

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES**

JANUARY 30, 2020

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter opened the meeting with all council members present. Along with Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, MVH Superintendent Brian Mullen and Jason Gates. Rodger Azar with Deckard Engineering and Amy Miller with Cornerstone Grant Systems.

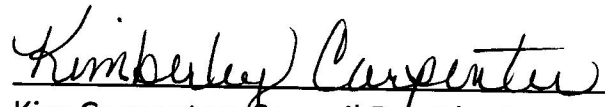
The purpose of the meeting was to update the council on the Storm Water Project. Amy Miller informed the council our LMI was standing at 40.7% and we needed to reach at least 51% in order to apply for the OCRA Grant the survey was unsuccessful. Amy went on to say that the law has changed and the income survey would change from household to individuals. The town would need to collect 86 surveys in order to apply for the \$600,000.00 again to help with the Storm Water Project. Some options were to go door to door, advertise again, mail out the surveys. At this time the council felt like each one could go door to door and collected the 86 surveys. Once the surveys are collected the council would meet again with Rodger for the proposed engineering plan and Amy for the income survey data so the proposal for round one could be submitted by the May 22, 2020 deadline.

Mr. Azar went onto give the council a recap of the options that had been discussed the first time and what the town could look at doing with the 600,000.00. He would have to do some engineering work again to provide the best option for the town with the grant money.

The council will have to match 10% of the money received. The current Storm Water fee is \$2.00 a month for all residential and commercial properties. A motion was made by Ms. Parker to raise the fee to \$6.00 a month in order to meet the match for the grant, and at least try to fix the major area's in the town, motion was seconded by Mr. Hatley. Motion Approved (5-0)

Next schedule meeting will be February 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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



Kim Carpenter, Council President



Nicole Parker, Vice President



Ron Hatley, Council Member



Nick Riddell, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest:



Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer