

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2022**

Call to Order

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with all council members present. Joining the council were Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, Utility Brian Mullen, and attorney Ethan Myers.

President Parker gave the pledge, followed by Mrs. Suiter with the prayer.

Public Comment – Rodger Azar with DES Engineering, LLC presented the Darlington Main Street Redesign, Storm Plan, and Profile. The plan would allow for wider streets, new storm drains, and finished sidewalks. After much discussion, the council took the plan under advisement.

Attorney Ethan Myers presented the 1st reading of the Re-establishment of the CCD rate for 2023. The current tax rate is \$0.0389 per \$100 of assessed valuation and the re-establishment rate would be \$0.05 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. The council will have the second reading on May 5, 2022 meeting.

Josh Bronaugh- contact for the North Montgomery Youth Baseball League. Mr. Bronaugh met with the council during this year's season, agreed to pay the council 10 percent of the registration fees by July 2022 as well as the amount still due from 2021, and will be purchasing his own equipment. Mr. Bronaugh will try to keep as many home games at the park as possible. Mr. Bronaugh will be trying to get some lime donated to the ball program.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve March 3, 2022, a regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0).

Money Matters

The motion to approve the payroll and appropriation report was made by Mr. Riddell and seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

New Business

Clerk Cash reported on the American Rescue Plan funds. Mrs. Cash explained the different options for spending the funds and ask for a motion to approve the Revenue Replacement option. A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Sutherlin, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

Roger Azar – Deckard Engineering – Main Street Project (see above)

CCD – Re-Establishment (see above)

Old Business:

The Covered Bridge is waiting on an estimate for Fire Retardant

Mr. Mullen reported on the purchase of the stove in the Community Center. The stove is now installed and ready to go.

the year that the equipment would be paid for by the North Montgomery Youth Softball and Baseball program with the money collected from registration fees they collect and keep.

Park Manager Bob Cash received an estimate for \$4,592.00 from Diamon Decks and Construction, Inc. to fix the 4 dugouts that are unsafe at the ball diamonds. A motion to approve the estimate was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Riddell.
Motion Approved (5-0)

Park Manager Bob Cash received an estimate of \$10,018.00 from Sugar Creek Stone for 466 tons of stone for the two drives at the park. A motion to approve the estimate was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

The council received a request from Paul Cohee, to use his RV during a remodel of his kitchen for 6 weeks. Hearing no objections, a motion was made to approve the request by Mrs. Sutherlin, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (4-0) Mrs. Cohee abstained.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – Ethan Meyers presented Maintenance Service Agreements for part-time, seasonal workers.

Wastewater Report – Mike McKinney reported there was one plant discharge for the month of March 2022. The violation has since been taken care of.

Electric Report – Brian Mullen and Jason Gates reported on the projects for Banjo and American Water Company and the fees associated with the expansion. Problems with estimates and materials continue to cause hardships. As the expansion grows on U.S. 32 the electric company will see these issues on the rise. Clerk Cash recommended the council hire a financial consultant for the town to represent the utility companies, to help with a 5–10-year plan, to be ready for growth in this area with the rising cost. The council approved for Clerk Cash to reach out to a company to present to the council at the next town meeting.

MVH Report- No Updates.

Darlington Police Department - Marshall Kevin Crull sent the April schedule and activity logs by email. The new vehicle is working well. Deputy Crull will be opening up a new ATT account for the air card in the car.

Park – The council along with the Festival Committee is putting together a group to spring clean the park. The park cleanup day will be April 23, 2022, at the park. Park Manager will get 3 estimates for new gravel for both parking spots. A motion to lease the concession stand to Trisha Teague for the Youth baseball/softball season (6-8 weeks) for \$100.00 a week was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0) Park Clean-up will be on April 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m.

Code Enforcement Officers –Mr. Smith reported that he removed the expired vehicles, and the RV and tagged two more vehicles.

Marilyn Cohee – Mrs. Cohee wanted to inform the Festival Committee that if they were going to use chairs for the outdoor event, to use the ones in the basement at the center, they have different feet on them and are ready for outdoor events.

Teresa Sutherlin – Mrs. Sutherlin reported the status of the downtown flower pots and hanging baskets. Mrs. Sutherlin asked for approval of \$1,200.00 for the main street business pots and baskets. Mrs. Sutherlin explained this would be a one-time fee, then each year we would just pay for the flowers. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0) Mrs. Sutherlin is looking for volunteers to work Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to finish filling the pots and baskets

Noelle Suiter – Nothing

Nick Riddell – Nothing

Nicole Parker – Nothing

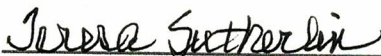
Public Comment – None

Town Board and Utility Board Monthly meeting will be on May 5, 2022 – at 5:00 p.m. – at Darlington Community Center.


Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Riddell seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0).



Nicole Parker, President



Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member



Nick Riddell, Vice President



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer