

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES

July 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with the pledge. President Parker then left and Vice President Sutherlin took over the meeting. Vice President Sutherlin was joined by, Jeremy Weliever, Jennifer Flaughner and Marilyn Cohee. Also joining the council was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, and Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen and Park Manager Bob Cash.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance 2-2025 Wastewater Rate Increase; there was no public attendance and no comments. The public hearing was closed at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the June 5, 2025 minutes was made by Marilyn Cohee, and seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (4-0)

MONEY MATTERS:

A motion to approve the payroll docket, accounts receivable, and appropriations report for June 2025 was made by Jennifer Flaughner and seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (4-0). All reports are emailed *before the meeting to be reviewed*.

A motion to approve a mileage claim for Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith for \$4.20 for the month of June was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jeremy Weliever and Vice President Teresa Sutherlin abstaining. Motion Approved (3-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sydney Davis representing the Darlington Pageant requested a donation for \$500.00 to go toward the scholarship that is given to one of the pageant contestants and \$108.00 to pay for the sashes. A motion to approve was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0) Jennifer Flaughner president of the festival committee abstained.

Sydney Davis representing the Darlington Festival requested a donation to help cover expenses, a motion to approve \$1000.00 out of the Council Appropriation line was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (3-0) Jennifer Flaughner president of the festival committee abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Cash handed out copies of the Form 1's for the 2026 budgeting year. The council will continue to review the forms 1's and make any changes suggested at the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to adopt Ordinance 1-2025 Truck Route was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (4-0).

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2025 Wastewater Rates Increase was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (4-0).

A motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2025 Redistricting of Election was made by Jennifer Flaughner, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (4-0).

Clerk Cash and Councilmen Jeremy Weliever gave an update on the Community Center. Councilmen Weliever gave an up date on the mini splits, and the electrical as well as some floor

samples that would work best for high traffic areas. Mr. Weliever will be getting three quotes on the flooring for the August meeting.

A discussion for putting the empty lot up for sale now and having Councilmen Weliever reach out to Matt Walter's who did the appraisal go ahead and move forward to sale the lot and handle the paperwork and closing for the town was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. (Motion Approved 4-0)

STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –None

Wastewater Report –Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen was able to update the council on the IDEM Report the town received. The compliance has been met by UMAC and Inspection was completed.

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen reported on continued work in the electrical department. Mr. Mullen received a contract with Aqua for the usage of the tower for the smart meter. The current contract is with the attorney to review and make recommendations.

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen updated the council on the signs for the business parking only needed for the downtown area, and new speed signs as well as the new truck route ordinance sign needed.

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

Park – The basketball goal has been completed. Mr. Cash reported on the removal of several trees and had received three verbal quotes on a tress at the playground that has to come done. The one quote was \$700.00 less then the other two bringing it to \$1,200.00. This money is in the appropriation line of the park budget.

Code Enforcement Officers – The council discussed going forward with some direction from the town attorney, to have the two electric guys mow the yard that are being foreclosed on currently in town, then move forward with liens on the properties for the town to recoup the lost money and materials to maintain the yards. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee – None

Teresa Sutherlin – Reported on asking the electrical guys to keep a 70-degree temperature in the Community Center during the hot days of summer.

Jennifer Flaughner – None

Jeremy Weliever –None

Nicole Parker – Not Present

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

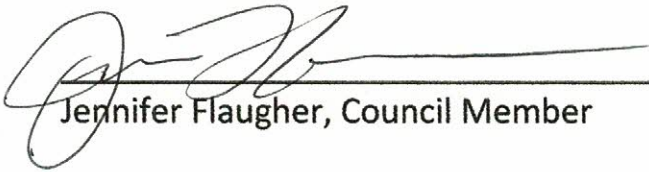
Town Board and Utility meeting will be on August 7, 2025 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

Jeremy Weliver motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (4-0).

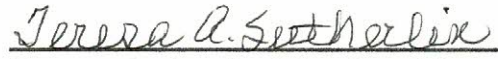
Nicole Parker, President



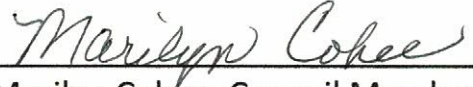
Jeremy Weliever, Council Member



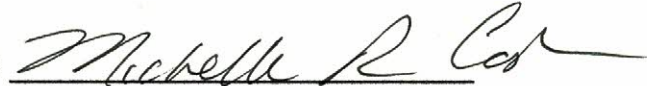
Jennifer Flaugh, Council Member



Teresa Sutherlin, Vice President



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer