

## DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES

October 3, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with the pledge. All council members were present. Joining President Parker was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen, and Attorney Tyler Nichols.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the September 5, 2024 and September 19, 2024, minutes was made by Vice President Terese Sutherlin, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

### MONEY MATTERS:

A motion to approve the payroll docket accounts receivable transfer's and appropriation report for September 2024 was made by President Nicole Parker and seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Siple with Midwest Engineering returned to the council to answer and questions about the comprehensive report and tour of the wastewater treatment plant and surrounding lift stations. Stuart Savka with Triad Associates, Inc, as well attended to answer and questions. After much discussion the council would like for the proposals to remain under old business.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The first reading of Ordinance 4-2024 reviewing the 2025 Salary Ordinance.

President Parker made a motion to approve the 2025 Darlington Council Meeting dates, and the 2025 Holiday Calendar. Councilmen Jeremy Weliever seconded. Motion approved (5-0)

### OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve a quote for \$500.00 from Blake Stuck to clean up the abandoned house, and provide insurance and release of liability to the town was made by Jeremy Weliever, and seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

The council reviewed the resumes, and will be redoing the job ad and adding a few more task while taking consideration to the two they have received.

### STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –Attorney Nichols reported on the follow up of Code Enforcement violations. Attorney Nichols updated the council on the Cummings inspection, he is currently waiting on a signed paper to complete the inspection of the wastewater hook-up.

Wastewater Report – Tom Astbury – Director of Astbury Water Technology, Inc. – Called a report in and said there were no violations for the month of September. The new Lift Station at the trailer court has been completed

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen reported on the re-build and said 32 was completed. The line workers are down south again with the emergency teams for the hurricanes. Mr. Mullen reported to the council on a new method of reading and reporting on meters. The company Vision Systems will provide state of the art technology with smart meters, these meters can give an accurate reading within five minutes of a request. The system will allow for meters to be read and disconnected at the office. A motion to approve the system was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen report on the completion of the streets being paved, the lines have been painted and the handicap spaces updated with new markings.

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

Park – Baseball and Softball need to turn in equipment and keys for the year. The dues are also needing turned in.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for September 2024. Clerk Cash reported that the roof to the Toll House, has been completed and Indiana Pump Insurance company paid for the repair.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT**

Marilyn Cohee – None.

Teresa Sutherlin – None

Jennifer Flaughner – None

Jeremy Weliever – None

Nicole Parker – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

Town Board and Utility meeting will be on November 7, 2024 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

Jeremy Weliever motioned to adjourn and was seconded by President Nicole Parker. Motion Approved (5-0).

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Nicole Parker, President

Teresa A. Sutherlin  
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Jeremy Weliever  
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Attest: Michelle R. Cash  
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer