

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

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

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting Mrs. Carpenter second, motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget Public Hearing minutes from August 16, 2016; Mr. Hatley seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the claim docket for August 16, 2016 through September 20, 2016. Mrs. Sutherlin second and was unanimously passed.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter payroll docket; Mrs. Carpenter seconded it was unanimously approved.

Gary Isenberg reported on the progress at the Community Center, stating that the work would for sure be completed on time by September 30, 2016. There will be a walk through meeting of the Darlington Community Center on Thursday, September 22, 2016 with the architects, grant administrator, contractor and the council.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the billing report to the council. It was decided to put Trick or Treat hours on the billing messages. At this time Mrs. Pearson introduced Brandon York of 108 N. Franklin St. concerning the Barnes's property just to the north of him that he purchased at a Sheriff's Sale last year. The four Wastewater liens we had filed were not attached to the property at the Sheriff's Sale when Mr. York purchased the property and feels he shouldn't have to pay for the liens. At the guidance of the town's attorney, David Peebles, the council agreed to release the liens if Mr. York reimburses the town for the money already spent. Ms. Anderson will look into that and contact Mr. York. At this time Mrs. Pearson reported for a resident that lives on Pike St. concerning vehicles speeding down the street and her child was almost hit by one. The council decided the Darlington Police will give extra patrol and Mr. Mullen will put up a Slow Children at Play sign.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no plant discharge violations for the month of August. They purchased a spare pump for lift station #3 on W. Main St. The McKinney's have noticed in the past 3-4 months there has been a decrease of around 10,000 gallons per day.

At this time Mrs. Sutherlin reported A1 Waterproofing came to give them an estimate concerning the Community Center basement floor in the new women's restroom staying wet. There was 2 estimates, one with burying the pipe outside (\$4800.00) and the other was without doing the outside work (\$4300.00). It was decided to contact Jason Douglas about burying the new pipe outside that he

installed already. After the discussion it was decided to wait until next month to make a decision about this.

Electric Superintendent reported they have been trimming tree limbs that are hanging too low over the streets in town and also trimmed some on 425 E. August 24 there was an outage due to a tree limb that fell on 425 E. Then on the same day there was a tornado touchdown in the Mace area which caused a widespread power outage that Duke Energy repaired. Mr. Gayler and Mr. Mullen attended an IMPA class September 7th. Then Mr. Gayler attended IMEA conference September 14th – 16th.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long reported the Fish Fry went well didn't really have any problems with anyone except for rangers running around without being permitted like the golf carts. There was a discussion of this. The squad car had damage to a tire and a rim and will be fixed next week.

Park Superintendent Richard Ames reported Eagle Scout Andrew Samuelson built six 6 foot picnic tables for the park. He also repaired a few of the others.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Anderson then presented the council with the fund reports and appropriation reports. The boy scouts will be selling popcorn at the end of the month. Ms. Anderson presented the Keystone Building Service pay application #4 (\$15,356.70) & pay application #5 (\$42,974.20) for the Darlington Community Center Grant for approval contingent upon everything being finished on time and correctly. President Sparrow moved to approve these pay applications Ms. Carpenter seconded and it was unanimous. Ms. Anderson also presented a final invoice from Jerrell Consulting for grant administration in the amount of \$4,664.00. Mrs. Carpenter moved to pay with Mr. Hatley seconded, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kelly and Sherry Foster was introduced to discuss the letter they received from the council about cleaning up around their home.

David Stonebraker was introduced to discuss the letter he received from the council about cleaning up around his home.

Apprentice Lineman Brian Mullen presented bids that were received for a new 2017 Chevrolet pickup truck with snow blade included. There were 3 specs sent out and of those, only 2 dealers' submitted bids for the truck order. Dellen Automotive in the amount of \$35,552.00 and the other was York in the amount of \$37,357.75. Mrs. Cohee moved to accept the bid of \$35,552.00 from Dellen Automotive, Mr. Hatley seconded and it was passed unanimously. The 1997 pickup truck and snow blade will be sold to the highest bidder.

Mr. Hatley moved to adjourn, Mrs. Carpenter seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.