

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD**  
**MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)**  
**APRIL 15, 2015**

Council President Eddie L. Ward opened the meeting with all council members present.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12 council and utility board meeting; Mr. Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the claims docket and payroll docket; Mr. Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due report. The council suggested adding to the May billing statement Spaghetti Dinner May 17<sup>th</sup> and Invoice Cloud is lowering the convenience fee to \$3.95 and increasing the limit to \$350.00.

Wastewater Operator Mike McKinney reported the new pump for Lift Station #1 has been installed and Troy McKinney is preparing the old pump to be sent in to be repaired to keep as a backup if a pump should go down. Mr. McKinney then updated the council on James and Laura Hayes of 303 S. Madison St. that are having a wastewater problem. The McKinney's dye tested their house and did not see the dye come out anywhere. Troy thinks they are hooked up to the old system. They will continue investigating. At this time Mr. Ames began the discussion again about having Greg Hole move the fence further away from the road at the Lift Station by the Toll House that has been hit by a vehicle. Mr. McKinney said he and Troy will discuss this.

Darlington Deputy Town Marshal Bob Rivers reported there have been a few minor thefts.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler is on vacation.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen gave Mr. Gayler's report. On State Road 32 at Rick Reed's building they tore out existing 480V bank. Removed all hardware and wire. Installed new 1/0 Quadplex for 240 V 3/0 phase structure that was built 3 years ago. Added two new poles. Installed new 3/0 phase metering for Erwin Trucking and Rick Reed building. Mr. Gayler has submitted a 20 ton salt bid to OneIndiana. New poles were installed behind Fountain Trust Bank on Main St. for 3/0 phase voltage for air conditioning in the gymnasium at the Darlington Community Center. There was a house fire on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2550 E. State Road 32 that Mr. Mullen was called to at 1:30am to turn off the electricity. There was a line fuse blown on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the apartments on East State Road 32. Mr. Gayler, Mr. Mullen and Phil Mahoy installed 39 new street sign posts and have begun installing the new street signs. They have also removed the cabinets on the south wall in the new meeting room in the Darlington Community Center. There was then a discussion of what to do with the old street signs because some people have been asking to buy them. It was decided to give the Darlington Library a set

of the oldest ones and then to see if Darlington Forever, Inc. will auction the remainder off at the Fish Fry and Festival. The money will go to the Darlington Community Center fund. At this time Mr. Mullen reported he tried to find out a date that Milestone will be here to pave but couldn't get a hold of anyone. Mr. Mullen had some stone hauled in to fill holes on North Madison St. near the bridge. At this time Mr. Ward asked about the water that is still standing at the townhouses on South St. where Conner Excavating recently created a different storm drain. Mr. Mullen has tried calling but Conner has been on vacation. He will keep calling to see what can be done.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames reported that Josh Bell from Indiana Alarm concerning a video security system at the Old School Park will come to take a look around again this week. Mr. Ames then asked the council for approval to buy a new lawn mower for the Old School Park to replace the one that is now 19 years old. After a discussion Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the quote from Booth Machinery for a Kubota mower in the amount of \$16,987.00 plus tax; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor. At this time Mr. Ward explained that he and Mr. Ames along with Darlington's attorney, David Peebles, met with Mike Maxwell, part owner of the woods that is for sale next to the Toll House where the town would like to move the Covered Bridge to, and Mr. Maxwell's attorney. Apparently Mr. Maxwell will take no less than \$10,000.00 per acre. Mr. Ames had a brief appraisal done of the property which came back as \$3,050.00 per acre due to the land being in a floodplain. Mr. Maxwell ended up coming down to \$25,000.00 for the three acres the park board is wanting. There was then a lengthy discussion of leaving the bridge where it is or finding another property to move it to. No decision was made.

Darlington Volunteer Fire Department was absent.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson presented the fund report to the council. Ms. Anderson met with Larry Woods of the American Red Cross to complete the steps that needed to be taken to have the Darlington Community Center recorded as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Mr. Ward signed the Red Cross agreement. Ms. Anderson then presented the ordinance establishing South Madison St. and East Main St. as a truck route. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to pass the ordinance; Mr. Sparrow seconded all was in favor. At this time Ms. Anderson presented the council with a resolution to recognize National Lineman Appreciation Day. Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the National Lineman Day resolution for April 18, 2015; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor. It is now time to update the ordinance book. Ms. Anderson received a quote for \$1,127.50 to update the books and another \$203.00 to update the internet. Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the estimate for the ordinance updates; Mr. Sparrow seconded all was in favor.

At this time the council recognized Amanda Wilson. Mrs. Wilson reported there are raccoon's living in a dilapidated shed on the vacant lot at 204 S. Madison St. that is behind her house. There is also a large tree that is starting to split and is beginning to lay on Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's home and propane tank. It was decided that Mr. Sparrow will contact the landowner's.

Mr. Ward reported that during the fire territory meeting a few weeks ago the town ordinance for the fire territory was passed, has been submitted and are now waiting on approval. At this time Mr. Ward shared that a few people have said to him that they would like to see a dog park at the Old School Park. Mr. Ward then announced he will be moving out of Darlington city limits sometime in the next few months and will be resigning his position on the town council.

**Amendment to February 11, 2015 minutes:**

At the time of discussing the paving for handicap accessibility at the Darlington Community Center it was also discussed to use the CCD Fund Sidewalk money to replace the sidewalk on the south side of the building to actually be ADA compliant, the council was all in agreement.

Meeting Adjourned.