

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Council member Kimberly Carpenter opened the meeting with council members Marilyn Cohee, Ron Hatley and Teresa Sutherlin present. Council President Justin Sparrow was absent.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes; Mr. Hatley seconded and were passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the January 17, 2017 meeting minutes with Darlington Forever, Inc.; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded and were passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee moved to approve the claim docket up to February 14, 2017; Mrs. Sutherlin seconded and were approved unanimously.

Utility Superintendent Greg Gayler reported there was a widespread power outage on February 9th that was on Duke Energy's line. Then this morning a dump truck pulled down a fiber optic line on State Road 32 East that belonged to Zayco.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due reports. The council suggested adding to the March billing town wide garage sales coming May 6th.

Apprentice lineman Brian Mullen reported he has been salting the streets when they get slick but since it hasn't snowed much he hasn't had to plow the streets.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations last month. Larry Fidler installed a new heat pump at the wastewater plant. Mr. McKinney then reported BBC Pump and Equipment will be here next week to fix the rotted pipes at the mini lift station at the Toll House and that there is gushing water running through the mini lift station pipe. The council decided to have Mr. McKinney inspect the basements of the houses that are hooked up to it to try to find the cause. Ms. Anderson will write and mail letters to the residents.

Town Marshal David Long reported they delivered the ordinance violations to the homeowners. There were a few domestic calls and a few teenager issues.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Anderson reported Aqua IN was repairing the ruts they caused in Chris Jackman's yard and that she spoke with Tom Bruns at Aqua who sent her a map of Aqua's 2017 Darlington projects and she presented copies to the council. Then Ms. Anderson explained that the family that bought 201 E. Main St. would like the town to abandon the alley on the west side of the property and also the alley/right of way behind the property running east to west, that the power lines run through. The council said no because we need access to those alleys for the wastewater and the electric lines but they are welcome to use them as long as they maintain them and don't block the alleyways. Frontier Internet would like to be added to the Darlington website as an internet provider. The council agreed that if Frontier contacts us again we will add them to our local

businesses website page. J&K Communications will give Ms. Anderson a quote to repair the tornado warning siren or they may recommend buying a new one. At this time Ms. Anderson presented the council with the fund report. There will be a benefit for Darla Cohee on March 11th at the Darlington Community Center. Ms. Anderson then informed the council she will be retiring January 2018 and recommends putting an ad in the newspaper soon and hire someone for the last quarter of 2017 to have time to train this person. The council agreed to have Ms. Anderson advertise the position. Ms. Anderson then began the discussion of the Community Center rules. After some discussion it was decided to have a special meeting to fine tune the rules.

At this time Mrs. Cohee requested the council create an ordinance to only allow vehicles parked on the street for a limited time before moving it. It was agreed to move forward on creating an ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned.