

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD**  
**MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)**  
**DECEMBER 9, 2015**

Council President Justin Sparrow opened the meeting with council members Marilyn Cohee and Kimberley Carpenter present.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 council and utility board meeting; Mr. Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the monthly claim docket; Mrs. Carpenter seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due report. The redesigned website is now up and running with a few pages still “under construction”. The council suggested adding to the January billing to clean snow off sidewalks and move vehicles off streets so snow plows can clean streets and Souper Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported there was an outage on State Road 32 while he was out of state on vacation. Apprentice Brian Mullen called CEL&P for assistance. Cut down two trees at the park that were in the electric lines. Mr. Mullen and Mr. Sparrow hung the snowflake Christmas decorations for Main St. and Madison St. Mr. Mullen put the outside Christmas tree up at the Fountain Trust Co. Changed out a transformer today at 3295 E. State Road 32.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen is on vacation.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations last month. The alarms are working however Omnisite Alarms is shipping them some antennas to go on the alarm systems. Mr. McKinney has tried contacting the owner of 211 W. Harrison but they still have not returned Mr. McKinney’s phone calls concerning the letter that was mailed to him from the town concerning the trouble they are having with their sewer line and that it was discovered there is a basement drain in that house which is against the town ordinance so the homeowner will need to cap it off. It was decided a few months ago by the council that the town will pay to hook up a new sewer line from the house to the wastewater line in the alley and the homeowner will have to pay for the work to be done on the inside of the house.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long reported there were a couple of domestic calls last month.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames was absent but told Mr. Sparrow he had nothing new to report.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson presented the council with the fund and appropriation reports. She also stated she has paid the Darlington Fire Department the last payment of the contract. At this time the 2016 Salary

Ordinance was presented and Mrs. Cohee made a motion to pass the 2016 Salary Ordinance; Mrs. Carpenter seconded all was in favor. Then Mrs. Carpenter made a motion to nominate Justin Sparrow and Ron Hatley as the two additional council members; Mrs. Cohee seconded, Mr. Sparrow abstained, motion passed. Then Mr. Sparrow made a motion to pass the resolution to appoint the two additional members, Mr. Sparrow and Mr. Hatley, to the Darlington Town Council for a total of five; Mrs. Cohee seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Darlington Fire Department was absent however Mr. Sparrow reported Dave Paddack and Alvin O'Neal said they will be disbanding the current board then will set up a new fire territory board.

Mrs. Cohee reported that the large tree on the vacant lot at 204 S. Madison St. that is starting to split and is beginning to lay on Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's home and propane tank is scheduled to be taken down but has not happened yet.

Mrs. Carpenter asked Mrs. Cohee to try to get the meeting set up between the town council, the former Darlington Community Center board and the Darlington Forever, Inc. before construction begins at the Community Center.

The next meeting will be January 14, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by President Sparrow and seconded by Kim Carpenter.