

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**Call to Order**

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting, all Council Members were present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric /MVH Jason Gates, Town Maintenance Tim Shoptaw, Wastewater Operator Mike McKinney, Town Marshall Dave Long, Utility Billing Clerk Morgan Biggs.

**Staff & Elected Official Report**

Attorney Report – None

Wastewater Report – No discharges violations for the month of November, 2019. A clean out was completed.

Electric Report – The Utility/MVH Maintenance Linesmen Jason Gates reported maintenance was being done on patching holes, equipment. Leaf Vac was still being offered until the weather changes. They had completed the work on the polls at the Toll House. The first invoice had been sent to Banjo for the start of the project. Mrs. Cohee asked that concrete stoppers be place on the south side of the Community Center to keep people from driving over the side walk.

Town Marshal – Town Marshall Long said things seemed pretty calm as of now, they had been dealing with a run a away issue. Marshall Long also reported to the council that Deputy Bruenger would be on days starting in 2020.

Park - Tim Shoptaw –Reported that several maintenance projects are being worked on to winterize the park. Mr. Shoptaw requested police presents at the park in the evening due to vandalizing by kids.

Utility Billing Clerk Morgan Biggs present the Utility Board with the November Monthly Report.

Clerk Treasurer Mrs. Cash informed the council that the Gov Pay would go live in January. With that the bills will go back to being due on the 15<sup>th</sup> and disconnect will be on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Utility Board meeting ended at 4:35 p.m.

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge followed Mr. Hatley with the prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the November 4, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin.  
Motion Approved (5-0)

**Money Matters**

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation and transfers for negative balances, by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

**New Business**

President Carpenter talked about the steps needed to petition against Aqua on the water rate increase for 2020. After much discussion the council would wait on the Attorney to provide the proper documentation to move forward.

A motion to approve the tracking factor for January, February and March of 2020 was made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

Old Business

The final reading of the 2020 Salary Ordinance was read. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (5-0).

Covered Bridge Renovation - President Carpenter did not receive and update on the progress for November on the bridge.

Mrs. Cohee wanted to discuss the raising of the storm water fee. Mrs. Cohee feels that the council should raise the fee as soon as possible so money can start building in the fund in case a grant is established. After much discussion the council feels it will have to table the raise for now until they have more information as to what the plan will cost, and which project they will choose.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Mrs. Cohee asked the council to approve an additional \$75.00 to be paid to Mike Cohee for doing extra cleaning after three big events that were held in 8. A motion was made by Mr. Hatley to pay the extra fee for the special events, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0) with Mrs. Cohee abstaining.

The last order of business was thanking Mrs. Cohee, Mrs. Sutherlin and Mr. Sparrow for their service to the town. These three will be leaving office on December 31, 2019.

Teresa Sutherlin – None

Justin Sparrow – None

Ron Hatley - None

Kim Carpenter – None

Public Comment – None

Next schedule meeting will be on January 8, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. –Utility Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. – Regular Scheduled Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0).


  
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Kim Carpenter, Council Member

  
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Nick Riddell Council Member

  
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Noelle Suiter, Council Member

  
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Nicole Parker, Council Member

  
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Ron Hatley, Council Member

Attest:   
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Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer