoptaw that if that happened that would be an issue the council would deal with at that time. Mrs. Cohee went on to explain that the park had some unused funds that the council would like to use from this year's budget to complete some of the work by the time the weather changes.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mike Smith updated the council on current violations that had been served.

Clerk Treasurer presented the Utility Board with the July Monthly Report. Clerk Cash reported a total loss of \$31,964.52 in uncollected utility funds for the month of July. The new date for the front lobby to open will be September 9, 2020, pending any changes at the September

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the July 6, 2020 council meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (3-0)

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation, by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0)

New Business

Darlington Fire Department Chief Mike Smith asked the council if they would have a meeting with Aqua to see if an ordinance change would help in lowering the fire departments monthly water charge for hydrants. The council agreed to have a representative from Aqua come and also have the attorney to look into what the council would need to do, and to make sure the change didn't involve putting the charge on to the residents in the town.

Old Business

The front lobby will remain closed until the September 8, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Riddell will need to do more research on cameras for the park.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cohee, to accept the Unsafe Building Order issued by Mike Smith, and advertised in the local newspapers, served by certified mail, and will be taken to a court and have the judge certify the order which was issued to James Russell, for his property located at 113 North Franklin Street, Darlington, Indiana 47940. Motion was seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (3-0)

A motion to approve \$500.00 for the application for sidewalk money for Jennifer Flaughter at 306 West Adams Street, was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (3-0).

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Reported of a leak in the Community Center roof. Mrs. Cohee will be reaching out to bring some bids back to the September meeting.

Noelle Suiter – None

Nick Riddell – Not Present

Nicole Parker – None

Kim Carpenter – Not Present

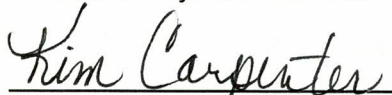
Public Comment – None

Next schedule meeting will be on August 19, 2020 – 5:30 – Public Hearing on the 2021 budget.

Town Board Meeting will be on September 8, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. –Utility Board Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Regular Scheduled Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Parker seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (3-0).



Kim Carpenter, President



Nicole Parker, Vice President