

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2015**

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

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14 and May 27 council and utility board meeting; Council president Justin Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

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

At this time Mrs. Cohee welcomed Kimberley Carpenter back on the town council. Mrs. Carpenter took the place of Eddie L. Ward who resigned his position last month.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due report. The council suggested adding to the July billing statement to be respectful of others when setting off fireworks.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported on May 16 there was an outage at Banjo Corp. service building on State Road 32 East due to a transformer failure. May 17 there was a house fire at 4352 State Road 32 East. Mr. Gayler and Mr. Mullen pulled the electric meter and dropped the electric lines. Replaced pole #437 at 4254 N. State Road 47 and running underground wire there. May 27 there was an outage in Darlington that affected one block due to a squirrel getting in the transformer. May 30 there was an outage at 2561 State Road 32 East due to trees growing in the lines and it blew a fuse. June 1 changed a transformer that was leaking oil at Rocky Ridge Golf Club. June 2 put in a 200 amp underground service at 205 E. Main St. as requested by the homeowner. June 4 a wire pulled out of the house at 301 W. Harrison St. June 8 there was an outage on State Road 32 East due to a tree limb that caused a fuse to blow. Trimmed the tree limbs away from those wires. Set new poles and rebuilt wire, etc. 233, 234, and 236 in Darlington. Set a pole and a security light for the residence at 4978 N. 590 E. June 17 set a pole and have started burying the primary and secondary wires that go to the concession stand at the Old School Park and run the wires for the new security camera's that will be installed. Mr. Mullen put some stone around some of the streets that were re-paved this year to help with the drop-off at the edge of the streets.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations. The repairs are completed for the old pump that will be used as a spare. They are starting to add aluminum chloride for the foam problem. There was then a discussion again about the fence at the Lift Station by the Toll House. It was decided that Ms. Anderson will call Greg Hole to have him repair the fence, Mr. Gayler will order concrete barriers to be placed on the two sides of the fence that face the roads.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen was absent.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long reported there have been several kids out late at night since school is out.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames reported there has been at least two different people who have been putting their personal household trash in the dumpster. There was then a discussion of the Covered Bridge grant project. Mr. Ames would like to ask for an extension; Mr. Sparrow will contact the grant writer Kristy Jerrell. Mr. Ames then reported that Glenn Price is helping to look for a water leak at the park between the building and the road. They cannot find the leak. Mr. Price is recommending what to do. At this time the park budget was discussed. Ms. Anderson agreed to meet with Mr. Sparrow and Mr. Ames to explain the budget to them. The council asked Mr. Ames to provide the council and Ms. Anderson a written financial report every month. Mr. Ames agreed.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson presented a fund report and an appropriation report. The Darlington Community Center has now been officially approved as a Red Cross emergency shelter. Ms. Anderson presented a resolution to add a question to the ballot during the November 2015 election to expand the town council from a three member board to a five member board. Mrs. Cohee made a motion approve of the resolution; Mrs. Carpenter seconded all was in favor. Ms. Anderson will deliver the resolution to the Montgomery County Court Clerk. At this time Ms. Anderson began the discussion of Darlington Community Center grant and modification of said grant. There will be a public hearing at the Darlington Community Center on June 30, 2015 at 2:00pm.

Darlington Volunteer Fire Department was absent.

Meeting Adjourned.

Justin Sparrow, Council President

Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Kimberley A. Carpenter, Council Member

Attest:

Judy D. Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer