

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

Call to Order

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with all council members present. Joining the council was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash.

Public Comment – Mr. John Roche from the Darlington American Legion was needing some clarification on Ordinance 8-2022 Regulating Noise Within the Town of Darlington. The Clerk-Treasurer gave Mr. Roche copies of the old ordinance and the newly amended. After much discussion, Mr. Roche informed the council they would have outdoor bands in June, July, August, and September. President Parker reminded Mr. Roche to get the approval and permit from the town council two months before the event.

County Administrator Tom Klein, Crawfordsville Fire Department Project Manager Samantha Swearingen and former Montgomery County Health Director Amber Reed addressed the council with a possible proposal for the Opioid Settlement the Town of Darlington will receive. Project Manager Swearingen talked about the Drug-Free Montgomery County Committee and how the money if pooled together through the county, would better serve substance abuse prevention and recovery response. A quick response team has been formed. After much discussion, the council would like a second meeting that would include the Darlington Fire Department and the trustees to further discuss these options.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Riddell motioned to approve the November 3, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0).

Money Matters

The motion to approve the payroll and appropriation report to the council was made by Mrs. Cohee and seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

New Business

Clerk-Treasurer Cash informed the council that the exit conference would take place Thursday, December 8th, 2022. Clerk Cash went on to discuss the asset report for the town. The report was started in 2012 but has never shown any reductions. Clerk Cash asked for approval to seek out a company that performs an accurate asset report for the Town of Darlington. The SBOA gave Clerk Cash asset consultant Larry Tippen. Clerk Cash explained that the asset report is not required at this time but will be in 2024. A motion to hire Larry Tippen to complete an asset report for the Town of Darlington and not to exceed \$5,000.00 was made by Ms. Parker seconded by Mr. Riddell. (Motion Approved 5-0) The contract will be emailed, and Ms. Parker will stop by the office to sign it.

Old Business:

The rate study for the electric department will be discussed at the January meeting.

A motion to approve Ordinance 9-2022 – 2023 Salary Ordinance was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion approved (5-0)

A motion to approve the Amended 2023 Calendar was made by Mrs. Suiter and seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0)

A maintenance contract from Astbury Water Technology, Inc. for the wastewater department was made by Mrs. Cohee and seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report –no report.

Wastewater Report – Tom Astbury with Astbury Water Technology, Inc reported on the lift stations and wastewater plants’ ongoing repairs for November 2022. Clerk-Treasurer requested approval for Invoice 8806 for September 2022 from Astbury Water Technology, Inc. for \$11,559.75. A motion to approve claim 8806 was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0) Clerk-Treasurer requested approval for Invoice 8807 for October 2022 from Astbury Water Technology, Inc. for \$10,698.00. A motion to approve claim 8807 was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0) Mr. Astbury provided a project proposal from Hoosier Power LLC on all lift station maintenance repairs and the generator for lift station one for \$33,890.00, which will require a \$20,000.00 deposit from the town, then paid in full in 2023 when the generator arrives. A motion to approve the project proposal was made by Mr. Riddell and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

Electric Report – Nothing at this time.

MVH Report- Nothing at this time.

Darlington Police Department - Marshall Kevin Crull sent the November police schedule and activity logs by email.

Park – Fall and winter maintenance for equipment and projects will be next. Mrs. Suiter would like Mr. Cash to devise a fee schedule to rent the diamonds at the park for 2023 when in use, not including weekly league play but any tournament that someone would like to play at the park. The council will come up with a concession stand fee for such events.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mr. Smith updated the council on the violations he has served and completed by email. The council requested Mr. Smith to serve some violations on some properties in town.

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of November 2022. A motion to approve the tracking factor for January, February and March 2023 was made by Mrs. Cohee and seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)
Clerk- Cash asks for confirmation on an alley located at 204 S Franklin Street if they would consider vacating at the property owner’s request. After the research was completed, this is a working utility alley and can’t be vacated or noticed in any way.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Nothing

Teresa Sutherlin – Updated the council on the money the library board would like to donate to the museum upstairs of the Community Center.

Noelle Suiter – Park Fees

Nick Riddell – MVH department will need to replace the street signs that burned at the recent house fire at Academy and Meridian.

Nicole Parker – Nothing

Public Comment – None

The next scheduled Town Board and Utility meeting will be on January 5, 2023 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

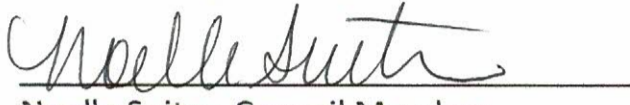
The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Riddell and seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion
Approved
(5-0).



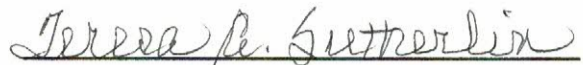
Nicole Parker, President



Nick Riddell, Vice President



Noelle Suiter, Council Member



Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer