

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD**  
**MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)**  
**JULY 16, 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 June 17 council and utility board meeting; Council president Justin Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the CCD Fund Public Hearing from June 17; Mr. Sparrow seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the monthly claim docket and the payroll docket for the second quarter; Mr. Sparrow 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 August billing statement no paint or liquids in the trash, volunteers needed for Darlington Fish Fry, and vote for five member town council on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations. Jason Douglas repaired the Lift Station at the Toll House. Greg Hole has repaired the fence at the Lift Station by the Toll House and concrete barriers have been placed on the two sides of the fence that face the roads.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported they have finished working at the Old School Park getting ready for the new security camera's that will be installed. A new transformer, all underground electric service, and added two new security light poles at the park. Waiting on the camera's to be hooked up now. Mr. Gayler then reported there was an outage on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Then on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the middle of the night storms came through and a tree limb pulled down a street light wire, other lines came down on State Road 32 and several fuses were blown from lightning. Then on July 12<sup>th</sup> a storm came through causing an outage on Nucor Road. On July 14<sup>th</sup> there was a power outage on east State Road 32 due to a truck that tore wire down. IMPA is installing small solar parks for some of their communities so Mr. Gayler found out Jason Douglas has acreage on State Road 32 he may sell to IMPA, it's only in the discussion stages at the moment. There was a tree limb that came down and knocked out a fuse on 625 East that caused an outage. Replaced some poles, added two more poles and a new transformer on east State Road 32. Will remove five poles when the ground dries up. IMPA also talked with Vectron Energy about bringing natural gas lines to Darlington and Rocky Ridge Golf Course a few days later Mr. Gayler and Ms. Anderson received an email from Vectron Energy stating they are expanding their operation and would like to come to Darlington if welcomed by the town council and residents. Someone from Vectron Energy will attend the August 12<sup>th</sup> town council meeting. At this time Mr. Gayler reported that he has received the Larry Hobart 2015 American Public Power Association Award.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson read an anonymous complaint letter about the poor state of some of the lawns in Darlington. Ms. Anderson presented a resolution to add a question on the voting ballot on November 3, 2015 to the courthouse requesting a five member town council. At this time Ms. Anderson explained there is extra money in the trash fund and suggested the town look into buying a leaf vacuum or hire someone to pick up leaves to lessen the smoke in the autumn from burning leaves. After some discussion it was decided that Mrs. Carpenter will look online for a leaf vacuum and Ms. Anderson will contact David Peebles to get a copy of other towns burn ordinances that have leaf pickup. At this time Ms. Anderson presented a fund report and an appropriation report. Then the council discussed the Darlington Community Center with Ms. Anderson presenting the original bid and the new project cost with the town hall removed.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen was absent.

Darlington Police Department was absent.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames was absent.

Darlington Volunteer Fire Department was absent.

Meeting Adjourned.