

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
MAY 9, 2017**

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

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded and were passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the claim docket thru May 9, 2017; Mr. Sparrow seconded and were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the Ordinance 2017-4-28, establishing an Underground and Buried Utility District in accordance with House Bill 1318; Mr. Sparrow seconded and was passed unanimously.

At this time the council recognized Meredith Sauter from Indiana Municipal Power Agency. After a short video presentation she presented a plaque to Mr. Gayler and the council as a token of their appreciation for Darlington Light & Power being a founding member of IMPA since 1983.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due reports. Mrs. Pearson reported that Melanie Foxworthy asked for the council to send her tenants a letter for them to move a vehicle that was on jacks and no tires on it. Then Mrs. Pearson explained to the council that Brian Murray is requesting payment back from Wastewater for the months he was living in his home alone. The council agreed not to refund since Mr. Murray didn't personally call to change his home occupancy. The council suggested adding to the June billing to watch out for children at play and remind town customers of the noise ordinance with 4th of July coming up.

Wastewater Operators Troy and Mike McKinney reported there was a glitch in power May 4th which caused a transfer switch and two drives to go out in Lift Station #1. Troy also reported that last month there were no violations.

Utility Superintendent Greg Gayler reported ISC has begun stringing new wire on the 300 North project. There was an outage May 4th caused by the strong winds moving the temporary wiring on 300 North project. ISC will also help Mr. Gayler and Mr. Mullen with running lines at the substation and at Smartsburg. Added a 200 amp service at the Darlington General Store.

Apprentice lineman Brian Mullen reported he has been patching the potholes.

Town Marshal David Long was absent.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames reported there are a few people interested in being on the Park Board. The council agreed to have Adam Tyler be on the Park

Board. Mr. Ames then reported that work on the covered bridge should begin sometime in October and will take approximately four to six months to complete.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Anderson presented the council with a fund report and an appropriation report. Tim Budd of 300 S. Franklin St. would like to apply to use the Sidewalk Fund. The council agreed. Ms. Anderson then presented the invoice for the annual A E Boyce/Keystone software maintenance agreement in the amount of \$6,500.00. At this time Ms. Anderson presented the council with the 3rd quarter tracking factor, Mrs. Sutherlin moved to accept, Mrs. Cohee seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Then Mr. Gayler explained to the council about the Economical Development Writer Ordinance 05-09-2017 for the Town of Darlington. After the first reading Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the Ordinance 05-09-2017 and dispense with the 2nd and 3rd readings; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded and it was passed unanimously. Ms. Anderson presented a sample of a new burning ordinance for the council to consider. Then Ms. Anderson presented the Wastewater rate ordinance that she would like to see rewritten. The tornado warning siren is operational again. The roof in the Darlington Community Center roof is leaking. It was agreed that Ms. Anderson would contact Brad Pell to look at the roof.

The meeting was adjourned.

Justin Sparrow, Council President

Ron Hatley, Council Member

Kimberley Carpenter, Council Member

Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member

Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Attest:

Judy D Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer