

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

Call to Order

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with four council members present. Mr. Riddell was on vacation. Joining the council was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the October 6, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0).

Money Matters

The motion to approve the payroll and appropriation report to the council was made by Mrs. Cohee and seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve a transfer for a keystone error that created a negative balance was made by Mrs. Suiter and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0) All documentation is emailed three days before the meeting to review.

New Business

A proposed electric rate study was handed out to the council to review before the December meeting. A discussion will take place at this meeting to begin the process of any changes that need to take place in the future.

The council reviewed the Baseball/Softball end-of-year report. After much discussion, a meeting will be held on the first of the year to review the policy for the 2023 season.

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the council with a Community Center inventory of junk that needs approval for disposal. After reviewing the list, a motion to declare the inventory inoperable junk was made by Ms. Parker and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve Vebra Binford's request for \$500.00 sidewalk money at 206 S. Franklin Street was made by Mrs. Cohee and seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0)

Old Business:

A motion to approve Ordinance 8-2022, amending Ordinance No 6-18-2012, regulates noise within the Town of Darlington was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve Ordinance 7-2022 for a stop sign to be put at the intersection of Adams and Franklin to make it a four-way stop was made by Mrs. Suiter and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

Ordinance 9-2022 – 2nd reading of the 2023 Salary Ordinance.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report –no report.

Wastewater Report – Tom Astbury with Astbury Water Technology, Inc reported on the lift stations and wastewater plant repairs. After much discussion, Mr. Astbury requested approval for a generator for lift station 1 for \$33,890.00 from Hoosier Power. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve \$2,230.00 for a repair to the current generator on lift station 2 was made by Ms. Parker and seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve \$3,58.00 for a repair to the current generator at the Wastewater Plant was made by Ms. Parker and seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve \$8,550.00 for cleaning the drying beds with Karle Environmental was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

Electric Report – Mr. Mullen requested approval to send a letter to customers who have security lights near their property but are not paying for them. The lights were put up by the town years ago, but the need for the town to provide them now is not necessary. The cost is absorbed by the town at this time. The letter will let the customer know they will be removed unless they choose to take over the light and pay the monthly fee. After discussion, the council believes the lights need to be removed unless the customer takes over the security light fee.

MVH Report- Ms. Parker wanted to thank the Darlington American Legion Women's Auxiliary for providing street flags. These flags will go up in the spring after winter has passed.

Complaints have been coming in on the congested area of West Main Street.

A letter will go out to the current residence on parking in your driveway, not on the street. No parking signs will be placed on West Main Street's South side. Residents on the North side will be requested to park in their driveways if they have one.

A motion to approve all four intersections in town that are not currently four-way stops to be made a four-way stop was made by Mrs. Sutherlin, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (4-0)

Darlington Police Department - Marshall Kevin Crull sent the November police schedule and activity logs by email.

Park – Fall and winter maintenance for equipment and projects will be next for the park.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mr. Smith updated the council on the violations he has served and completed by email. The council requested Mr. Smith to serve some violations on some properties in town.

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of October 2022.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Nothing

Teresa Sutherlin – Reported on a couple of Code Enforcement addresses

Noelle Suiter – Nothing

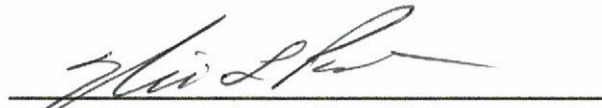
Nick Riddell – Not Present

Nicole Parker – Nothing


Public Comment – None

The next scheduled Town Board and Utility meeting will be on December 1, 2022 – at 5:00 p.m.
– at the Darlington Community Center.

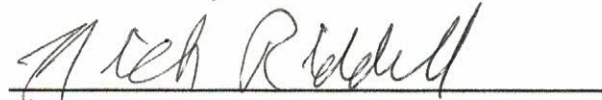
The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Parker and seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion
Approved
(4-0).



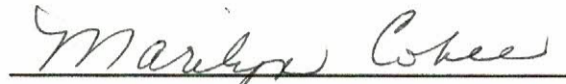
Nicole Parker, President



Teresa Sutherlin, Council Member



Nick Riddell, Vice President



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer