

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD**  
**MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)**  
**AUGUST 12, 2015**

Council President Justin Sparrow opened the meeting with council members Marilyn Cohee and Kimberley Carpenter present.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16 council and utility board meeting; Mrs. Carpenter seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the monthly claim docket; Mr. Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported some storms came through since the last council meeting causing line fuses to blow behind the water co. and on Nucor Rd. with several tree limbs along with a small tree blown down. Replaced a 1500 KVA transformer with a 2500 KVA transformer at Banjo. Took down a transformer, line and replaced pole #439 on State Road 47 North. Millers Body & Chassis fixed the 2008 bucket truck door. Mowing right-of-ways and cleared out some trees. Mr. Gayler was invited to a luncheon meeting with Indiana State Representative Tim Brown, Carolyn Wright with IMPA, Mayor Todd Barton, and Phil Goode of CEL&P to discuss the House Bill 309. The wood chipper that was purchased in 1980 needs replaced. The council agreed to have Mr. Gayler get some quotes for new wood chipper.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due report. The council suggested adding to the September billing Darlington Fish Fry September 11 & 12, volunteers needed.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen reported they are getting ready to repaint the parking lines on Main St. and at the Community Center. It was decided to have angled parking on Harrison St. at the Community Center. Will also paint a handicapped spot in front of the Town Hall and at the Community Center.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations. They will be inspected by the state on Friday 08/14/2015. At this time Mr. McKinney began the discussion of the wastewater problem at James and Laura Hayes of 303 S. Madison St. Mr. Hayes was present. The McKinney's dye tested their house in March 2015 and did not see the dye come out anywhere. Mr. Hayes stated he had the main line water jetted once and roto-rootered once. They went 200 feet while Mr. Hayes followed it to Washington St. He thinks his neighbors are all hooked up to the line on Madison St. It was decided to camera the line to see where the tap is because they should be tapped on to the line on Madison St. The council decided to reimburse Mr. and Mrs. Hayes for the expenses in the alley north of his property. Mr. McKinney then stated he would like to see the wastewater ordinance updated. After some discussion Ms. Anderson asked Mr. McKinney to stop by her office to pick up a copy of the ordinance so he can make change suggestions and discuss it at the next council meeting.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long reported that school is back in session. There were some dog issues last week.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames reported the Old School Park security cameras are installed. The woods next to the Toll House where the Park Board would like to move the Covered Bridge to, has been sold. Mr. Ames will try to find who the new owners are and contact them about possibly donating or selling a portion of land to the town. At this time Mr. Sparrow made a motion to accept the five year park plan; Mrs. Cohee seconded, Mrs. Carpenter abstained, motion passed.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson reported she will be attending the Indiana Association of Cities and Town conference in September and is requesting the council give approval to vote on behalf of the town since no other council member will be attending. The council agreed; Mr. Sparrow signed the agreement. At this time Ms. Anderson presented a new resolution to reimburse employees for travel expenses when driving to a town function. Mr. Sparrow made a motion to accept the resolution for the reimbursement of travel expenses; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor. Ms. Anderson informed the council that the \$2.00 Fire Fund fee that is on the Darlington resident's utility bills will end at the end of this year. This fund was designated to help the fire department with their fire hydrant fees but since the fire territory was passed they will no longer need this extra help. The burn ordinance was discussed again. It was decided to wait until after the first of the year to discuss it again.

At this time the council recognized Carolyn Mullen. Mrs. Mullen asked the council to have some residence clean up their property before the festival. A list will be made and letters sent to those residences.

Mrs. Cohee reported there are several bushes and a tree that is growing in the bushes that her husband, Mike Cohee, is willing to cut the tree down if someone can haul them away. The council agreed that would be fine. Mrs. Cohee then reported she is still receiving complaints about the dilapidated shed that raccoons are living in on the vacant lot at 204 S. Madison St. And, the 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 to send the landowners a letter.

Meeting Adjourned.