

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES
October 29, 2018**

Councilmen Ron Hatley opened the meeting with three (3) council members present. Council men Justin Sparrow and President Kim Carpenter were unable to attend. Also in attendance was Park Superintendent Dick Ames, Town Maintenance Tim Shoptaw and John Roche.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2019 Little League Baseball/Softball. John Roche with All Sports presented the town with a check for \$3,081.25 from the 2018 ball season along with a spreadsheet of expenses and revenues incurred. With Mr. Ames retiring and the council contracting Tim Shoptaw for the ground maintenance of the park the council ask John what his role in the program would be for 2019 and if he would be willing to run it for the upcoming year. John expressed his concerns with being at the park when the games would be going on and felt he wouldn't be able to be there full time. He did however say he would still collect the money, do the scheduling and pay the umpires through the All Sports like he did this year.

Mr. Ames expressed his concern about the equipment that All Sports has bought over the years. He wanted to know where is would go. Mr. Ames wanted the council to understand that the scoreboards were not the parks as well as the gator. The council felt that the money used for the purchases of these came from All Sports and that money is the town's money. Mr. Ames stated that the scoreboards were not bought but borrowed from Sugar Creek Elementary. Mr. Ames reported that the current equipment is being stored at his storage facility and he will go through and account for all that was handed out for the 2018 season. He will collect the keys from the coaches and turn those over to the town when he receives them.

Clerk Treasurer Cash made a suggestion of getting a League Supervisor to cover the games, order the ball needed and be on hand until the end of the season. After much discussion the council will review their options at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Royce Foster reported on the recent early voting at the Community Center. 190 people showed up to vote this year. He expressed his concern about having to be in the council chambers and hopes the gym is available for the next time.

Next scheduled Utility/Council Meeting will be November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Darlington Community Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hatley, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0).



Kim Carpenter, Council President

Ron Hatley, Council Member



Joresa A. Sutherland