

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Roelli at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Cindy Corley, John Sonsalla, Kerry Black, Joe Boll, and Mayor Roelli. Absent: Steve Pickett and Kevin Andrews. Also present were: Elizabeth Charlson Collins, Nick Mantsch, Attorney Jacob Gardner, and Amy Johnson.

Motion by Boll, seconded by Corley, that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Black, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the Chief of Police position. Sergeant Mantsch attended the meeting to inform the committee that he is interested in being promoted from Sergeant to Chief of Police. Mantsch would like to remain the K9 handler for the City of Darlington if he is appointed Chief. Those present asked several questions.

After consideration, motion by Boll, seconded by Black, to have Nick Mantsch serve as interim Chief with pay authorized by the Finance and Personnel Committee until October 5, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Black, seconded by Sonsalla, to appoint Mantsch as the Chief of Police beginning October 5, 2026, with a salary of \$95,000.00 and allow him to remain the K9 handler until Ace's retirement, and authorize the Mayor to work on the compensation for Mantsch remaining the K9 handler. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Black, seconded by Corley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. Motion carried.

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer