

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter, opened the meeting with four (4) council members present. Mrs. Suiter was not present. President Carpenter was joined by Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electrical Brian Mullen and Jason Gates, Marshall Dave Long, Code Enforcement Officer – Waste Water – Mike McKinney.

President Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the September 2, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (3-0). A motion was made by Mrs. Cohee to approve the September 23, 2021 2022 budget adoption meeting, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (3-0)

Money Matters

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

Mr. Riddell was able to come to the meeting at this time.

New Business

The 1st reading of the 2022 Darlington Salary Ordinance (Ordinance 6-2021) was read.

Old Business

Ms. Parker asked the council to consider making changes to the current fireworks ordinance and consider adopting the City of Crawfordsville with a few date changes. This will remain on old business until Attorney Myers can get back to the council.

President Carpenter ask the council to consider making changes to the burn ordinance for the town. This will remain on old business until Attorney Myers can get back to the council.

The police car will remain under old business per Ms. Parker until more information is gathered. Marshall Long gave some numbers for the cost of the detailing of the new vehicle.

President Carpenter will be having a 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. This will remain under old business until the meeting.

The structure of the park will remain under old business. Mrs. Suiter was not present for the meeting and will return for the November 4, 2021 meeting and further discussion will take place at that time.

President Carpenter ask the council to consider having the road at the bridge renamed in honor of Dick Ames. Ms. Parker would like to look into that further with the county mapping department to see if that is allowed. Mrs. Carpenter reported the blacktop needs to be removed from the covered bridge floor, and the fire-retardant spray will need to be completed. Clerk Cash updated the council on a donation the town received for the covered bridge.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – not present

Wastewater Report – Mike McKinney reported there were no plant discharges violations for the month of September 2021. Mr. McKinney reported on some algae problems that IDEM has discovered. Mr. McKinney responded to the issue and the tanks are now clear. Mrs. Carpenter suggested pictures be taken of the tanks each month, so that the Town doesn't get fined for any violations.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Jason Gates reported work being done at the Auction House on State Road 32 was completed. Clerk Cash reported on the ITRO meter system for the electrical department will be going dormant at the end of the year. Mr. Mullen and Mrs. Cash are looking into the other companies that will be providing the service and the cost it will take to covert our system. Mr. Gates reported on some storm damage repairs and outages.

MVH Report – Mr. Mullen report some storm drains will be getting looked at that are sinking and causing issues.

Darlington Police Department Report - Town Marshal Dave Long presented the council with the October schedule. Police Activity reports were emailed. Marshal Long reported that he will be stepping down from the Town Marshal position effective December 31, 2021. Vehicle is still the only issue currently. Marshall Long talked about the difficulties the board will face in trying to hire officers for the current open positions.

Park – Mr. Mullen will make sure the water gets shut off at the park and the winterizing will be done.

Code Enforcement Officers – Not present. President Carpenter.

Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of September 2021. Clerk Cash presented the 2022 Holiday Schedule for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (4-0). Clerk Cash presented the meeting schedule for 2022 for the first Thursday of every month. A motion was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve. Motion Approved (4-0) Clerk Cash asked if the council would consider having the office painted inside and out. The council would like to have 3 estimates to consider.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Nothing

Noelle Suiter – Not Present

Nick Riddell – Nothing

Nicole Parker – Nothing

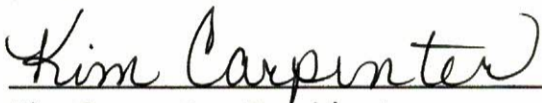
Kim Carpenter – Mrs. Carpenter asked for a motion to join the Indiana Festival Guide Association so the Darlington Pageant winners could attend the state contest. A motion was made by Mrs. Carpenter for \$275.00 which would come from the festival fund money,

seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0). Mrs. Carpenter made a motion for the Darlington Park concession stand items not used during ball season be donated to the Darlington Festival Committee, to use at the Halloween Party, motion was seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (4-0). Mrs. Carpenter was reached out by the homeschooling coaches about the rental of the Community Center. The school would like to practice 3-4 hours twice a week. Mrs. Carpenter is going to set a fee schedule for the coaches for the rent. The council members agreed the teams shouldn't be charged the full price for only a few hours. Mrs. Carpenter announced her resignation from the board on December 31, 2021.

Public Comment – Festival Committee President Pam Weliever and Vice President Jennifer Flaughter informed the council they will be opening up the checking account at the bank and came to request the festival funds that the town had collected from the 2021 festival. A motion was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter to release the funds to the Festival Committee. Motion approved (4-0). The town will no longer be collecting or disbursing money for the festival.

Town Board and Utility Board Monthly meeting will be on November 4, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. – Darlington Community Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Parker seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0).



Kim Carpenter, President



Nicole Parker, Vice President



Nick Riddell, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer