

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD

MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2021

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter, opened the meeting with all council members present. President Carpenter was joined by Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Attorney Ethan Myers, Wastewater Mike McKinney, Town Marshall Dave Long, Park Maintenance Bob Cash, Code Enforcement Officer – Mike Smith and Zac Aveline.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (5-0)

Money Matters

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

New Business

Mr. Blaine Gillan and wife Ashley presented the board with a request in writing to park their RV Camper beside their business (Lavender and Hops) for few months, until they are able to close on their property where they are building a house. President Carpenter warned the council that she felt like this was a bad idea based off the fact that several residents could come ask in writing the same request and the board would not be able to refuse them. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Cohee to allow the RV to be placed on the property for no more than 60 days, if complaints start coming in the council will revisit this motion, motion seconded by Mrs. Suiter. Motion Approved (4-0) with President Carpenter voting no.

A motion to approve Festival Fund 215 to establish for the town to take donations for the annual festival and fish fry was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (5-0)

Attorney Ethan Myers passed around an updated pole attachment license agreement between Darlington Municipal Electric Company and any utility company wanting to use the electric company's poles. The agreement was updated for new pricing and conditions that needed to meet the current requirements for the Electric Company. A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter. Motion Approved (5-0)

Old Business

Mr. Ryan Ballinger presented the council with the soccer field diagram, talked about the sign up and was able to post some flyers to see what kind of interest he will have with the program. Mr. Ballinger will need to reach out to the Boys and Girls Club to see what kind of release is used for parents to accept responsibility for their children. Mr. Ballinger will come back to the May meeting with more information and a timeline for the council.

Attorney Ethan Myers reported that the Russell property can't be touched at this time, due to the excessive number of liens on the property.

The police car will remain under old business per Ms. Parker until more information is gathered. She has been looking into John Jones Salem Police Pursuit Vehicles.

The IMPA contract will remain under old business until the May meeting.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – Mr. Myers would like for the electric department to call on the utility easement requirements to set up a protocol before any projects are started.

Wastewater Report – Mr. McKinney reported there were no discharges violations for the month of March 2021. Mr. McKinney will be coming up with an invoice for tap on fees to present to the billing department to make sure that it is being collected. Mr. McKinney will then follow up with the billing department before hooking up any new residence. Mr. McKinney would like to revisit the cost for tapping on in the near future. reported to the council that they received a draft of the NPDES plant permit from IDEM and have reviewed the draft permit and saw no changes from the current permit.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Brian Mullen and Jason Gates were not present.

MVH Report – Mr. Mullen was not present.

Darlington Police Department Report - Town Marshal Dave Long handed out April's monthly schedule, and March activity logs were scanned. Mr. Long said the department was busy assisting with several calls since the weather is getting warmer. Mr. Long will revisit the speeding car on main street. Mr. Long discussed what training Mr. Riddell training requirements.

Park – Bob Cash – Mr. Cash gave an update on the removal of stumps by Mike Wilcox. Mr. Cash has committed to any sidewalk bids, he is still waiting on a few. Mr. Cash asked if he could get a bid on the garage door on the concession stand, currently it broken in several places. Mrs. Carpenter is still contacting a few places on planting the tree in honor of Mr. Richard (Dick) Ames.

Code Enforcement Officers – Mr. Mike Smith started the code enforcement job March 22, 2021. He had issued a few citations for abandoned vehicles to be removed. Mr. Smith was given some locations to do a check on.

Clerk Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for the month of March.

Public Comment – None

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Nothing

Noelle Suiter – Nothing

Nick Riddell – Nothing

Nicole Parker – Nothing

Kim Carpenter – Spoke with Dan Collum about continued renovation on the Covered Bridge. Mr. Collum should be starting back up with the bridge mid-April. Reminded the board that the festival meeting will be on April 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Town Board and Utility Meeting will be on May 6, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. –Darlington Community Center.

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




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