# DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES August 7, 2025 LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE – Town of Darington Council

CALL TO ORDER: President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with the pledge. President Parker was joined by, Vice President Sutherlin, Jeremy Weliever, Jennifer Flaugher and Marilyn Cohee. Also joining the council was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, and Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen, Park Manager Bob Cash, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith, and Attorney Tyler Nichols.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Member of the public came to express there concerns with the new truck route. After much discussion, Councilmen Weliever ask the truck owners to meet with Brian Mullen to discuss another possible solution for re-routing

The council was asked to have the police department dedicate certain time in the month to run radar, heavily on 500 west as well as Madison and 700.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes was made by Marilyn Cohee, and seconded by Jennifer Flaugher. Motion Approved (5-0)

#### **MONEY MATTERS:**

A motion to approve the payroll docket, accounts receivable, and appropriations report for July 2025 was made by Jennifer Flaugher and seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

A motion to approve a transfer from TC Insurance for \$3,000.00 to Park/Other Services to cover additional cost was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaugher. Motion Approved (5-0).

A motion to approve a mileage claim for Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith for \$18.90 for the month of July was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jeremy Weliever and Vice President Teresa Sutherlin abstaining. Motion Approved (4-0)

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk Cash handed out copies of the current payroll matrix for the council to look over for the October meeting regarding raises for 2026.

MVH Superintendent Brian Mullen presented the council with photos of a collapsed storm drain and explained the process he used in getting it fixed. The drain was collapsed due to a sink hole in the side road. Mr. Mullen went on to explain a drainage issue off Main and School Street. Mr. Mullen is getting quotes to correct the path of stormwater to curb boxes and then to the creek.

Park Manager Bob Cash reported on the Fall Co-ed league which began on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will run until September 13<sup>th</sup>. Playing on Sunday afternoons. A motion to charge the league 15% was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaugher. Motion Approved (5-0)

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Form 1 have been discussed for the upcoming 2026 budget.

Clerk Cash presented the council with a spreadsheet showing the difference of maintain the monthly bills on the current town hall vs moving to the Community Center. The Council took

the information under advisement and would like to have this order of business remain under old business for the September meeting.

Attorney Nichols informed the council of the process of taking care of foreclosure properties in town.

## STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT: Attorney Report -None

Wastewater Report –Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen was able to update the council on some wastewater issues. Mr. Mullen presented some photos of pumps that are less than 6 months old and have been locked up due to grease, flushable wipes, and debris. At the council request Clerk Cash will post on the Darlington Chatter to make the public aware.

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen reported on continued work in the electrical department.

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen updated the council on the truck signs. Mr. Mullen presented the council with quotes to fix the salt spreader which was \$2,600.00 or purchase a new one for \$7,200.00. A motion to purchase a new salt spreader was made by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. (Motion Approved 5-0)

Darlington Police Department – Marshall Kevin Crull sent the July 2025 activity logs and the July 2025 police schedule in an email.

Park –Mr. Cash reported on the removal of several trees. Mr. Cash reported the park gator is in the shop and he will be coming back with some quotes to get it repaired.

Code Enforcement Officers – reported on the findings of the court hearing on a property.

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the council with billing report for July 2025. Clerk Cash wanted a motion on paying a weeks' vacation out to an employee who resigned. A motion to not pay out the vacation per the employee manual was made by Jennifer Flaugher, seconded by President Parker. Motion Approved (5-0) Royce Foster requested to put a dumpster in front of his house for two days. A motion to allow the dumpster was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaugher. Motion Approved (5-0)

A motion to approve the tracking factor for October, November and December 2025 was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT**

Marilyn Cohee – None Teresa Sutherlin - None Jennifer Flaugher – None Jeremy Weliever –None Nicole Parker – None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

Town Board and Utility meeting will be on September 4, 2025 - at 5:00 p.m. - at the Darlington Community Center.

Jeremy Weliver motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Jennifer Flaugher. Motion Approved (5-0).

Nicole Parker, President

Jeresa Sutherlin, Vice President

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Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer