

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD**  
**MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)**  
**JANUARY 10, 2017**

Council President Justin Sparrow opened the meeting with all members council members present.

Mrs. Carpenter moved to approve the December 20, 2016 meeting minutes; Mrs. Cohee seconded and were passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the claim docket; Mr. Hatley seconded and were approved unanimously.

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

President Sparrow asked for nominations for the 2017 council president, Mrs. Sutherlin nominated Mr. Sparrow for the 2017 Darlington Town Council President; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor.

At this time it was decided the 2017 Council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due reports along with the 2016 year-end report. The council suggested adding to the January billing that there is walking in the Darlington Community Center gymnasium on Monday's and Wednesday's during the winter season from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Utility Superintendent Greg Gayler reported the Christmas snowflake decorations have been taken down. Also, they replaced the batteries in the 2008 Chevrolet bucket truck and also the 2005 Ford dump bed truck. Then on January 6<sup>th</sup> a semi-truck slipped into a culvert causing the semi to lean on a utility pole on State Road 32. They shut the electricity off for 30-45 minutes so the semi could be removed safely and they could upright the pole.

Apprentice lineman Brian Mullen was absent.

Wastewater Operator Mike McKinney reported there were no violations last month. The furnace is still not working, they are still using an electric space heater. Larry Fidler provided an estimate to repair the furnace. The council decided to have Ron Hatley give an estimate also. Today they discovered the pump at the mini lift station at the Toll House went bad and they replaced it with a spare they had on hand. Then, Troy called in BBC Pump and Equipment because he noticed most of the piping is rotted out and needs to be fixed as soon as possible. BBC will give them a quote. After some discussion the council approved getting the pipe fixed.

Town Marshal David Long was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Anderson reported she left Tom Bruns of Aqua IN a message to return her phone call concerning Chris Jackman's problem with Aqua not repairing his lawn after they dig in it. Ms. Anderson then presented the council with her end of the year reports. Ms. Anderson reported that A1 Waterproofing still has not begun waterproofing the basement in the Darlington Community Center. Mrs. Sutherlin will call them. Ms. Anderson reported the toilet in the main handicap restroom in the Darlington Community Center was running which in turn caused a high water bill, it is now repaired. The Department of Local Government and Finance has approved the 2017 Budget with no changes. Maxine Burge complained about the crow problem in town. There will be an OCRA monitoring meeting at the Darlington Community Center January 19, 2017 at 10:30am.

At this time Mrs. Carpenter asked if there was any new information concerning the Darlington Covered Bridge. Mr. Sparrow reported that Mr. Ames still has not received anything from Dan and Kathy Collom of Square Level Construction.

Mr. Sparrow asked the council for help getting some of the residences to clean up their property.

At this time there was a discussion about the town marshal and deputies office and on duty hours. The council will set up a meeting with them.

The meeting was adjourned.