

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD**  
**MINUTES (*Pending Approval*)**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Budget Hearing minutes from August 1, 2015; Mrs. Carpenter seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cohee made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12 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.

Electric Superintendent Greg Gayler reported they have been trimming trees around electric lines. The Street Department swept the curbs on Main St. and painted parking lines and curbs. Upgraded a transformer and added new pole at 2550 E. State Road 32. Had to move and install a new electrical panel and wire at the electric shop. Mr. Gayler, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Sparrow attended the grand opening of the new IMPA Conference Center. Finished pulling poles at Honeycomb Apartments on State Road 32. Placed an order for road salt and received 26.4 tons. There was an outage on September 4 due to lightening that hit a fuse at the Marathon Gas Station and also blew a fuse at 4295 N. State Road 47. That same night a pole broke off at Beck's on 425 E. Mr. Gayler and Mr. Ames changed pole #2561 at Franklin and Grant St.

Billing Clerk Lori Pearson presented the council with the billing and past due report. The council suggested adding to the October billing don't burn leaves on street and Darlington Trick or Treat October 31, 2015 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Mrs. Pearson informed the council that the town attorney, David Peebles, suggested putting liens on properties one time per year in December. After some discussion the council decided quarterly would be better.

Electric Lineman Brian Mullen is IMEA Apprentice School at Greenfield, Indiana.

Wastewater Operator Troy McKinney reported they sent a camera down the wastewater line at James and Laura Hayes of 303 S. Madison St. and found there is no tap at the front of the house. It does go out the back to Washington St. but lines up with other people's property. Jason Douglas doesn't want to take it out to Madison St. because there is a lot of semi's that travel that road and they will have to close the street. They decided to take it straight down the alley to Washington St. and put three different clean-outs in it. Wastewater Operator Mike McKinney reported that on August 14 there was an IDEM inspection. There were four marginal discharge violations but was basically a good report.

Darlington Town Marshal David Long was absent. Marshal Long texted his report to Mr. Sparrow. The Darlington Fish Fry and Festival was uneventful but well covered. Marshal Long had also sent letters to the council members asking for \$34,112.00 in their 2016 budget. There was then a discussion about their budget. Ms. Anderson assured the council the money will be there when needed.

Clerk Treasurer Judy Anderson reported the Park Plan has been approved and can move forward. JTC Enterprises (phone repair) came to the Town Hall and installed line surge protection and battery backup. Ms. Anderson asked him to add music when someone is on hold but it was going to be \$260.00 so Ms. Anderson did not add it.

Handicap parking signs need to be placed at the Community Center and at the Town Hall. It was decided that Mr. Gayler will look into possibly installing it on the building of the Town Hall. The council will be meeting at some point before the end of the year to discuss employee salaries.

Park Superintendent Dick Ames reported a church group volunteered their time to do miscellaneous jobs at the park and there is a community worker painting the restrooms at this time. Mr. Ames contacted Ryan McHenry, the new owner of the woods next to the Toll House and explained to him that the Park Board would like to acquire a portion of the land to move the Covered Bridge there. Mr. McHenry will discuss this with his wife. There is still a major water leak at the park and Glenn Price will be repairing it at some point. Mr. Ames reported that there has been no vandalism at the Old School Park since the security cameras have been installed. Mr. Ames believes the trash truck has a hole in the bottom of the truck that is losing glass and such at their stops. At this time the park budget was discussed.

Mrs. Cohee reported she spoke with Terri Sparrow about the vacant lot at 204 S. Madison St. and the large tree that is starting to split and is beginning to lay on Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's home and propane tank. Mrs. Sparrow said she will contact Wilcox Tree Service. There is now a washing machine that has been in the yard for 2-3 weeks now. Justin Sparrow said he will contact Dan Zell to haul it off.

Mrs. Carpenter reported three bids were received today for the renovation of the Darlington Community Center. Two were disqualified. One because the bid was too high and we have to take the lowest bid. The other because they didn't have a bid bond due to the towns architects, Paul Puzzello and Gordon Clark, telling them they didn't need it. The project was granted to Keystone for \$328,829.00 which will probably be more because heating was not included in the bid. At this time Mrs. Carpenter made a motion to accept the low bid with the intention of having all the proper paperwork filled out and filed properly to the town council, the grant administrator and the architects; Mrs. Cohee seconded all was in favor.

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