DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES April 4th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with the pledge. All council members were present along with Electric Linesman Brian Mullen and Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the March 7, 2024, minutes was made by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

MONEY MATTERS:

The motion to approve the payroll docket accounts receivable and appropriation report for March 2024 was made by Marilyn Cohee and seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (5-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Shelton with the DFI provided an update of completed projects for the Community Center and the next improvement to be made. Mr. Shelton and the DFI would like to rebuild the steps on the west side of the center. The DFI will be working on two cabinets upstairs as well. Mr. Shelton told the council that a benefactor made, if possible, to get photos of all the items in the museum and create an album for viewing.

Allen Galloway, MPA of Triad Associates, Inc present the council with some information on upgrading the wastewater plant and options for receiving grants to pay for the engineering cost and information for the council to consider when funding the project. Triad Associates were the engineers that provided the scope of work needed in 2009 and the time has come to revisit and update the current plant. The council took this information under advisement and will be reviewing the findings with our current wastewater company.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Cohee made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2024 declaring old outstanding checks considered void after a two-year expiration, motion was seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

The council will be reviewing ways to help with abandoned house and the trash that has been left. Once a discussion is had with the town attorney, the council will revisit and work on other alternatives to get the properties cleaned up.

STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report -none

Wastewater Report – Tom Astbury – Director of Astbury Water Technology, Inc. was not present for the meeting. An email received from Mr. Astbury reported the plant in compliance Mr. Astbury will be sending a monthly report via email.

Electric Report – Utility Linesman Brian Mullen reported on the electric line project is on schedule and should stay on schedule as long as the weather is good.

MVH Report- Brian Mullen report that he had met with Milestone and should have some estimates coming in soon for some road work.

Darlington Police Department – Marshall Kevin Crull sent the March activity logs and the April 2024 police schedule in an email.

Park – At this time Mr. Cash received a quote from Conner to help fix the drainage issue with the baseball diamond at the park.

Code Enforcement Officers - Mike Smith is continuing to work on clean-up of properties.

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for March 2024. Clerk Cash present a quote for building the wall and front counter in the town hall. The council would like to see if we can get a few more quotes before accepting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee - None

Teresa Sutherlin - None

Jennifer Flaugher – Jennifer Flaugher announced that there will be a Fish Fry and Festival on September 6^{th} - 7^{th} .

Jeremy Weliever - None

Nicole Parker - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The next scheduled Town Board and Utility meeting will be on May 2, 2024 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

Vice President Teresa Sutherlin motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0).

Nicole Parker, President

Teresa Sutherlin, Vice President

Jeremy Weliever, Council Member

Marilyn Cohee Council Member

lennifer Flaugher, Council Member

Michelle R Cash Clerk-Treasurer