

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)
FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Council President Eddie L. Ward opened the meeting with council member Marilyn Cohee present. Council member Justin Sparrow was absent.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8 council and utility board meeting; Mr. Ward seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the docket from January 1, 2015 thru February 11, 2015; Mrs. Cohee seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due report. The council suggested adding to the March billing statement the 5th Sunday dinner March 29 at 11:30am, Darlington Fire Dept. Chili Cook-off March 7th, and town wide garage sales and town wide clean up in May.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported they have ordered and put up the new larger "To SR 47" signs. Mr. Gayler, Mr. Mullen, and Ms. Anderson moved the old records to a basement storage room in the Darlington Community Center. He and Mr. Mullen have been plowing snow. Explained to the council about Senate Bill 309 and how important it is to small Municipalities that own their own electric company. Mr. Gayler then presented the council with two quotes for the new street lighting on Main St. The council decided to put the street lighting project on hold until the Community Center has been remodeled.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen reported he met with a Milestone representative yesterday concerning which streets to pave and will have a proposal next month. At this time Mr. Ward commented that there is still water standing at the townhouses on South St. where Conner Excavating recently created a different storm drain. Mr. Mullen will call to see what can be done. Mr. Mullen then reported that Greg Hole built the fence years ago around the lift station at the Toll House so he contacted Mr. Hole to repair the damage to the fence but Mr. Hole has not returned his phone call.

Wastewater Operators Troy and Mike McKinney reported there were no violations. The pump at Lift Station #1 needs repaired. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to repair the pump on Lift Station #1 in the amount of \$9,030.00; Mr. Ward seconded all was in favor. After some discussion it was decided to keep a spare pump in stock for the Lift Station #1 which is the main lift station.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long reported it has been pretty quiet. Officer Long requested a line to the roof for an antenna from the office they will be moving to at the Darlington Community Center. Emergency Management said they would give them a base radio but will need better antenna service when we make the move.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames reported the woods that is for sale next to the Toll House where the proposed Covered Bridge will be moved to, does not have a

lien against it. However, it does have a judgment against it. At this time Mr. Ward reported the engineer firm, Beam, Longest and Neff (BLN) has issued a new draft copy of the five year plan for the proposed park at the Toll House area. After Mr. Ward reads through it he will then let the other board members read it.

Darlington Volunteer Fire Department was absent.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson proposal of services from Gordon Clark and Paul Puzzello, the project architects. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the architects proposal Ed Ward seconded the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Anderson then presented the council with the Franklin Township agreement for the Darlington Community Center to receive the sum of \$1,100.00. Then Ms. Anderson presented the Crawfordsville Housing Authority Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Ward made a motion to accept; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor. At this time Ms. Anderson reported that Shari Harrington with the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency has returned the letter of intent to participate in the hazard mitigation plan to be put on our letterhead and signed. Ms. Harrington is also needing to know who will be attending the meetings. Mr. Ward will contact Ms. Harrington to see when the meetings will be. At this time Ms. Anderson reported she received a letter from Jennifer Bentley concerning hiring Montgomery County to host our election. Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the agreement to provide the election administrative services to the county election board; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor. There was then some discussion of having the election in the Darlington Community Center gymnasium. Ms. Anderson stated there will need to be paved parking for handicap access to the building. Mr. Mullen said he will ask for a quote from Milestone, the council agreed. Ms. Anderson then explained to the council that the Darlington Armory Board expired in 2014. There was then a lengthy discussion and was decided to table the decision until next meeting when it could be clearly defined as to what each group's responsibility is and who sits on Darlington Forever, Inc. boards and the Darlington Community Center board.

At this time Mr. Ward asked Mr. Ames if he will be meeting with Josh Bell from Indiana Alarm concerning a video security system at the Old School Park again. Mr. Ames said Mr. Bell will be coming back when the weather warms up to have another look. There was then some discussion about the Darlington Fire Dept. cancelling the Wiffle Ball Tournament at the last minute that was scheduled for January 31, 2015 at the Darlington Community Center which cost the town several hundred dollars in fuel to heat the gymnasium in preparation for the benefit. At this time Mr. Ward began a discussion to allow the town employee's and the town council free use of the Darlington Community Center. It was agreed and Mr. Ward made a motion to allow this; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor.

Mrs. Cohee then began discussing the Darlington Community Center and explained that she has been getting the various groups to move their items out of the rooms in the Community Center in preparation for the renovation. Mrs. Cohee then presented an estimate for replacing the three windows in the large room next to the kitchen. The estimate was \$3513.00. It was decided to ask Kristy Jerrell if we need to wait.

The request for renovation bids for the Darlington Community Center will go out around the first of April.

Meeting Adjourned.