

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
January 17, 2019**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with four (4) council members present, Mr. Sparrow was unable to attend. Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Attorney Ethan Myers, Town Marshal Dave Long, Deputy Jim Rivers, Utility Superintendent Greg Gayler, MVH and Utility Superintendent Brian Mullen, Town Maintenance Tim Shoptaw.

2019 President/Vice President

Mrs. Cohee nominated Mrs. Carpenter for President and Ron Hatley for Vice President, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0)

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Sutherlin made a motion to approve the December 6th, 2018, Executive Meeting, December 12, 2018, Regular Meeting, December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting, and the January 8, 2019 Executive Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (4-0)

Money Matters

A motion to approve the Appropriations Report Payroll Docket, which is scanned to the council prior at the time of the expenditures was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (4-0)

New Business

Liaison Appointment

DFI – Marilyn Cohee

Park Department – Ron Hatley

Police Department – Justin Sparrow

Town Hall – Teresa Sutherlin

Utility/MVH Department – Kim Carpenter

Old Business

No updated on the Covered Bridge, still waiting on concrete and tree removal bids. President Carpenter asked that Clerk Treasurer to send an email to John Roche covering what his duties would be for the town with the All Sports Association, then list the duties for a baseball/softball league supervisor. Attorney Ethan Myers discussed with the council the 2019 Cleaning /Caretaker Contract for Mike Cohee. Mr. Myers said the contract would be ready for the February Meeting along with the proper disclosures that need signed. Mr. Hatley made a motion to approve the services pending the signed contracts, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (3-0). Mrs. Cohee abstaining.

The council had the 2nd and final reading on adopting the County Ordinance for ATV to be operational in town. Motion to approved Town Ordinance 2019-1 was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0). Deputy Rivers job restructure will be tabled until a later date.

Council Members Report

Attorney Report – Mr. Myers had nothing to report

Wastewater Report – No Violations

Electric Report – Superintendent Greg Gayler report several completed projects and some upcoming projects for 2019.

MVH Report – MVH Superintendent/ Electric Brian Mullen asked the council to consider buying new snowflakes and flags for the town. The cost to repair the old ones and time it takes is not cost efficient. Mr. Mullen reported on talking to Frank James on having him remove the trees for the Covered Bridge Repair. Because the trees that need removed are Mr. James's he is willing to remove them.

Town Marshal - Town Marshall Dave Long reported that the new radar gun had been ordered. He also took the patrol car in to have the side mirror fixed.

Park - Tim Shoptaw informed the council that the locks had been changed as requested, and the park camera will have to be looked at down the road. Mr. Shoptaw also reported that the dug-outs were never finished and the supplies was left on the park grounds. Mr. Shoptaw will finish them up once the weather breaks.

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Rivers was needing clarification on the requested Ordinance to raise the speed limit on roads that currently have a 20-mph speed limit. After much discussion the council decided to raise the speed limit from School Street to West street 25 mph and West Street to town limit 30 mph. South Street will stay at 20 mph for the safety of the town. Attorney Myers said the updated Ordinance will be ready at the February meeting for vote and signature. Officer Rivers updated the council on the Russell Property. A suggestion was made by Mr. Rivers to see about maybe acquiring the property from Mr. Russell because of the number of fines that will be imposed on him for cleanup. Mr. Russell has stated multiple times that the property is not worth any value. Attorney Minnette informed the council that this can be done and is a win for all. Mr. Rivers will send a certified letter to Mr. Russell.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Clerk Treasurer Cash would like for the council and the attorney to investigate raising the percentage applied for non-payment of utilities. The Clerk noticed a trend in penalties when the customers are on Community Action. The Customers will not pay the other utilities because the electric is paid for. Currently the charges are to low and the town is going backwards in the budget. One example given was the town charges \$1.00 for trash if the property owners is late on their bill however the town still must pay the full price for the trash, and it can be months before the town see's any money on the property.

Clerk Treasurer explained the new directive 2018-2 from the State Board of Accounts. MVH will now have two fund MVH – Fund 201 and MVH Restricted – Fund 203. The purpose of this directive is to authorize and require town that receive distributions from the State Motor Vehicle Highway Account to properly manage and account for the usage restrictions that were included in House Enrolled Act 100-2017 and 1290-2018. The MVH Restricted fund will be used for construction, reconstruction and preservation purposes.

Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the Utility Billing Report for December.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Just wanted an update on the Stormwater Project. President Carpenter said she had some email she will forward to all the council. Currently, it is still in the hands of the grant writer and the engineering.

Teresa Sutherlin – Wanted to know if the new recycling times were helping with the illegal dumping at the site. Mr. Shoptaw said they have not had any problems since the change.

Ron Hatley –Nothing

Kim Carpenter – Nothing

Public Comment - None

Next schedule meeting will be February 05, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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



Kim Carpenter, Council President

Ron Hatley, Vice President



Justin Sparrow, Council Member



Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Attest:



Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer