

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES

September 4, 2025

LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE – Town of Darlington Council

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the August 7th and August 28th, 2025 minutes was made by Marilyn Cohee, and seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0)

MONEY MATTERS:

A motion to approve the payroll docket, accounts receivable, and appropriations report for August 2025 was made by Jennifer Flaughner 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 MVH – Resurfacing-2201001311.000 to MVH – Machinery & Equipment – 221001440.000 to cover the cost of a new salt spreader was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0).

A motion to approve a mileage claim for Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith for \$7.70, Bob Cash for \$61.60 and Michelle Cash for \$179.20 for the month of August was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jeremy Weliever and Vice President Teresa Sutherlin abstaining. Motion Approved (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading of Ordinance 4-2025 Town of Darlington 2026 budget. After some discussion the final reading and adoption will be held on September 18, 2025.

Clerk Cash informed the council of a customer who had by passed the electric for 5 months. Marshall Crull and Attorney Nichols will be taking care of the charges for the violation.

Clerk Cash presented an offer for the empty lot that was presented by Matt Walters. After review the council decided to counter offer and extend the time for the purchasers to get confirmation from the county on a possible rebuild. A motion to counter offer was made by Jennifer Flaughner, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (5-0)

There was much discussion about the truck route and the progress being made for the signage from INDOT. Councilmen Jeremey Weliever informed the council he would be meeting with INDOT and the County to discuss a solution for the signs. Mr. Weliver will update the council at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

2026 Raises/Longevity were tabled to the October 2, 2025 meeting.

Clerk Cash emailed the seconded appraisals on the empty lot and Town Hall.

Community Center Future remained under old business until October 2., 2025.

Clerk Cash presented the ATT Pole Contact Agreement, a motion to approve was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (5-0)

Clerk Cash presented the contract between CELP and Darlington Light and Power. This contract is for one year, and was reviewed by the attorney before the meeting. A motion to approve the contract was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –None

Wastewater Report –Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen was able to update the council on some wastewater issues. Clerk Cash asked for a report from UMAC on the monthly reports sent to the state.

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen reported on continued cleanup work on the 32 projects. Mr. Mullen gave an update on the smart meter antennas that will be needed. Mr. Mullen has a couple of local farmers that he would like to approach about using their grain bin legs. Mr. Mullen was not sure if the town would be paying rent for the usage. The council took that under advisement and asked Attorney Nichols to look into a possible agreement and will decide at the October meeting.

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen updated the council on the truck signs. Mr. Mullen presented the council with a quote from Price Excavating for the project on School and Main for 700 on the stormwater issue. Mr. Mullen will be getting another quote to bring to the next meeting.

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

Park –Clerk Cash gave the update on the gator and Mr. Cash will let them know the progress at the October meeting.

Code Enforcement Officers – Nothing

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the council with billing report for August 2025.

Clerk Cash wanted a motion on the Halloween Hours. A motion to have the hours from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Halloween night was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by President Parker. Motion Approved (5-0)

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee – Wanted the Speed board put out on Madison Street.

Teresa Sutherlin - None

Jennifer Flaughner – None

Jeremy Weliever –None

Nicole Parker – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

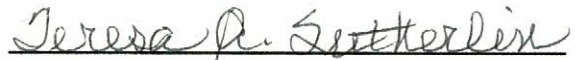
Town Board and Utility meeting will be on September 18, 2025 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center to pass the 2026 budget.

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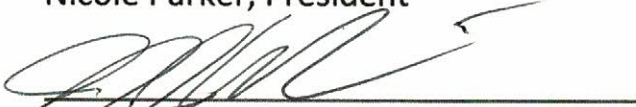
Jeremy Weliver motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0).



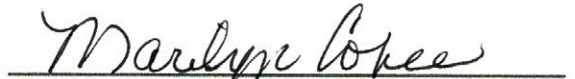
Nicole Parker, President



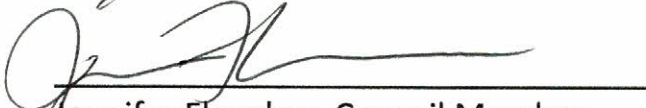
Teresa Sutherlin, Vice President



Jeremy Weliever, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Jennifer Flaughner, Council Member

Attest: 
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer