

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
JULY 1, 2021**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter, opened the meeting with four (4) council members present. Mr. Riddell was not present. President Carpenter was joined by Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electrical Brian Mullen, Code Enforcement Officer – Mike Smith and Attorney Ethan Myers.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the June 3, 2021, regular meeting and Executive Meeting seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0)

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the June 10, 2021 Special Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0)

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation, by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

New Business

The First reading of Ordinance 2021-4 for a fee structure change in the Electrical Utility Department. This ordinance will be advertised twice and approved at the August 5, 2021 meeting.

Old Business

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021-3 to codifying the Town's Sewage Ordinance Tap-on Fees (51:33) was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0)

Festival Update – President Carpenter reported on the upcoming events of the festival, reminded the council of the next meeting. President Carpenter requested the presence of the electrical department to go over any needs at the park for hook-up for the event. President Carpenter will be asking the Congregation Christian Church if they would like to purchase the left-over food from the baseball/softball season to serve out of the concession stand during the movie night. Mrs. Carpenter talked about the expense it will take to advertise for the festival, and encouraged the council to try and get donations. Smith Trash will be handling the dumpsters during the festival. Mr. Mullen brought up the condition of the old fire department behind Palmers bricks are randomly falling, Mr. Mullen requested the council to make a motion to rope off the building to keep people from walking by, a motion was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter. Motion Approved (4-0) Mrs. Carpenter will be getting with Mr. Mullen on the closing of streets during the festival.

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

A motion to change the fees on the Park Shelter was made by Mrs. Cohee, to change the Large Shelter from \$50.00 flat fee to \$25.00 an hour, or \$200.00 for all day, and the Small Shelter will change from \$25.00 flat fee to \$15.00 an hour, or \$100.00 for all day. The renter must empty the trash cans and put the bags of trash into the large receptacle, motion was seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0)

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – no report

Wastewater Report – Troy and Mike McKinney reported by email there were no discharge violations for the month of June 2021. Installed the new wooden baffles into the three secondary tanks.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Brian reported work being done at the Auction House on State Road 32. Mr. Mullen informed the council that the electrical department portion would be costly.

MVH Report – Mr. Mullen reported the patching was done on main street. Mr. Mullen reported that Milestone was hoping to start working in the town in the coming week. Mr. Mullen was contacted by the Congregational Christian Church to barricade the street in front of the church for VBS week July 11, 2021 – July 14, 2021. The council had no issues with the request.

Darlington Police Department Report - Town Marshal Dave Long was not present for the meeting, reported through email to Ms. Parker that the department was first on scene for the plane crash east of town. June activity logs were scanned. Mrs. Carpenter informed Ms. Parker and the council that Officer Mike Taylor is interested in working for the town part time. Mrs. Carpenter reminded Ms. Parker to have Marshall Long schedule coverage for his officers for the two-day festival.

Park – Mrs. Carpenter announced that the council would need to look for a new park maintenance worker, for right now Mr. Mullen reported on the mowing at the park. Mrs. Carpenter would like for the recycle bin to be moved back to the other parking lot and remain there. Mrs. Carpenter would like for the council to be more proactive in getting materials for the park diamonds next year before the season starts. Mrs. Carpenter received a bid on painting the rusted parts only on the ballfield fence. The estimate was \$3,582.80 and no action was taken at this time.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mr. Mike Smith reported on the bus on Adams Street is plated and runs. Mr. Smith towed two cars that were dumped on the Pyle property. He had issued a few citations for abandoned vehicles to be removed, some residents had to have a letter sent to be fined daily. Mr. Smith reported that Mike Davis with the Montgomery County mapping department will be reaching out to the town for some addressing changes. Mrs. Carpenter would like to receive a map that shows the town limits for the Town of Darlington.

Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of June 2021. Mrs. Cash reported on

Public Comment – Mrs. Sara Clapp addressed the council about an email she had sent, where the neighbor's dog has come after her son and them several times as well as the neighbors around them. Mrs. Clapp is concerned as to what the next step is for them, because the dog will not even let the fence builders work on getting a fence up. The council directed Mr. Mike Smith, Code Enforcement Officer to visit the house and inform the owner and the landlord that the dog will need to be kept on a leash at all times, and the other animals at the resident are in violation of the town ordinance on kept animals.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Nothing

Noelle Suiter – Nothing

Nick Riddell – Not Present

Nicole Parker – Nothing

Kim Carpenter – Reported on the tree dedication for Richard Ames, the dedication will take place on July 25th at the Darlington Park Shelter. Mrs. Carpenter received an estimate from Barney Carroll to paint the Covered Bridge for \$6,500.00, a motion was made by Mrs. Cohee to accept the bid, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0). Mrs. Carpenter announced that she will be gone for the August 5, 2021 town council meeting.

Town Board and Utility Board meeting will be on August 5, 2021 –5:00 p.m. – Darlington Community Center.

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

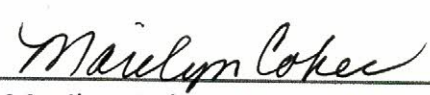
Kim Carpenter, President




Nicole Parker, Vice President




Nick Riddell, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer