

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD

MINUTES

February 4, 2021

Call to Order

President Kim Carpenter, opened the meeting with four (4) council members present, Mrs. Suitor was not able to attend. President Carpenter was joined by Clerk Treasurer Michelle Cash, Attorney Ethan Myers, Wastewater Mike McKinney, Electric – Brian Mullen and Jason Gates, Town Marshall Dave Long, Park Maintenance Bob Cash.

President Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge followed Brian Lough with the prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Parker made a motion to approve the January 7, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

Money Matters

Motion to approve the payroll and appropriation, by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (4-0)

New Business

Roger Azar, with Deckard Engineering/Surveying, PC present the council with the plans for the Darlington Main Street Project. Mr. Azar explained the expansion of main street, reported on trees that would need removed and old brick sidewalks. After much discussion it was agreed by all council members that the brick sidewalks and the removal of trees be factored in to the expansion of the street. The council will need to make sure that the removal of the trees is sitting in the right-of-way, and any that are not be approved by the property owner.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Mr. Riddell, that the tracking factor for April, May and June, 2021 be approved. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve the 2020 Annual Report as presented by Clerk Treasurer Cash was made by Mrs. Cohee, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion Approved (4-0)

Old Business

A motion to approve the Utility Billing Clerk back to a full-time status was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

A motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 3-2020 for the year 2021 was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0)

An updated on the Pyle project for the Unsafe Building Ordinance was tabled until the County Commissioner Tax Sale on February 25, 2021. The town council will be seeking another bid for the North Franklin property. The council asked that the attorney write a letter to the property owner in regards to buying the property.

Staff & Elected Official Report

Attorney Report – Mr. Myers reported on the unsafe building ordinance.

Wastewater Report – No discharges violations for the month of January 2021. Mr. McKinney reported to the council that they had to repair plant lift station. Clerk Cash presented Mr. McKinney a 2020 yearend review to have a better look at the revenues and expenses that wastewater incurs during a year's time.

Electric Report – Utility Linesmen Brian Mullen and Jason Gates reported an outage at the bayou. Mr. Gates said they have been working on removing the old transformer from the shop and getting them up on blocks. Fifty transformers are no good and will be removed, once

Solomon Manufacturing clears them for hazardous material. Clerk Cash presented the electric department with a 2020 review of expenses vs revenues.

Darlington Police Department Report - Town Marshal Dave Long handed out a February monthly schedule, an activity log, and the Indiana State bids for a new car. Mr. Long provided a copy of Deputy Bruenger resignation letter which was effective for January 26, 2021. Ms. Parker asked that the police department provide the beginning odometer reading and the end odometer reading after a shift for the Marshall and each deputy. Ms. Parker made a motion to approve a timecard that was not turned in on payroll two, to be paid at the next available payroll for Marshall Long, seconded by Mr. Riddell, Motion Approved (3-1) with Mrs. Carpenter voting no.

Park – Bob Cash –Mr. Cash gave an update on the equipment at the park. The gator is not worth putting any money in at this time, the council asked that Mr. Cash get some quotes for the next meeting for something to replace it. Mrs. Carpenter asked that Mr. Cash let council member Mrs. Suiter know when the baseball meetings are and how the process works. Mr. Cash asked for a list of name and numbers of the coaches that would need to be contacted.

Code Enforcement Officers – Not Present.

Council Members Report

Marilyn Cohee – Nothing

Noelle Suiter – Not Present

Nick Riddell – Nothing

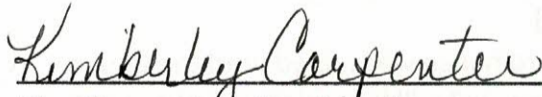
Nicole Parker – Nothing

Kim Carpenter – Nothing

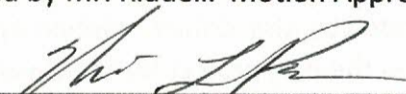
Public Comment – Mr. Brian Lough and Pastor Seth Stultz with the Congregational Christian Church were inquiring about the stormwater and the run off into the basement. Mr. Lough asked if anything can be done or have it looked at, to prevent the basement flooding. Mr. Azar and Mr. Mullen accompanied both back to the church to see if a solution could be made. Mr. Mullen will report back to the council at a later time.

Town Board and Utility Meeting will be on March 4, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. –Darlington Community Center.

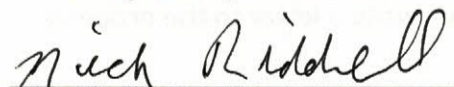
Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Cohee seconded by Mr. Riddell. Motion Approved (4-0).



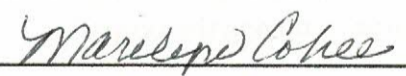
Kim Carpenter, President



Nicole Parker, Vice President



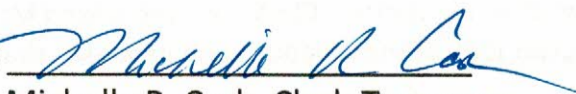
Nick Riddell, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Noelle Suiter, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer