

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)
JANUARY 14, 2016**

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

Mr. Hatley nominated Mr. Sparrow for the 2016 Darlington Town Council President; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded all was in favor.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to pass the minutes for the Special Meeting with Darlington Forever, Inc. on January 6, 2016; Mrs. Carpenter seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015 council and utility board meeting; Mr. Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the monthly claim docket for December and January; Mrs. Carpenter seconded the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the payroll docket; Mrs. Carpenter seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due reports along with the 2015 year-end report. The council suggested adding to the January billing Souper Sunday February 7th.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported the digger-derrick and the two bucket trucks have been dielectric tested by Torco from Louisville, KY. The safety area's passed but there were two trucks that need other repairs. Mr. Gayler, Apprentice Brian Mullen and Mr. Sparrow plowed snow. There was an outage on E. State Road 32. Mr. Gayler then recommended the council pass the Net Energy Metering Ordinance soon. They are still looking for a piece of land on or near SR 32 for IMPA to add a Solar Park in our service area.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen also reported they had plowed snow and salted streets a couple of times.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations last month. They received the antennas from Omnisite Alarms that will go on the alarm systems. Mr. McKinney just needs to install them.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long reported they have been painting the police office and a new desk was delivered today. At this time Mr. Long began the discussion of the 80 hour pay period for the police department won't work now that payday in 2016 is now semi-monthly instead of on a bi-weekly basis. The council decided to change the ordinance to state not to exceed 2,080 hours per year instead of 40 hours per week. Ms. Anderson will bring an amended 2016 salary ordinance to the February 2016 meeting for the council's approval.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames reported on the history of the Darlington All Sports Association, Inc. and the Park Board. Mr. Ames stated his term on the Park Board is expired, Justin Sparrow nominated Mr. Ames to be reinstated to the Park Board, Kim Carpenter seconded; it was passed unanimously. The Park Board members include Mr. Ames (treasurer, Don Sparrow, Mark Cox, and Mary Margaret Cherry. One more park board member needs to be added. Ms. Anderson research if the board members need to be residents of the town or if it could include the townships.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson presented the council with a Nepotism Policy for each member and the clerk-treasurer to sign. W. Enterprises LLC, our recycling service, will be increasing their rate beginning January 1, 2016. After some discussion it was decided to keep the recycling in town and pay the rate increase. Ms. Anderson then presented the 2016 Animal Welfare League contract. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to accept the contract in the amount of \$3,666.00; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded the motion passed unanimously. At this time Ms. Anderson presented a Darlington ad that will go in a book that is about a Montgomery County movie that was filmed recently. Ms. Anderson spoke with Gary Isenberg of Keystone Building Services, Inc. contractor for the Darlington Community Center. Mr. Isenberg informed her that they will begin work next week. Ms. Anderson reported we have received monies from Jeanne Flint Estate and also James Weliever Estate for the Covered Bridge Fund in the total amount of \$194,097.41.

Mrs. Cohee began a discussion about the heating system in the Darlington Community Center gymnasium. It was decided to have a Special Meeting on January 19, 2016 at 9:30 AM with the Darlington Forever Inc., the Grant Writer Kristy Jerrell, Jill Curry from IOCRA and the contractor Gary Isenburg.

Mrs. Carpenter informed the council that the art teacher at Sugar Creek Elementary contacted her asking if her students could paint a mural on a wall somewhere in Darlington. The council agreed a wall inside the Darlington Community Center would be fine.

It was decided the 2016 Council meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned.