

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES
February 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Teresa Sutherlin opened the meeting with the pledge. Vice President Sutherlin was joined by Jeremy Weliever and Marilyn Cohee. Not present were President Nicole Parker and Jennifer Flaughter. Also joining the council was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, and Electric Superintendent Brian Mullen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the January 2, 2025 minutes was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (3-0)

MONEY MATTERS:

A motion to approve the payroll docket accounts receivable transfer's and appropriation report for January 2025 was made by Jeremy Weliever and seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Wethington reached out for Steve Helgers and provided the 811 reports for location to approve the gas lines under the alley located beside the town hall at 222 West Main Street. After much discussion and receiving a copy of the ordinance 92.05 the council moved the request to old business on the March agenda to have time for the town attorney to review the ordinance and offer an opinion that legally covers the town for the current request and any request in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to approve the Darlington Civil Town annual report for 2024 was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0).

A request from the council to put something on the town website, and the news letter for a concession stand attendant for the upcoming ball season.

A motion to approve Resolution 2-2025 Outstanding Checks was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (3-0)

A motion to approve Resolution 3-2025 Utility Write Offs due to death or abandonment was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0)

A motion was made to change a prior motion on the business parking on Main Street to correct the location and make the alley West of the Post Office to Madison Street East of the drive up at Fountain Trust. The alley on the East side of the Town Hall to the alley on the West side of the Town Hall, was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0). Signs will be ordered and posted within the next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –None

Wastewater Report – Tom Astbury – Director of Astbury Water Technology, Inc. – informed the council of the ongoing projects with lift station 2 and 3. There were no violations for the month of January. Encouraged the council of looking into getting an engineer to do an assessment of the plant for the future. Mr. Astbury sends his full report to the council via email to view ahead of time.

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen informed the council that the project was completed on 32. They are now working on Pilot for the EV stations to meet the state requirements for Pilot. Mr. Mullen informed the council he would not be registering for the flood plain certification, because it only effected one house at the end of Franklin and that home has been abandoned and will be tore down.

Mr. Mullen asked for a motion for the town to purchase around 20 or so flags to replace the ones on the poles around town. The flags currently being used were donated and are suffering from the weather. Mr. Mullen would like to get a heavier flag, and the cost per flag is \$125.00. A motion to purchase the flags and pay for them out of the Riverboat fund was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (3-0)

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen reported on work being done on filling pot holes.

Darlington Police Department – Marshall Kevin Crull sent the January 2025 activity logs and the February 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 January 2025 Clerk Cash presented information on House Bill 1233 the removal of township trustees and local fire departments. House Bill 1 Property Tax Reform. Clerk Cash presented the council with a snapshot of the receipts and disbursements of the Community Center. After much discussion the funding for the center will remain on the council agenda for further discussion. Clerk Cash ask for a motion for the tracking factor, Jeremy Weliever made a motion to approve the increase of 0.000072 per KWH for April, May, and June, 2025, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (3-0)

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee – None.

Teresa Sutherlin – None

Jennifer Flaughter – Not Present

Jeremy Weliever – Update on aqua and the smart meters. Mr. Weliever wants the council to think about hiring another person in the electric department if the funds allow. Clerk Cash expressed that it would be tough to fund a third full time person in the electric department.

Nicole Parker – Not Present

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Nicole Parker, President

Teresa A. Sutherlin

Teresa Sutherlin, Vice President

Jeremy Weliever

Jeremy Weliever, Council Member

Marilyn Cohee

Marilyn Cohee, Council Member

Jennifer Flaughner, Council Member

Attest: *Michelle R. Cash*

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer