

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter, opened the meeting with all council members present. President Carpenter was joined by Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electrical Jason Gates, Deputy Kevin Crull.

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Parker made a motion to approve the October 7, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0).

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation, by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

A motion was made to approve a claim of \$99.00 for training for Deputy Matt Riddell by Mrs. Suiter, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0) Mr. Nick Riddell abstained.

Transfers:

Transfer from General Code Enforcement Officers – Wages – (10100115) for \$1000.00 to General Park Benefits (10101124) - shortage part time mowers for Park.

Transfer from MVH – Insurance – (201001341) for \$1,900.00 to MVH - repairs & maintenance (201001361)

Transfer from Park Baseball (211000362) for \$963.26 – Supplies – to Park Baseball – (211001210) –Concession.

Transfer from Park Baseball (211000362) for \$92.46 – Materials – to Park Baseball – Fuel.

Transfer from Park – Materials (445001231) for \$6.54 – Materials – to Park Repairs & Maintenance – Repairs (445001361).

Additional: (Non-Appropriated Funds)

Additional \$23,000.00 – Armory Fund – repairs and maintenance – roof repair – (900001361).

Additional \$20,000.00 – Armory Fund – repairs and maintenance - \$20,000 -was approved at the 2021 budget hearing but never came through on the system. (Not an additional just information)

Additional \$14,172.00 – Darlington Festival Fund – (revenue received for fund)- (215001215)

New Business

The 2nd reading of the 2022 Darlington Salary Ordinance (Ordinance 6-2021) was read.

Old Business

Ms. Parker would like the council to consider adopting the City of Crawfordsville's current Fireworks ordinance with the following date and time changes: (July 2, 3 and 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. and New Year's Eve from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. be the allowed times to set off fireworks. Attorney Meyers will put a rough draft together to be considered for review at the January 2022 meeting.

President Carpenter ask the council to consider making the following changes to the burn ordinance for the town. President Carpenter would like to amend the ordinance to say only organic material and no burning in the streets. President Carpenter would like the council to consider fines be imposed in the ordinance is violated. Attorney Myers will put together a rough draft to be consider at the January 2022 meeting.

The police car will remain under old business per Ms. Parker until more information is gathered.

President Carpenter was unable to get the meeting together for the 2021 baseball/softball meeting with the coaches to have them turn in equipment, keys and a 2021 receipt/expense form along with the remainder of the money from the season. President Carpenter and long with Mrs. Suiter will schedule the meeting for the end of November to make sure the funds are turned in by the end of the year. This will remain under old business until the next meeting.

The structure of the park will remain under old business.

President Carpenter updated the council on reaching out to Price Excavating to give an estimate to remove the blacktop and Mr. Jason Roche to give an estimate on coating and possible removing the blacktop as well. Ms. Parker informed the council that in order to have the road at the bridge renamed in honor of Dick Ames someone from the council will have to ask the Montgomery County Commissioners for approval.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – not present

Wastewater Report – Mike McKinney reported there were no plant discharges violations for the month of October 2021 via email. Mr. McKinney has not received any reports from IDEM. President Carpenter will be reaching out to Mike and Troy McKinney about some concerns she has about the declining maintenance with the wastewater plant. Mrs. Carpenter doesn't want the town to get fined for any violations.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Jason Gates reported maintenance being done on the wood chopper, and plow to get ready for winter. Mr. Gates reported that American Water needed an additional 400-amp service, but the shortage of materials and price change along with the lead times are backed up right now and he is not sure when this project can happen.

MVH Report – Mr. Gates report that leaf pickup will be on Monday and Friday's if weather permits.

Darlington Police Department Report -Ms. Parker reported to the town that Deputy Kevin Crull will be filling the position of Town Marshal per the council approval. A motion to approve Kevin Crull as the interim Town Marshal until December 31, 2021 for training with the current Town Marshal Dave Long and paying him the \$19.00 an hour, until he takes over full-time starting January 1, 2022 was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion approved (5-0). Marshal Crull requested the approval of Deputy Shelby Curtis as a part-time deputy starting immediately. A motion to approve Deputy Shelby Curtis as a part time deputy for the Town of Darlington starting at \$17.00 an hour was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion approved (5-0). Marshall Crull handed out the November police schedule.

Park – Council will be looking into the park position in the near future.

Code Enforcement Officers – Not present. President Carpenter reported a complaint of a semi cab parked at Harrison/Meridian. After review of the ordinance the council believes the owner

of the semi is within his rights to park in front of his residence and is not violating the ordinance and no fines will be issued at this time.

Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of October 2021. Clerk Cash requested a motion to pay half of the duck money from the festival to the DFI as agreed upon during the festival. A motion to pay half of the amount collected for the duck race was made by Mrs. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0). Clerk Cash asked for a date for the annual Christmas party at Stookey's, the council decided that December 9th would be this year's annual Christmas party. Mrs. Cash reported on the Festival Committee. The festival committee returned the uncashed check back to the town, to be deposited back into the town's festival fund until the festival committee could get a checking account approved. The festival committee will come to the council for approval of any expenses and turn in all funds collected for the upcoming festival events to the Clerk Treasurer.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – reported the stove had been removed from the community center and she will be reaching out to Brian Mullen about hook up of the electric for the new stove. Mrs. Cohee also brought up the amount being paid to clean the community center for Mr. Cohee. The amount is not enough money for the time it takes to clean the center after big events. After much discussion the council would like to put in a cleaning fee attached to the rental of the center on big events that would cover the cost from the monthly cleaning agreement. The following fees were considered:

6-hour event - \$100.00

4–6-hour event - \$75.00

4- less hour's event - \$25.00

This will remain under old business for approval of the amounts at the December meeting to be approved.

Mrs. Cohee reached out to Mr. Larry Fiddler who will still stop by to check on the furnace of the center.

Noelle Suiter – Nothing

Nick Riddell – Nothing

Nicole Parker – Nothing

Kim Carpenter – Mrs. Carpenter will be reaching out to the clerk's office regarding her resignation from the board on December 31, 2021. President Carpenter offered to continue to schedule dates and take care of the Community Center after her resignation for next year. Ms. Parker said she felt that duty needs to come back to the Clerk Treasurer for scheduling and receiving the funds since President Carpenter would no longer be involved with the town's council. The calendar will be turned over at the December meeting.

Public Comment – Mrs. Teresa Sutherlin came in with some concerns about the above semi-issue. Mrs. Sutherlin would like for the Code Enforcement officer to talk to the neighbors to the South of them who continue to block the alley. Mrs. Teresa Sutherlin was wanting to know how long it would be before the lumbar yard fire would be cleaned up.

Town Board and Utility Board Monthly meeting will be on December 2, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. – Darlington Community Center.

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

Kimberley Carpenter
Kim Carpenter, President

Nicole Parker
Nicole Parker, Vice President

Nick Riddell
Nick Riddell, Council Member

Marilyn Cohee
Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Noelle Suiter, Council Member

by video - 12-2-21

Attest:

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