

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)
NOVEMBER 12, 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 October 14, 2015 council and utility board meeting; Mrs. Carpenter 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 council suggested adding to the December billing Santa Claus at the Fountain Trust bank and Darlington Christian Church musical event. Mrs. Pearson also presented the council with a list of rental properties in our electrical area. Then asked the council if we could stop using Wordpress for the town website and begin using Weebly, which is more user friendly. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to change the website to Weebly; Mrs. Carpenter seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported they replaced poles 261, 262, 262-1, 263, 588, 2481, and 2623 along with other electrical replacements and upgrades with those poles. Installed a new 3 phase transformer bank at the Darlington Community Center for the new heating and cooling project. ISC which is a branch of IMPA came and worked on a voltage regulator. At this time Mr. Gayler presented a solar and wind generation ordinance for net metering that he would like the council to consider at some point.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen reported he has been assisting Mr. Gayler.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported there were no violations last month. Jason Douglas has completed the sewer work at the James and Laura Hayes residence at 303 S. Madison St. The council confirmed that the letter to 211 W. Harrison was mailed 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. Last month it was decided 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. It was decided that Mr. McKinney will contact the homeowner to see where they stand. All of the Omnisite Alarms have been sent in to be updated but now only one works because they changed them from AT&T to Verizon, Mr. McKinney will see this gets changed back to AT&T.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long reported there were no problems on Halloween, passed out a lot of candy.

Darlington Fire Department board member Aaron Utz reported they received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Montgomery County Community Foundation that will be used to begin the grant process around the first of the year which, if awarded, will be used to build a new fire station. They have purchased a new tanker truck since the old one was totaled. Calls in the past few weeks have been fairly high. They were having email problems. Created a new email address, all is fine now. Mr. Utz acknowledged everyone was wonderful that pitched in to help with the house fire at 303 W. Main.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames was present but had nothing new to report. The council informed Mr. Ames that if a town employee mows the Old School Park or the Toll House then they will need to use the park mower and get paid \$10.00 per hour.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson presented the Appropriations and Funds reports. We received a call from someone that is moving to town needing approval to keep their potbellied pig that lives in the house and only goes outside with them on a leash. The council agreed that is fine. Ms. Anderson then reported that Rachael Davis is interested in having a yoga class at the Darlington Community Center (DCC) and will contact the council at a later date. Dennis Clouser's daughter will be renting the DCC for three days for her wedding on April 23rd. Then Ron Mahoy emailed the town about wanting to have a wedding at the Darlington Covered Bridge and asked if there was a fee. After some discussion it was decided there is no rental fee but would appreciate a donation to the bridge. When Jeannie Flint passed away she has left some of her estate to the Darlington Covered Bridge fund. Mrs. Carpenter made a motion to approve the resolution to set up an account for the covered bridge with the Montgomery County Community Foundation and Edward Jones then the funds will be dispersed to the covered bridge fund; Mr. Sparrow seconded, all was in favor. At this time Ms. Anderson then explained that an ordinance needs to be passed to expand the town council from three members to five members. Mrs. Cohee made a motion to pass this ordinance; Mrs. Carpenter seconded, all was in favor. Ms. Anderson then explained that the January 2016 utility bill will be the last one that will have the \$2.00 Fire Protection fee on it since the Darlington Fire Dept. is now a Fire Territory and will be receiving their own tax money.

At this time the council recognized Gary Isenberg of Keystone Building Services, Inc. who was awarded the job of renovating the Darlington Community Center. After some discussion Mrs. Cohee made a motion to accept the Owner and Contractor Agreement for the Darlington Community Center Project; Mrs. Carpenter seconded all was in favor.

The council recognized Paul Hoffman who asked if the town has considered leaf collection. The council informed him that they have discussed having leaf pick up beginning sometime next year.

At this time Mrs. Cohee stated she would like to reinstate the Darlington Community Center board. After some discussion it was decided that Mrs. Cohee will set up a meeting between the town council, the former Darlington Community Center board and the Darlington Forever, Inc.

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.

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