

DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES
November 6, 2025
LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE – Town of Darlington Council

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the October 2, 2025 Monthly Council Meeting was made by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin, and seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0)

MONEY MATTERS:

A motion to approve the payroll docket, accounts receivable, and appropriations report for October 2025 was made by Jennifer Flaughner and seconded by Jeremy Weliever. Motion Approved (5-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on tree trimming contract will be moved to old business so the council can have Attorney Nichols review the process on bidding a yearly contract or approving a case-by-case project.

Clerk Cash presented the 2026 Holiday Schedule for approval. A motion to accept the 2026 Holiday Schedule was made by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

Clerk Cash presented the 2026 Payroll Schedule for approval. A motion to accept the 2026 Payroll Schedule was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0)

Clerk Cash presented the 2026 Town Council Meeting Schedule for approval. A motion to accept the 2026 Town Council Meeting Schedule was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Second Reading of Ordinance 6-2025 Salary Ordinance for 2026.

Councilmen Jeremy Weliever, Jennifer Flaughner and Marilyn Cohee gave an update for the Community Center Future. Mr. Weliever gave a report he received from the DFI on the future of the center as well. The council is very much in favor of moving the Town Hall to the center, and looking into options for the current Town Hall in the future, once the move has been made. Mrs. Flaughner spoke to the council about all the broken items and junk that has been left over the last seventeen years and ask the council to make a motion to declare the items as junk, so that they can be disposed. A motion to declare the items as junk with no item being over \$500.00 was made by President Parker, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

Clerk Cash updated the council on the amount of acreage ATT would need to put a tower at the utility plant. According to Timothy Boyse, a 25x 30 area would be sufficient. The council ask Clerk Cash to find out the height and size of the tower. This item will remain on old business for the December meeting to discuss.

Clerk Cash presented a new offer on the empty lot for \$10,000.00. After some discussion a motion was made to accept the purchase agreement by Marilyn Cohee, seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

The Paser Report is still in progress.

Councilmen Jeremy Weliever reported that he will speak to the baseball/softball directors again about dropping off keys and money by the end of the month. Moving forward for 2026 a motion was made by Jeremy Weliever for park maintenance to drag the ball diamonds only and the coaches will line and paint the fields as well as provide the materials to do it, and there will no longer be contracts with the leagues, motion was seconded by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin. Motion Approved (5-0)

STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –Attorney Nichols was not present but reported in an email the town has 10-foot alleys, and the town can either buy right of ways or easements. There is no obligation of the property owner to sell them to the town. The town could consider eminent domain. On the current encroachment issues the town can enforce its rights to the use of the alleys by requiring removal of any encroachment, whether permanent or not. The town can also consider amending/adding to the code of ordinances a "permit" process for anyone wanting to encroach into an alley and add penalties for anyone who does, or obstruct the alley.

Wastewater Report –Mr. Mullen gave a report of some maintenance that will coming up on some of the lift stations.

Electric Report – Superintendent Brian Mullen reported on the completion of the new transformer at the substation installed by Duke and switches for the reclosures were completed. Mr. Mullen gave an update on upcoming projects that will require CELP help.

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen updated the council on the new salt spreader and the town has received our load of salt for winter. Mr. Mullen reported that he has been speaking with Jake Lough from the County Highway Department on micro surfacing. Councilmen Jeremy Weliever had met with Mr. Lough as well about the micro surfacing to discuss the material and how cost efficient the product is, Councilmen Weliever was happy with the reports from the county. Clerk Cash is in the process of applying for the Community Crossing Grant, and once this is received and approved the town will be able to go forward in paving the roads.

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

Park –Winterizing the park.

Code Enforcement Officers – None

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

Clerk Cash presented the 2026 Animal Welfare Agreement with a 10% increase for a total amount of \$5,763.00. A motion to not accept the agreement was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Jennifer Flaughner. Motion Approved (5-0). Clerk Cash was approached by some residents about the issue of people feeding the cats outside of there residents, but not containing them and are allowing them to roam. The cats are doing damages to plants, porches, and homeowners' yards. The council will table this for more discussion at the December meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee – None

Teresa Sutherlin – Reported that residents will see a small fee to their water bill from Aqua to help pay for the \$1500.00 dollar fee the Darlington Fire Department pays monthly for the fire hydrants.

Jennifer Flaughner – None

Jeremy Weliever – Had a request to the number of chickens a residents can have.

Nicole Parker – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Town Board and Utility meeting will be on December 4, 2025 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

Jeremy Weliver motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0).



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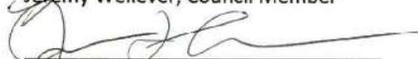
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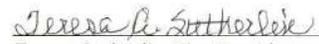
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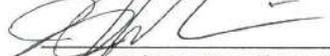
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