

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
March 21, 2019**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge followed by Mr. Jim Rivers with prayer. Attending were three (3) council members, Mr. Sparrow and Mr. Ron Hatley was unable to attend. Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Attorney Kent Minnette, Town Marshal Dave Long, Deputy Jim Rivers, Utility Superintendent Greg Gayler, MVH and Utility Superintendent Brian Mullen, Town Maintenance Tim Shoptaw.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Sutherlin made a motion to approve the March 5, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0)

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation reports was made by Mrs. Sutherlin, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0)

New Business

Bids were open from Cooks Heating, Comfort Mechanic and Rigger Mechanical; Garrett Cook from Cook Heating and Air gave a brief introduction of his bid and the different options the town has to choose from in order to make the units more affordable. The council took the bids under advisement.

Old Business

Clerk Treasurer will be reaching out to Dan Collum on an expected start date for the Covered Bridge. Mrs. Carpenter said she had reached out to some potential contractors and should have some new information for the April Meeting. President Carpenter gave an update on some concerns for the 2019 baseball/softball league. Clerk Treasurer asked that it remain on the agenda under old business until we have a coaches meeting.

Council Members Report

Attorney Report – Mr. Minnette had nothing to report

Wastewater Report – No Violations for February 2019.

Electric Report – Superintendent Greg Gayler report on the few power outages.

MVH Report – MVH Superintendent/ Electric Brian Mullen informed the council that he had put in several hours on the electrical project for the East Lift Station out on State Road 32, along with Mr. Shoptaw, right now the electric department is under a time constraint so other contractors can come in as schedule to finish the completion of the project. Mr. Mullen informed the council that they had several trees to cut down in the spring. Mrs. Cohee asked Mr. Mullen to reach out to Phil Mahoy to see if he would be interested in working part time for the town to start working on pot holes. Mr. Mullen will also be reaching out to a potential person to replace Mr. Gayler position. Mr. Mullen will update the council at the April Meeting.

Town Marshal - Town Marshall Dave Long reported that the police department has been busy with a couple of Mental Health issues. Mr. Long will be looking into the replacement of Mr. Hechinger if the council wants him replaced. Marshall Long reported to the council he will be back in early spring to discuss some personal issues as well as asking for a 2019 raise for the

officers. Deputy Jim Rivers gave his resignation for a Deputy Police Officer for the Town of Darlington effective March 20th, 2019. Mr. Rivers said he would be willing to take the pre-basic Deputy Reserve Class and would work for the Town for 2 hours a day Monday – Friday at no pay. Mr. Rivers asked if the town would consider looking into other utility departments to see if he could be of assistance in any way to make up the lost ten (10) hours. Mr. Rivers will remain on as Code Enforcement Officer with an expected 10-13 hours a week. A motion to appoint Mr. Rivers as a Reserve Officer for the Town of Darlington was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (3-0)

Park - Tim Shoptaw –Reported on a bid from Dewitt on a 24 x 32 maintenance building for the park. The estimated cost was \$17,000.00 and was good for a year. Mr. Shoptaw will reach out to a couple more contractors for some estimates. The council let Mr. Shoptaw know that they would need the baseball field read and the fields lined 1 hour before the games begin.

Park – Baseball /Softball Program – A motion for the North Montgomery High School Cheerleaders with Coach Jessica Mitton and Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash to run the concession stand for the ball season with the profits being divided up in three ways, expense of food, to the park and to the Cheerleading Program was made by Mrs. Sutherlin, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Rivers was needing clarification on couple of properties that he has been working on for some time now. Mr. Rivers will be doing some follow up work and issuing some fines on properties that are incompliant. Mr. Rivers asked that the town put something on the website and Facebook page for the public to be mindful of parking the wrong downtown.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the Utility Billing Report for January. Mrs. Cohee asked that the amount billed and amount collected be put on the report and provided to all the council as well as Mr. Gayler and Mr. Mullen.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Would like for the council to change the May Meeting dates at the April Meeting so Councilmen Justin Sparrow will be able to attend.

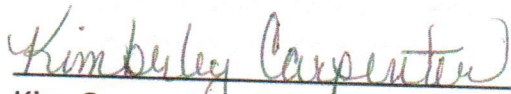
Teresa Sutherlin - Nothing

Kim Carpenter –Will be reaching to have a set down meeting with coaches from the baseball/softball teams once the schedules are done.

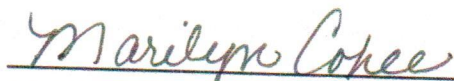
Public Comment - None

Next schedule meeting will be April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

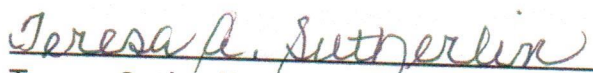
Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0).



Kim Carpenter, Council President



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Teresa Sutherlin Council Member

Attest: _____
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer