

## **DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

### Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter, opened the meeting with three (3) council members present, Mrs. Cohee and Mr. Riddell were not able to attend. President Carpenter was joined by Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric and MVH Jason Gates, Brian Mullen, Wastewater Mike McKinney, Code Enforcement Officers Mike Smith and Park Maintenance Bob Cash, Marshal Dave Long.

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

### Approval of Minutes

Ms. Parker made a motion to approve the November 2, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (3-0)

### Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation, by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (3-0)

### New Business

A motion was made by Ms. Parker to meet on the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. for 2021, motion was seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (3-0)

Motion to pass the Holiday Schedule for 2021 was made by Mrs. Suiter, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (3-0)

Matt Kelly with Comcast gave a presentation on bringing in broadband, telephone, internet, television to all home in the Town of Darlington. Mr. Kelly reported that the build would not start until January 2021. Comcast would need to get a pole agreement with the town. Comcast will offer some service for the low-income family as well as the senior citizens of the town. After much discussion, Mr. Kelly told the council he will be back with more specific at the beginning of the year.

### Old Business

Clerk Cash had no update on the Cares Act money, still waiting on estimates to apply to the Indiana Finance Authority. The Town of Darlington can receive up to \$27,771.00 in Cares Act money.

There was no update on the condemn properties, as the town received no bids for the project. This is the second advertising for this project. The council tabled this until further notice. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2021 Salary Ordinance. The council received no questions and asked that the final reading be on the December 2020 agenda.

### Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – Nothing

Wastewater Report – No discharges violations for the month of October, 2020. Mr. McKinney is looking into a system to use discharge tablets instead of liquid gas. Mr. McKinney provided some estimates for the project. He is still waiting on some other numbers and will bring them to the December meeting.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Mullen and Gates reported the Banjo will be turned on by the end of November if all goes accordingly. Mr. Mullen reported the town now has 3 new residential location.

MVH- Mr. Mullen leaf vac is out and going. Mr. Mullen reported the new snowflakes were already in and will be ready to display the end of November. Mr. Mullen had met with Rodger Azar of Deckard engineering on the Main Street project for the community crossing grant. Mr. Azar will come at a later meeting to present his findings of how the project should be done as well as the money it will take.

Darlington Police Department Report - Town Marshal Dave Long said Halloween was a success! Marshal Long expressed his concern of the town police car, and would like the council to consider getting something newer. Marshall Long presented the board with some information about the State Police auction! At this time the council will take this under advisement and look into the funding for next year.

Park – Bob Cash –Mr. Cash reported the broken fence has been taken down and removed, the building and toilets have been winterized, the bottom of the trees have been removed, the diamonds and grounds have been rolled once, but will need it again this year, and the beginning of spring. All equipment has been winterized and the barn has been cleaned out. Mr. Cash will be working on the baseball inventory this winter at the Community Center. Mr. Cash will be doing the trees over by the playground as well. Mr. Cash has not been able to get a quote for the sidewalk out front, no one seems to want to return a call. Mr. Cash received the bid for the netting on Diamond One for \$1,000.00 it will require additional cost for polls as well. A motion was made by Mrs. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Suiter but the net. Motion Approved (3-0). Mrs. Carpenter will be getting spray for the fence row come spring to help with the removal of stumps and weeds.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mike Smith updated the council on current violations that had been served, and completed. Mr. Smith said Code was done for the year and he will be helping out at the park for special projects.

Clerk Treasurer presented the Utility Board with the October Monthly Report. Mrs. Cash reported that she had received an email from Bill Caswell from the Preservation of Covered Bridges about the statues of the bridge and the amount of funds needed to finish the project. Mrs. Cash will be working with Mr. Caswell to see is about getting a donation for the bridge.

#### Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Not Present

Noelle Suiter – None

Nick Riddell – None

Nicole Parker – Ms. Parker reported that Mike Davis with the County Mapping department will be reaching out about the town boundaries.

Kim Carpenter – President Carpenter attended the last DFI meeting informed the council that they will have to figure out what repairs they want done with the Community Center roof. The DFI is prepared with some of the repairs.

Public Comment – Don and Terri Sparrow attend the meeting for a short time to hear about Comcast coming to town.

Town Board Meeting will be on December 7, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. –Town and Utility Board Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Parker seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (3-0).

Kim Carpenter  
Kim Carpenter, President

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Nicole Parker, Vice President

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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