

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2, 2021**

**Call to Order**

President Kim Carpenter, opened the meeting with all council members present. Mrs. Suiter by phone. President Carpenter was joined by Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Wastewater Troy McKinney, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith and Deputy Kevin Crull.

President Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge, followed by Mrs. Suiter with the prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the November 4, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0).

**Money Matters**

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation, by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

**New Business**

The 3rd and final reading of the 2022 Darlington Salary Ordinance (Ordinance 6-2021) was read. A motion to approve Ordinance 6-2021 was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0) Mr. Riddell abstained due to conflict of relatives.

**Old Business**

Fireworks Ordinance amendment will remain under old business until January 2022 meeting. Burn Ordinance amendment will remain under old business until January 2022 meeting.

The police car will remain under old business per Ms. Parker until more information is gathered.

President Carpenter was unable to get the meeting together for the 2021 baseball/softball meeting with the coaches to have them turn in equipment, keys and a 2021 receipt/expense form along with the remainder of the money from the season. President Carpenter is resigning from the board and turned this task over to Mrs. Suiter and Clerk Cash to collect the funds.

The structure of the park will remain under old business.

President Carpenter updated the council on bids for the blacktop project and seal. Price Excavating didn't provide an estimate. Mr. Jason Roche met with Mrs. Carpenter and will give an estimate on coating and possible removing the blacktop. Mr. Roach gave some figures but will need to provide something in writing for each project.

The Community Center cleaning fees will be as follows starting January 1, 2022:

No rental monthly fee - \$50.00

4- less hours - \$25.00

4-6 hours - \$75.00

6 hour or more - \$100.00

A motion to approve the fees was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved. (5-0)

The festival committee will be having a Community Christmas party on December 3, 2021 at no charge to the community as a way to give back to the town. A motion to make a donation from the town to the festival committee for the Community Christmas party was made by Ms. Parker, second by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0)

Staff & Elected Official Report  
Attorney Report – not present

Wastewater Report – Troy McKinney reported there were no plant discharges violations for the month of November 2021. Mr. McKinney reported that the plant was running well.

Electric Report – not present

MVH Report – not present

Darlington Police Department Report -Interim Marshall Kevin Crull. Marshal Crull requested the approval of Deputy Nicholas Greeson as a part-time deputy starting January 2022. A motion was made by Ms. Parker to hire Mr. Greeson, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0). Marshall Crull will provide December police schedule via email.

Park – Council will be looking into the park position in the near future.

Code Enforcement Officers – Council agreed that the position should still be active through the winter and not just seasonal. Complaints tend to rise in the winter. Mr. Smith had nothing to report at this time.

Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of November 2021. Clerk Cash requested a motion to pay the town hall cleaning lady \$15.00 an hour starting in January 2022. The requested was approved per the salary ordinance above. A motion to approve the tracking factor for January, February and March of 2022 was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0)

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – reported that her and Mike Cohee would no longer be cleaning the Community Center affective November 30, 2021. A motion to hire Jill Mullen to clean for the month of December and pay her \$350.00 for the monthly cleaning and the events was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

Noelle Suiter – Mrs. Suiter will be reaching out to Clerk Cash to work on getting the baseball/softball money collected.

Nick Riddell – Nothing

Nicole Parker – Thanked President Carpenter for her years of service.

Kim Carpenter – Mrs. Carpenter has tried to reach out to the clerk's office regarding her resignation from the board on December 31, 2021. President Carpenter emailed the clerk her resignation letter. President Carpenter will be turning her keys and any papers and files into Clerk Cash on December 31, 2021.

Public Comment – Mrs. Kari Bennett from Aqua was seeking information from the council as to a place to lease for Aqua. The company's current location will be closing at the end of this year.

Town Board and Utility Board Monthly meeting will be on January 6, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. –  
Darlington Community Center.

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

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Kim Carpenter, President



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Nicole Parker, Vice President



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Nick Riddell, Council Member



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Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



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Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer