

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2020**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with all council members present, also present Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric and MVH Jason Gates, Town Marshall Dave Long and Deputy Bob Rivers, Park Tim Shoptaw.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – Clerk Treasurer Cash report that Mr. Minnette would be working on two properties for code enforcement and would provide an update within the week.

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

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Jason Gates (Brian Mullen was out) reported an outage at Sub Station with a raccoon, the problem was on Duke Energy side. Equipment issues have been keeping them very busy with multiple breakdowns. IMPA Rate study came back up for discussion, with the estimate being anywhere from \$7,000 - \$10,000, the council decided to put this on hold until the electric collections can get back to 90% collection. They also would like to see a five-year plan done before seeking this service. Once the plan is done, we will reach out to IMPA to have a Representative come to the council meeting to discuss what is covered under the rate study.

MVH – Mr. Gates reported that Mr. Mullen was trying to have the companies who gave the three estimates for street repair speak the same language and submit comparable quotes. Mr. Gates reported all the line work for Main Street has been painted.

Town Marshal – Marshall Long reported the police department had been very busy, not only with the increase in shop lifting at the Dollar General, but lots of town residents seem to be out after 9:00 p.m. Marshall Long again is stressing to complainants that they will need to call dispatch to have an activity log done so that they can see a pattern form to build a case against any offenders. He stressed the importance of a camera and assured the council the camera image could be used to help with the kids and any property destruction at the park. Mr. Nick Riddell will look into a camera system for the park. Marshall Long reported that you must be a licensed driver to drive a golf cart, and a mini bike is not allowed on public streets. Marshall Long reported on the completion of the First Net Hot Spot for the police vehicle was up and working. He reported receiving an email for RMS, (Record Management System) which is taking a little more time to get completed.

Park - Tim Shoptaw –Mr. Shoptaw reported that the gate to the park is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He informed the council of the vandalism that continues to happen at the park and the covered bridge. Mr. Shoptaw would like the council to consider locking the North West gate at the covered bridge permanently due to people wanting to come there

date was set for the Employee Review. Clerk Cash informed the council she would be sending letter to any landlord that doesn't have their tenant come down and sign up for utilities. Some landlords are not informing the office when someone moves in.

The Utility Board meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Riddell made a motion to approve the May 4, 2020 council meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. 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

Employee Review were set for July 6th, 2020 before the Town Council meeting. It was decided that Marshal Long will get back with council on the deputy's schedule to find a date.

A motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 2-2020 was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0)

A motion to approve the Rate Adjustment Tracking factor for July, August and September, 2020 with a decrease of \$0.032770 per KWH was made by Mrs. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

Old Business

Recycle Center Curb – tabled to next to July meeting.

IMPA Rate Study will be postponed at this time due to the amount of the study at this time.

The council would like to see a five-year plan first then we will have the rate study completed in the future.

A motion to hire Mike Smith and Zack Avaline to work a combined 10 hours a week at \$15.00 an hour from April 1, 2020 to November 1, 2020 to do Code Enforcement for the town was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Wanted to make sure that the ball park diamonds were being sprayed for weeds, since baseball got cancelled.

Noelle Suiter – None

Nick Riddell – None

Nicole Parker – None

Kim Carpenter – Just wanted to make sure budget billing would still be offered for the next year

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

Kim Carpenter
Kim Carpenter, President

Nicole Parker
Nicole Parker, Vice President

Nick Riddell
Nick Riddell Council Member

Marilyn Cohee
Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Noelle Suiter
Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: Michelle R. Cash
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer