

**DARLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & UTILITY BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Nicole Parker opened the meeting with the pledge. All council members were present. Joining President Parker was Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Cash, Electric Linesman's Brian Mullen, Jason Gates, and Attorney Tyler Nichols.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the August 1, 2024 and August 13, 2024, minutes was made by Vice President Terese Sutherlin, seconded by Jennifer Flaughter. Motion Approved (5-0)

MONEY MATTERS:

A motion to approve the payroll docket accounts receivable and appropriation report for August 2024 was made by Vice President Teresa Sutherlin and seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0). All reports are emailed *before* the meeting to be reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Siple with Midwest Engineering returned to the council with a comprehensive report of the tour of the wastewater treatment plant and surrounding lift stations. Mr. Siple gave an estimate to the council to review for service on a projected plan for the plant. After much discussion the council took the estimate under advisement and will decide on a company at their September 19th meeting.

Dirk Garriott, Manager of Member Services with IMPA came to introduce himself to the new council and gave a brief update as to the service they provide to the town under a contract that has been in place for years. After much discussion, Mr. Garriott suggested to the council to consider adopting a Customer Generation Ordinance for Solar Panels.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first reading of Ordinance 3-2024 reviewing the 2025 Town of Darlington proposed budget was read. Final reading and adoption will be September 19th, 2024.

President Parker asked the council to review the copies of the two resumes received for the open linesmen position and tabled the discussion until the September 19th meeting.

A motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31, 2024 from 5:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. was made by President Parker and seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the Form 1's and Ordinance 3-2024 – 2025 Town of Darlington Budget.

STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT:

Attorney Report –Attorney Nichols reported on the follow up of Code Enforcement Ordinance that gone undone. Mr. Nichols talked about the upcoming tax sale which involves some of the current properties that are being neglected. Attorney Nichols reported different options to the council to keep up on the abandoned properties.

Attorney Nichols updated the council on the Cummings inspection, he is currently waiting on a signed paper to complete the inspection of the wastewater hook-up.

Jennifer Flaughter will reach back to the companies who quoted cleanup on the abandoned properties to have them update the work and fee that would be charged. Mrs. Flaughter will try to bring those updates to the September 19th, 2024 meeting.

Wastewater Report – Tom Astbury – Director of Astbury Water Technology, Inc. – reported the plants and lift stations are currently doing well. Mr. Astbury along with Mr. Siple from Midwest Engineering alerted the council of the excessive amount of grease that is being found in the

filter system of the plant. A suggestion was made to adopt an ordinance for restaurant or establishment preparing and serving food be inspected.

Electric Report – Linesman Jason Gates reported to the council that it was last day. Mr. Mullen reported on the re-build and said they are to Smartsburg. Mr. Mullen reported that the transformer for Landstar is up and going.

MVH Report- Mr. Mullen report on the leaf vac sold to the City of Crawfordsville. Mr. Mullen mention that we are still on the list to have our roads patched.

Darlington Police Department – Marshall Kevin Crull sent the August activity logs and the September 2024 police schedule in an email.

Park – Nothing

Code Enforcement Officers –Mike Smith is continuing to work on clean-up of properties

Clerk-Treasurer Cash presented the billing report for August 2024. Clerk Cash reported that Indiana Pump a company working on the lift station at the Toll House, hooked the corner rook and gutter with their truck. Clerk Cash is taking care of the arrangements with their insurance company to have the damaged repaired. A motion to approve the tracking factor for October, November and December, 2024 was made by Jeremy Weliever, seconded by Marilyn Cohee. Motion Approved (5-0)

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Marilyn Cohee – None.

Teresa Sutherlin – None

Jennifer Flaughter – None

Jeremy Weliever – None

Nicole Parker – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The Next scheduled Town Board and Utility Meeting to adopt the 2025 is September 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Town Board and Utility meeting will be on October 3, 2024 – at 5:00 p.m. – at the Darlington Community Center.

Jeremy Weliever motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Nicole Parker. Motion Approved (5-0).



Nicole Parker, President



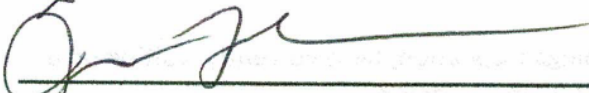
Teresa Sutherlin, Vice President



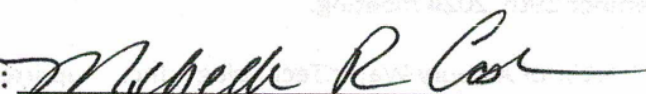
Jeremy Weliever, Council Member



Marilyn Cohee, Council Member



Jennifer Flaughter, Council Member

Attest: 

Michelle R. Cash, Clerk-Treasurer