

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD

MINUTES

March 2, 2020

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting, all Council Members were present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric /MVH Brian Mullen and Jason Gates, Town Maintenance Tim Shoptaw, Wastewater Operator Mike McKinney, Deputy Bob Rivers, Attorney Ethan Myers.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – None

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

Electric Report – The Utility/MVH Maintenance Linesmen Jason Gates has been working on pole contacts and updating the fees with the state formula. The state average is \$10.00 per pole, we are currently charging \$7.50 per pole. The state updates this every three (3) years. INDOT will be putting a yellow flashing light at County Road 625 and State Road 47. Altec dealer reached out about a used truck for (\$20,000.00) for the electrical department. A motion to purchase the line truck and not to exceed \$20,000.00 was made by Mrs. Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0). IMPA will be holding a meeting on March 4, 2020 to review our contract and extended its 2042 date to 2050 to help the town when applying for grants. A motion to approve the extension from 2042 to 2050 was made by Ms. Parker, and seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (5-0)

MVH – Mr. Mullen reported on the estimates of several road projects for the Town for 2020. The biggest project and most important is the widening of Washington and School Street. The project as a whole will cost \$67,000.00 just for the street. Attorney Myers suggested we talk with the homeowners to give the town a release to widen the street. Several other estimates were talked about for further review down the road.

Town Marshal – Deputy Rivers said things seemed pretty calm. Mr. Rivers handed out the March schedule. Clerk Treasurer Cash will fill out code enforcement forms for the police department to serve. The police department will follow up with each violation and keep the council informed at the monthly meetings.

Park - Tim Shoptaw –Reported that several maintenance projects are being worked on currently at the park. Mrs. Carpenter reported on the baseball/softball meeting, the program will run the same as 2019.

The Covered Bridge- President Carpenter will be reaching out to get some financial help on getting a grant from the Community Foundation to begin Phase two of the Covered Bridge.

Clerk Treasurer presented the Utility Board with the February Monthly Report. A sidewalk bid was turned in for Mike Maxwell for Form It Up Concrete for 503 South Street, Ms. Parker made a motion to approve \$500.00 to be paid to Form It Up Concrete, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0)

The Utility Board meeting ended at 5:55 p.m.

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge followed Mr. Hatley with the prayer.

Public Hearing for the Storm Water User Fee was opened up, hearing no remonstrance on the increase from \$2.00 to \$6.00, the hearing was closed.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Parker made a motion to approve the February 3, 2020 council meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (5-0)

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation and transfers for negative balances docket, by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0)

New Business

A motion to approve Resolution 2020 – 1, approving rate increase for the Storm Water Plan was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0) A motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1 Increasing the Storm Water User Fee from \$2.00 to \$6.00 was made by President Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (5-0).

Old Business

Recycle Center Curb – A motion to return the recycle bin back to the park was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by President Carpenter. Motion Approved (5-0). President Carpenter will reach out to the Township Trustees to see if they would be interested in paying on the bill.

Council Members Report

Nick Riddell – None

Noelle Suiter – None

Nicole Parker – Ms. Parker asked for a motion to have the RMS (Record Management System) installed for the Police Department. Ms. Parker went on to explain the benefits of the system to the council. Ms. Parker will have the pricing at the April meeting.

Ron Hatley – None

Kim Carpenter -The Methodist Church reached out to President Carpenter wanting to make the council aware of a message board going up on the front of the building.

President Carpenter attended the DFI meeting and reported that the committee had raised over \$150,798.00 dollars since 2010 and provided the council with a list of things that had been improved since the town bought the building. The DFI will continue to raise money in an effort to keep improving the Community Center.

Public Comment – None

Next schedule meeting will be on April 6, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. –Utility Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. – Regular Scheduled Meeting

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

Kim Carpenter, Council Member

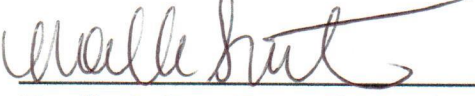


Nicole Parker, Council Member

Nick Riddell Council Member



Ron Hatley, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest:



Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer