

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

**Call to Order**

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with all council members present. Joining the council was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash.

**Public Comment – None**

Tom Astbury with Astbury Water Technology, Inc, presented a two-year contract for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Astbury's company will be replacing Mike McKinney and Troy McKinney who resigned on August 31, 2022, for a fee of \$5,000.00 a month. Mr. Astbury did a walkthrough of the Town's wastewater treatment plant and reviewed his findings with the council. Mr. Astbury will be starting out with some maintenance updates but foresees some major work that will need to take place in the upcoming years.

A motion to hire Astbury Water Technology, Inc for a two-year contract for the wastewater treatment plant, was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the August 4, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0).

**Money Matters**

The motion to approve the payroll and appropriation report was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0)

A motion to approve a transfer from Code Enforcement to Town Council Salary for \$400.00 to clean up a negative balance was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

At this time President Parker asked to hear from Melissa Cain the supervisor for the girl's fast pitch summer softball league. Mrs. Cain present her breakdown of the 2022 season and asked if the equipment could be kept with her since the softball league paid for it. The council felt the equipment could stay in the Community Center until next season. Mrs. Cain wanted the council put together a price for using the concession stand for next year, in case they have any tournaments, not on the schedule. The council will work on that in the coming months. Baseball supervisor Josh Brounaugh didn't show up to the scheduled meeting. Because the council has asked Mr. Brounaugh to come to a meeting since July as his signed contract dictates, they would like an attorney to review and advise them on what steps need to be taken to get the keys, money, and spreadsheet turned in.

The first reading of the 2023 budget, was read. Hearing no comments, the council moved on to new business.

**New Business**

Ordinance No 6-18-2012 regulates noise within the Town of Darlington. The council has received several complaints about the noise of outdoor entertainment. The council will amend the ordinance to request that a permit be approved by the council for outdoor entertainment with a shutdown time of 10:00 p.m. If the establishment is uncompliant then the council will fine the establishment \$100.00 for every five minutes past 10:00 p.m. A motion to have the attorney amend the ordinance with the said changes was made by Mrs. Sutherlin and seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0)

A request was made from several neighbors on Adams and Franklin to make the intersection a four-way stop for the safety of children and adults. After some discussion, a motion to approve a four-way stop at Adams and Franklin was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

**Old Business:**

A motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-6 electronic Funds Transfer and Online Banking was made by Mrs. Cohee and seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

The 2023 Animal Welfare League Control Service Contract was presented for \$5,489.00 to the council. A motion to decline the contract was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

Progress is being made on the electric rate study and the Community Crossing Grant. Clerk Cash will inform the council when the paperwork has been sent.

**Staff & Elected Official Report**  
Attorney Report –no report.

Wastewater Report – no report

Electric Report – Brian Mullen and Jason Gates – No Report

MVH Report- No Updates.

Darlington Police Department - Marshall Kevin Crull will send the September police schedule and activity logs by email when the email is fixed.

Park – Fall maintenance of weeds, 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 reviewed one violation that will be forwarded to the attorney.

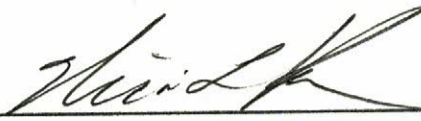
Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of August 2022. Clerk Cash confirmed Halloween hours to be on October 31, 2022, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

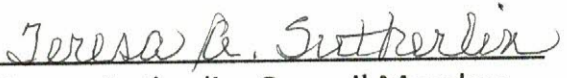
**Council Members Report**  
Marilyn Cohee - Nothing  
Teresa Sutherlin – Nothing.  
Noelle Suiter – Nothing  
Nick Riddell – Nothing  
Nicole Parker – Nothing

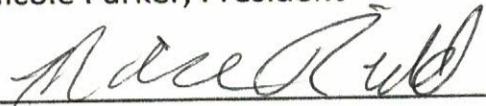
Public Comment – None

The Town Board and Utility Board Monthly meeting for the adoption of the 2023 budget will be on September 22, 2022 -at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center. Town Board and Utility on October 6, 2022 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Riddell and seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0).

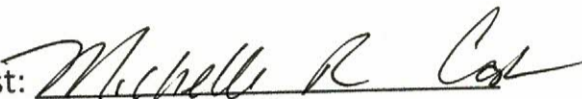
  
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Nick Riddell, Vice President

  
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Attest:   
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Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer