

## DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES

May 1, 2025

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the April 3, 2025 minutes was made by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin, and seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (4-0)

### MONEY MATTERS:

A motion to approve the payroll docket accounts receivable transfer's and appropriation report for April 2025 was made by Jeremy Weliever and seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

A motion to approve two mileage claims for Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith for \$5.60 and Park Manager Bob Cash for \$154.00 for the month of April waws made by Nicole Parker, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner, with Vice President Teresa Sutherlin abstaining. Motion Approved (3-0)

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### PUBLIC COMMENT:

### NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1-2025 Truck Route was presented to the council for discussion and review. After much discussion the council asked that the town attorney go forward with the ordinance and the first reading will be at the June meeting.

Clerk Cash presented some photos of two potential unsafe building in the downtown area. After reviewing the concerns, the council directed the clerk to have the attorney send letters to the property owners to have them looked at and then report back to the council at the June meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Cash reported on the effects of HB1 and the steps needed to meet the budget requirements for 2026.

Clerk Cash and Councilmen Jeremy Weliever gave an update on the Community Center. Quotes are coming in and will be presented when all are received.

Clerk Cash reported the tornado siren is up and running and doing the weekly test.

A motion to allow Mike Smith to mow abandoned house before they get out of control for a fee of \$100.00 and not to exceed more than twice a month, and pay the invoice out of CCI was made by Jennifer Flaughner, seconded by Jeremy Weliever, with Vice President Teresa Sutherlin abstaining. Motion Approved (3-0)

### STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –None

Wastewater Report –Clerk Cash presented a revenue report on the wastewater fund. The council discussed two options selling the wastewater company to Aqua who currently owns the water utility of raise the flat fee by 5%. The flat fee raise will be minimal to the residents and would help offset the rising cost of the operation of the plant. With the current cost of replacement, material, sludge removal and several cost, Jeremy Weliever made a motion to increase the flat fee by 5% once a public hearing is held and two required council meeting which will be held in June and July with the increase going into effect August, 2025, seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0)

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen updated on the council progress in the electrical department.

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen reported updated the council on the patch work completed on the roads.

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

Park – A motion to purchase and set a new basketball goal at the park was made by Nicole Parker, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (4-0)

Code Enforcement Officers – None

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for April 2025.

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee – Not Present

Teresa Sutherlin – None

Jennifer Flaughner – None


Jeremy Weliever –None

Nicole Parker – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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

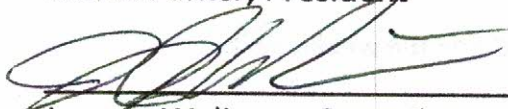
Jeremy Weliver motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (4-0).



Nicole Parker, President



Teresa Sutherlin, Vice President



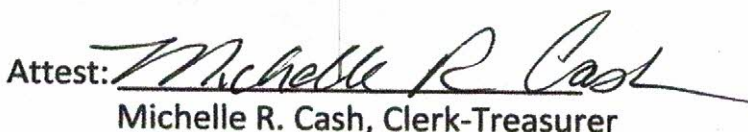
Jeremy Weliever, Council Member

Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Jennifer Flaughner, Council Member

Attest:



Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer