

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
November 20, 2018**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with all council members present, also present Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Attorney Kent Minnette, Wastewater Managers Mike McKinney and Troy Mckinney, Town Marshall Dave Long, Deputy /Code Enforcement Officer Jim Rivers and Tim Shoptaw.

President Kim Carpenter opened up the meeting with the Pledge of Legion, followed by Officer Rivers with Prayer.

Approval of Minutes – None

Money Matters – None

Staff and Elected Officials Report:

Attorney Report – None

Wastewater Report –Troy and Mike McKinney reported and issue with Lift Station 1. The Lift Station will need a new transformer put up as soon as possible to help lower the electrical bills on the unit. Mr. McKinney also updated the council on the alarm system. The current Alarm system is outdated, it was recommended to use Title wave for the new upgrades because the cost is the same with both companies however Title Wave will provide free upgrades. The cost for the 6 alarms will be \$950.00 each. Motion to approve the upgraded alarm system was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0). Mr. McKinney also report no plant violations for the month of October.

Electric Report – Mr. Gayler was on vacation, and had already emailed the council with his report of updated work.

MVH Report – None

Town Marshall Report – Marshall Long reported that the Darlington Police Department received another free gift form Emergency Management. Marshall Long received a computer for the truck which will let the officers have better communication with the dispatchers. Marshall Long is to provide the December schedule to the Utility Clerk to scan out to the council. Marshall Long asked Attorney Minnette to clarify the process for moving violations. Under State Statue the violations will be filed with the Montgomery County Court System. Enforcement Officer Jim River – Vehicle that are in operable fall under the State with a move it or prove it that the vehicle is no considered abandoned. If the vehicle is on private property it can't be visible. These local tickets will be filed with the Montgomery County Court System. Mr. Rivers also updated the council on four (4) properties that will be given a citation, along with having vehicles towed away. The four (4) properties have been notified for well over 3 months. Regarding the Russell property Mr. Minnette will...

which will include maintenance at the park, covered bridge, toll house. He will also continue to work on the electrical side when needed.

New Business – None

Old Business - Dan Collum gave an update on the covered bridge and was handed the contractors agreement to review before the next council meeting. Mr. Collum was asked what scope of services he doesn't cover, he explained the concrete work, fire retardant spray. Mr. Collum expressed to the council that his start time would be well into next year. A motion was made by President Carpenter, to authorize the contract pending the attorney's approval, motion was seconded by Mr. Sparrow. Motion Approved (5-0)

The council had the second reading on the 2019 Salary Ordinance. There were no comments, complaints or suggestions. The 2019 Salary Ordinance will be adopted at the December meeting.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee - Mrs. Cohee asked the council to consider paying Mike Cohee for cleaning the Armory when it is rented out. As it stands now he cleans it at no cost to the Town however because it is being rented more often it requires a lot more than it did years ago. The council will take it under advisement and have a discussion at the next regular council meeting.

Teresa Sutherlin – Nothing

Justin Sparrow – Mr. Sparrow asked the council and Attorney Minnette to look into the town adopting the county policy on ATV's. He had been approached by the DNR Officer. Attorney Minnette will draft an ordinance for the December council meeting. Mr. Sparrow reported that the Red Cross and the Darlington Fire Department installed 114 smoke alarms to various residents within the town.

Ron Hatley – Mr. Hatley is concerned about the Town Marshall as to rather he is on the same page as the council with what they would like to see change. At this point he has not seen the changes since the executive meeting on October 25, 2018. A letter will go out to the Town Marshall to clarify what the council was expecting.

Kim Carpenter – President Carpenter was asked by Mr. Ames what the statues of the park board was at this time. President Carpenter was reminded that the park board does not exist at this time, due to the recent audit completed by the State Board of Accounts. The SBOA reported that the park board was not set up correctly under the state statue.

Public Comment

Mrs. Mershon spoke of several changes coming to the county after attending a County Commissioners meeting. She wanted to know what the council though of the new road on 650 to 100W. The county would like for this road to extend over the railroad tracks on Cassidy Road. however it will add another 4.5 mi.

Next schedule meeting will be December 12. 2018 @ 6:30 A.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hatley and seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0).



Kim Carpenter, Council President



Ron Hatley, Council Member



Justin Sparrow, Council Vice President



Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Attest:



Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer