**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**2018 BUDGET HEARING**

**September 12, 2017**

President Justin Sparrow opened the 2018 Budget Hearing. Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson read the budget for 2018 which will be $202,821.00. She opened up the table for questions or concerns; there were none and President Sparrow closed the budget hearing.

At this time President Sparrow opened the council meeting with all members present. Marilyn Cohee motioned to accept the minutes for the August meeting Teresa Sutherlin seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous. Mrs. Cohee then motioned for the Executive Meeting minutes for August 22nd be approved, Ron Hatley seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Cohee then moved to approve the Claim Docket Kim Carpenter seconded, the vote was unanimous.

President Sparrow asked if any were opposed to allowing visitors to go before the utility portion of the meeting, all were in agreement of that.

Dennis Clouser and Don Dale was present to ask where the town stands on the issues with 4 wheelers running around town. Mrs. Carpenter stated that the town agreed that we do not want to set up another ordinance but we cannot keep people from using 4 wheelers on their own property. David Long did bring up that we could follow along Crawfordville’s decibel ordinance in reference to the noise part of it and we could purchase our own hand held meter. Mrs. Carpenter requested to table this until the next meeting so the council could give this more thought. Attorney Stu Weliever was present and was asked to look at Crawfordville’s Noise Ordinance for comparison. President Sparrow thanked those who commented on this issue.

Royce Foster was recognized in reference to the trash truck, he has had to wash and/or sweep up the street after they have been around. It is leaking excessive fluid on the streets which is very smelly and stains the road. Ms. Anderson said she would contact the owner. Mr. Foster also has an issue with vehicles racing down Madison Street. Ms. Anderson stated that the Police Department is looking into getting a speed board to record times and speeds vehicles are going. Marshal David Long stated we would be able to use Crawfordville’s speed board for no cost. President Sparrow thanked Mr. Foster for coming.

At this time Mrs. Carpenter and Roger Azar of Deckard Engineering reported on the meeting with the Drainage Board concerning a flooding issue a few town residents are having during a heavy rain storm. After much discussion this was tabled for the next meeting.

Jeremy Potter and Sandra Tharp was recognized. Mr. Potter stated that he wants to build a barn on Mrs. Tharp’s property where the proposed open ditch might be.

Mr. Azar stated there are grants available for planning and engineering design. It was then decided to have an Executive Meeting to discuss this further.

Mrs. Anderson presented the billing report for Mrs. Hatley. Mrs. Cohee asked to add the Trick or Treat times on the bill and or website. Mrs. Anderson stated the times have been 5-8 pm for Trick or Treaters. Mrs. Sutherlin asked when the guys would be picking up leaves this year. They stated probably next month as they start falling more. President Sparrow asked if there was anything else for billing or the website.

Wastewater operator Troy McKinney reported that everything was going well with no violations. Mrs. Carpenter asked what the problem was on Main Street during the Festival because there was an odor that smelled like sewer. Mrs. Anderson stated when they thaw the fish, they pour the water from coolers they use down storm drain behind Palmer’s Hardware.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported for the electric utility. August 9th IMPA had a class on customer service that Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hatley and Mr. Gayler attended. The training was insightful and the presenter did very well and the lunch was good. The Justin Riggins property on SR32 will need to have some poles re-routed and different transformers in that area. They have also been tree trimming and mowing the right of ways here in town, SR 32, and Overcoat Road. REMC is still working at the substation setting some new poles. They set up a temporary service for a resident at the Golf Course. Mr. Gayler stated the electric utility needs to have backup transformers for the Pilot Station and Sugar Creek School, he is working on getting a price for both and will bring those quotes to the next meeting.

Lineman Brian Mullen reported he is waiting on a report from Shawn Walker of Milestone and will have to get the street measured before we can work on Main Street.

Town Marshal David Long reported the police radio in the vehicle is not working well and will need to get it updated along with the radar as its not working properly either. Deputy Bob Rivers is going to have back surgery in October and will be out for at least 6 weeks.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Anderson reported she received another invoice from Beam Longest and Neff for the covered bridge scoping report. President Sparrow stated this project may not start until spring as Dan Collum has been delayed with another project he is working on. Mrs. Anderson had an amendment to the salary ordinance to add Michelle Cash as deputy clerk and Carolyn Hatley as billing clerk. Mrs. Cohee motioned to leave the salaries in question at the current rate Mrs. Carpenter seconded it. Council members Carpenter, Cohee, and Sutherlin voted ‘aye’, President Sparrow voted ‘nay’, Council member Ron Hatley abstained from voting. Mrs. Anderson asked Mr. Hatley and President Sparrow to sign a conflict of interest form since Mr. Hatley might be working on maintenance for the Community Center and Mr. Sparrow works part time for the park and electric utility. Mrs. Anderson also addressed Veteran’s Day being on Saturday and asked the council had a preference if we closed on Friday before or the Monday after, the council was fine either way.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Justin Sparrow, Council President Ron Hatley, Council Member

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Kimberley Carpenter, Council Member Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member

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Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

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Judy D Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer