

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
JULY 6, 2020**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with four (4) council members present, not present Nick Riddell, also present Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric and MVH Brian Mullen and Jason Gates, Deputy Bob Rivers, Wastewater Mike McKinney, Code Enforcement Officers Mike Smith and Zach Aveline.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – Nothing

Wastewater Report – No discharges violations for the month of June, 2020.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Jason Gates reported on the continued work of tree trimming. Reported that the traffic signal on 47/625 will be coming in the near future. Mr. Mullen asked the council to look into charging a monthly service fee for each meter. Mr. Mullen also asked the council to look into have a home brought up to code when the meter has to be pulled.

MVH – Mr. Mullen asked for a motion to hire Deckard Engineering to do the Asset Management Plan for the road system to apply for the Community Crossing Grant. A motion was made by Mrs. Carpenter to no exceed \$30,000.00, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (4-0)

Town Marshal –Deputy Rivers handed out the July schedule. There was nothing new to report from the police department. He did report the RMS, (Record Management System) is up and working but they are still waiting on the company to get the history they need to pull up.

Park - Tim Shoptaw –Mr. Shoptaw was not present for the meeting. Mrs. Cohee asked that the park lights be replaced.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mike Smith and Zack Aveline, reported they had served 22 violations, 4 were still in progress, 13 were completed and they will be following up to make sure 6 have kept their properties clean.

Clerk Treasurer presented the Utility Board with the June Monthly Report. Clerk Cash reported a total loss of \$26,422.41 in uncollected utility funds for the month of June. The new date for the front lobby to open will be August 4th, pending any changes at the August town council meeting. Clerk Treasurer asked if the empty lot downtown could be utilized as a parking lot to help with the downtown parking. The council agreed it needed to be opened up and if any problems came up, they would handle them as they occurred.

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation, by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee.

Motion Approved (4-0)

New Business

The 2021 budget Form 1 were handed out and reviewed. A meeting was set for July 13th for a budget workshop to review each fund.

Mike Smith – Darlington Fire Department Chief Mike Smith along with a few members of the fire department would like to have the council approval to hold a fall October Festival at the Darlington Park. The council not only approved of the festival but will help and provide services for the set up.

The Community Crossing Grant has been put on hold for the time, due to funding for the 2021 year.

The council at this time decided to pay the Code Enforcement Officer’s either mileage or have them use on of the town truck’s when they are on shift.

Old Business

Recycle Center Curb – Both Township Trustee’s boards have offered to pay toward the recycle center at the park to make it assessable to the county residents.

The front lobby will remain closed until the August 3, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Riddell sent an email on the park cameras. The camera choice he found would need batteries changed every two weeks, so the council would like to see what other options the park could get because the expense and time involved would be costly.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee –None

Noelle Suiter – None

Nick Riddell – None

Nicole Parker – None

Kim Carpenter – None

Public Comment – None


Next schedule meeting will be on August 3, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. –Utility Board Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Regular Scheduled Meeting

August 19, 2020 – 5:30 – Public Hearing on the 2021 budget

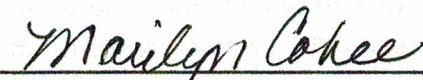
Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Parker seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0).

Kim Carpenter, President



Nicole Parker, Vice President

Nick Riddell Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member