

## **DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES**

**January 2, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with the pledge. All council members were present. Also joining the council was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, Attorney Tyler Nichols and Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen.

First Order of Business was the election of officers. A motion to elect Nicole Parker as President of the council was made by Teresa Sutherlin, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0) A motion to elect Teresa Sutherlin as Vice President of the council for the year 2025 was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the December 5th, 2024 minutes was made by Vice President Teresa 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 December 2024 was made by Jeremy Weliever and seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Royce Foster gave his concerns about a sewage leak on North Franklin Street. Clerk Cash informed Mr. Foster that the wastewater company has been contacted regarding the leak. The council thanked Mr. Foster for letting the town know of the leak.

Steve Helgers reached out to Vice President Teresa Sutherlin on the request for approval to bury gas lines under the alley located beside the town hall at 222 west main street. After much discussion and reviewing this request from the last meeting the board again requested that Mr. Helgers have locations done and come back to the board with the results. Superintendent Brian Mullen cautioned the council on letting a resident go under the alley's because that will open a door for others who will want to do the same.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion to approve the engagement letter for town Attorney Tyler Nichols was made by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (5-0)

A motion to approve Resolution 1-2025 approving the project for the American Rescue Plan Fund and the completion of the project was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0)

A motion to not approve the AWL contract due to the cost and complaints with calls not being followed up on was made by President Parker, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (5-0)

A motion was made to make the alley West of the library to the bank drive up on the North side Main Street, business parking only by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

### **Appointed Liaisons:**

Wastewater – Jeremy Weliever

Electric/MVH – Teresa Sutherlin

Police Department – Nicole Parker

Park – Jeremy Weliever

Code Enforcement – Jennifer Flaughner

Town Hall – Marilyn Cohee

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Jeremy Weliever reported on the baseball and softball contracts. Mr. Weliever wanted to know why the town charged the programs. Clerk Cash explained that when the signup fee to play changed from paying the town under the park to the North Montgomery Baseball/Softball Association, there was no money to help off set the cost of the diamonds and the materials they require to have the fields ready to play. The cost has risen over the years for diamond dry, fuel, paint mowers etc. The Darlington Park has no property tax rate, therefore there is no income coming into the park.

#### STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –Attorney Nichols will be following up with Brian Cummings on the certificate he provided for his wastewater installation. The certification does not cover his installation. Attorney Nichols is still filing petitions in court for the code enforcement officer's incompleteness of cleanup on properties in town.

Wastewater Report – Tom Astbury – Director of Astbury Water Technology, Inc. – informed the council he will be sending a report through email. Mr. Astbury was unable to attend the meeting.

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen had to request to the council again on the electric department wanting to purchase an electrical reel trailer. The trailer came in at \$22,787.00 which was higher than the first initial amount given. After much discussion for the use and price a motion to purchase was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

MVH Report- Nothing

Darlington Police Department – Marshall Kevin Crull sent the December 2024 activity logs and the January 2025 police schedule in an email. Mr. Crull will be looking into cameras for the Town Hall.

Park – Nothing

Code Enforcement Officers –Nothing

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for December 2024. Clerk Cash presented a letter for signature for Bart Maxwell Jr to provide to the Montgomery County Building Department for approval of a 10 percent variance for a roof on a new build located at 100 E. Main Street.

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee – None.

Teresa Sutherlin – None

Jennifer Flaughner – Not Present

Jeremy Weliever – None

Nicole Parker – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None



Town Board and Utility meeting will be on February 6, 2025 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

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

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Nicole Parker, President

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Jeremy Weliever, Council Member

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*Teresa E. Sutherlin*

Teresa Sutherlin, Vice President

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*Marilyn Cohee*

Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

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Jennifer Flaughner, Council Member

Attest:

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*Michelle R. Cash*  
Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer