

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)
DECEMBER 20, 2016

Council President Justin Sparrow opened the meeting with members Marilyn Cohee and Teresa Sutherlin present. Council members, Kim Carpenter and Ron Hatley were absent.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on November 4, 2016; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded and were passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the November 15, 2016 meeting minutes Mrs. Sutherlin seconded and were passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee then moved to approve the claim docket; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded and were approved unanimously.

Mr. Sparrow then opened the 1997 Chevrolet pickup truck bids. There were eight bids and Jason Morrison was the highest bidder at \$2,601.00. The council accepted this bid, clerk-treasurer Judy Anderson will contact Mr. Morrison.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented her billing and past due report. It was suggested to put on the website and Facebook that there will be walking in the Darlington Community Center on Monday's and Wednesday's from 9:00am to 11:00am beginning January 2, 2017.

Utility Superintendent Greg Gayler reported they were finished picking up leaves. He has sent ten transformers in for disposal; Environmental Protection Services out of West Virginia picked them up. The Christmas snowflake decorations have been put up for the holidays. Picked up the new 2017 Chevrolet pickup truck on December 5th. A truck tore down a triplex line which caused an outage on E. State Road 32. Last weekend there was some ice and snow; salt and sanded and plowed that.

Apprentice lineman Brian Mullen is on vacation.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations. The furnace went out and Larry Fiddler is looking into repairing it, in the meantime there is electric heat in the building. The generators for two lift stations have been serviced. Two were good but one will need injectors repaired.

Town Marshal David Long reported juvenile problems have slowed down a bit. They did some county assist with accidents due to the snow and ice.

There have been neighborhood complaints brought to the council's attention concerning junk and junk cars sitting around the house at 502 W. South St. and unkempt property at 407 S. Madison St. Council will look into these complaints.

At this time the council recognized Chris Jackman. Mr. Jackman asked if anything can be done about Aqua IN because the water lines that run through his backyard

that belongs to Aqua keep having leaks, this line is old and in much need of replacement. They come to repair the line but don't fix the ruts in Mr. Jackman's yard that they cause. Ms. Anderson will make some phone calls to see if she can get anything done.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Anderson presented the insurance renewal bid for the Darlington Community Center. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to accept Option 2; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded all was in favor. At this time the council revisited the two trash contract bids for January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2021 that were received from Smith Trash and T&S Trash Service. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to accept the lowest bid from T&S Trash Service; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded all was in favor. Then Mrs. Cohee made a motion to accept the Salary Ordinance for 2017; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded all was in favor. Animal Welfare League contract for 2017 stayed the same as the 2016 contract. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to accept the AWL 2017 contract; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded all was in favor. Mrs. Sutherlin made a motion to accept the contract from A1 Waterproofing to waterproof the basement in the Darlington Community Center; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor. At this time Ms. Anderson presented the Appropriation and Fund report. Ms. Anderson then explained that \$13,869.19 needs to be encumbered. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the encumbrance money from 2016 to 2017 budget; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded all was in favor. The Disaster Recovery Plan for the town and utilities computer software from Keystone is \$275.00 for the year 2017. Mrs. Sutherlin made a motion to accept the disaster plan from Keystone; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor. At this time Ms. Anderson asked the council for meeting dates for the year 2017. They will meet on January 10, 2017 at 6:00pm and discuss it then with the board members that are absent at this meeting.

At this time the Town of Darlington's attorney, David Peebles, announced at the end of 2016 that his law office will be merging with the law office of Stu Weliever, Rex Henthorn, Monty Harris, and Dan Petrie.

At this time Mrs. Cohee asked to set up a meeting between the town council and Darlington Forever, Inc. It was decided they would meet January 17, 2017 at 5:30pm pending DFI.

The meeting was adjourned.