

## **DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES**

**December 12, 2018**

### Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with four (4) council members present. Councilmen Justin Sparrow was unable to attend. Also in attendance was Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Town Marshall Dave Long, Deputy Bob Rivers and Jim Rivers Code Enforcement Officer, Troy and Mike McKinney, Greg Gayler, Tim Shoptaw.

President Carpenter led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Councilmen Ron Hatley with Prayer.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Hatley to approve November 14, 2018, November 20, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

### Money Matters

Motion to approve the Payroll Docket and Appropriation Report and Transfers which had been sent via email to all council members before the meeting was made by Mrs. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (4-0)

Motion to approve the 1782 Notice for the 2019 budget, with no changes needed was made by Mrs. Cohee, second by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (4-0)

### Staff & Elected Official's Report

#### Wastewater Report

Mr. McKinney reported no violations for the month of November. He informed the council that Wastewater will need a new transformer.

#### Electric Report

Mr. Gayler wanted the council to know that his intentions are to retire sometime in August of next year. He stressed the importance of getting someone hired and trained so Mr. Mullen would not be working alone.

#### MVH Report

None

#### Town Marshall Report

Marshall Long presented the Town with current Activity Log.

#### Park Report

existing violations. Mr. Rivers would like for Attorney to look into the unsafe building ordinance and start the process of fines.

#### Clerk Treasurer Report

Clerk Treasurer Cash informed the council that the first meeting in January was a scheduled holiday, the council agreed to just have one meeting on January 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Clerk Cash reviewed the November Utility Clerk Report.

#### Under New Business:

Amy Miller with Cornerstone Grant Services, and Steve Brock, Financial Planner with Therber, Brock & Associates presented the council with financial data to help fund the remaining balance of the loan for the Stormwater Project that the Okra Grant would not cover. After much discussion the Council tabled the discussion until further notice to have time to review the data and contract for services that Mr. Brock gave them. Council advised Mr. Brock that they would make a decision at the January meeting on rather they would hire his firm.

Motion to approve the 2019 Animal Welfare League Agreement was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion approved (4-0)

#### Old Business:

Covered Bridge Renovation was tabled pending approval of a contractor's agreement.

A motion to contract Mr. Mike Cohee as a caretaker and cleaning person for the Community Center was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Mr. Cohee will be paid \$50.00 a month to oversee the Community Center, make sure that no issues have surfaced and do light cleaning for the month. Mr. Cohee will be paid and additional \$25.00 for extra cleaning on special events. Motion Approved (4-0)

Motion to approve the Final Reading of the 2019 Salary Ordinance was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

#### Council Members Report

Mrs. Cohee asked the council to consider raising the Stormwater Rate to \$5.50. After much discussion the board was not ready to raise the amount. The board would like to revisit this topic down the road.

Mrs. Sutherlin – Nothing

Mr. Hatley – Will make contact with the Insurance Company to get the furnace re-certified. Mr. Hatley also wanted to know the feedback from the letter that was prepared for Marshall Long.

Mrs. Carpenter – Nothing

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Sutherlin, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (4-0).

  
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