

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2022**

Call to Order

Nicole Parker president elect opened the meeting with all council members present. Mrs. Carpenter resigned as of December 31, 2021, joining President Parker and board members was Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Wastewater Troy McKinney and Mike McKinney, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith and Marshall Kevin Crull, Electric Jason Gates and Attorney Ethan Myers.

President Parker gave the pledge, followed by Mrs. Suiter with the prayer.

Public Comment – Property owner located at 6359 E South Street requested a variance on the ordinance that doesn't allow for a trailer to be put back on a property after a year has expired. The property owner already has one trailer on the property and wanted to add another, the town ordinance doesn't allow for the second trailer. After much discussion the council denied the land owner the right to add a second trailer. The land owner will be given 2 months to remove the second trailer and clean up the extra debris that has been left before being fined by the code enforcement officer.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Riddell made a motion to approve the December 2, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0).

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation report was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0)

New Business

Appointment of Liaisons:

Town Hall – Nick Riddell

Police Department – Nicole Parker

Electric/MVH – Nicole Parker

Park – Noelle Suiter

Wastewater – Nick Riddell

Code Enforcement Officer – Nicole Parker

President Parker asked the council and the employees, made a recommendation that all employees not be required to attend the council meetings with the exception of the Clerk Treasurer. The employees are always welcomed but currently the town is paying the employees for the evening meetings. President Parker would like the requirement be dropped and the employees, contact their liaisons if they have anything that needs to be presented at the meeting. If the employee believes it is something that the council will need to vote on or money will be involved then they will need to be present at the meeting. All council members and employees agreed to the change starting in February, 2022.

Clerk Cash presented the town Capital Assets Policy, a motion to accept the policy as written was made by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

Contracts:

A motion to approved the cleaning contract between Deidra Jill Mullen and the Darlington Town Council was made by Mrs. Suiter, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion approved (4-0)

A motion to approved the cleaning contract between Amy Brown and the Darlington Town Council was made by Mrs. Suiter, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion approved (3-0) with Mr. Riddell abstaining because of family relations.

A motion to not approve the AWL contract for 2022 due to increase price and lack of duties was made by President Parker, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0) Marshall Crull said the Darlington Police Department could use the current kennel we have and place the dogs in them until transport can be made to the shelter.

Old Business

Fireworks Ordinance 1st reading was presented.

Burn Ordinance 1st reading was presented

Marshall Kevin Crull presented some information for the purchase of the new police vehicle to the council, the council asked him to look into the financing side and report back to President Parker. A motion to approve the purchase and financing of a new police car was made by President Parker, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (4-0).

Mrs. Suitor informed the council there would be a baseball/softball meeting on January 10th, 2022 to work out the details of the 2021 season. This meeting has been on hold due to Covid.

The structure of the park will remain under old business.

There is no update on the Covered Bridge.

The council approved for Mr. Mullen to have the locks changed at the Community Center and Townhall they requested the keys be made so that they can't be duplicated. Mr. Dave Shelton asked that we use a company called Best Keys to make sure we keep the aesthetics of the building. The council would like for the keys to be signed out from the Town Hall.

There was no update on the Festival Committee

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report –Attorney Ethan Meyers presented his 2022 contract. The contract was approved by a motion made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (4-0)

Wastewater Report – Troy McKinney reported he had no test results for December back yet.

Electric Report – Mr. Gates reported that American Water and Banjo will be adding on another building which will require a new feed. The supplies have been ordered but the lead times are about 4-6 months out.

MVH Report – not present

Darlington Police Department - Marshall Kevin Crull reported Deputy Nicholas Greeson is ready to start.

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

Code Enforcement Officers – Complaints about abandoned vehicles is on the rise.

Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of December 2021. Clerk Cash requested a motion to appoint Amanda Wilson to the Darlington Library Board, a motion to approve the appointment for 4 years was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (4-0). Clerk Cash informed the council after talking to Marshall Crull her office would take the information for gun permits and leave for police department, and do the inspections on the golf carts when no officer is available. Clerk Cash will be presenting the 2021 Annual Report at the February 2022 meeting.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee - Nothing

Noelle Suiter – Nothing

Nick Riddell – Nothing

Nicole Parker - Nothing

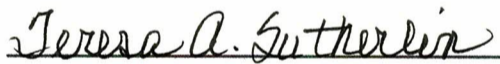
Public Comment – Mr. Dave Shelton, President of Darlington Forever Inc. presented the council with a history of the Community Center and why the DFI is working hard to keep its history. Mr. Shelton handed out an expense sheet of the work that has been done by the DFI and the council. Mr. Shelton talked of the future and what projects they would like to have done, told them about each member of the board and the many fundraisers they have done to keep money flowing for the projects.

Town Board and Utility Board Monthly meeting will be on February 3, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. – Darlington Community Center.

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



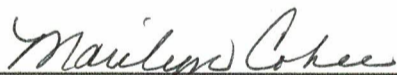
Nicole Parker, President



Vacant Seat




Nick Riddell, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer