

**CARROLL VALLEY SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY  
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004 – 7 PM  
BOROUGH OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Lundberg at 7 PM. Those in attendance included:

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS:**

Kenneth Lundberg, Chm.  
Bruce Carbaugh  
Jim Becraft, Mayor  
Phyllis Chant  
Fred Heerbrandt  
Jim Wego  
Absent:  
Richard Maccani

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS:**

Hilary Fortenbaugh  
Borough Manager  
Howard Rodriguez  
Code Enforcement  
Paul Sauers  
C. S. Davidson, Inc.  
Jo Ann Myers  
Recording Secretary

**ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 24, 2004 MEETING**

The Minutes from the aforementioned meeting were distributed for review. Two typos were noted.

ACTION- A Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2004 meeting as amended was made by J. Becraft, and seconded by P. Chant. The Motion carried.

**ITEM #2.1-ACT 537 STATUS**

H. Fortenbaugh reported that the Planning Commission reviewed all three options relating to sewer service in the Borough, and decided that the appropriate choice at this time to include in the Act 537 for the next 10 years is Option #1 which is to upgrade the current plant. The Commission believes that although Option #2 (to build a new facility) is the preferred choice would be cost prohibitive for the Borough at this time. Discussion continued on each option. B. Carbaugh made the following statement and said he would like it noted in the Minutes “a sewer collection system will become a political pawn as to how fast the rest of this Borough grows”. P. Sauers suggested another meeting with DEP and a representative from the Sewer & Water Authority, Planning Commission, and Council to discuss funding possibilities, and perhaps even other options. F. Heerbrandt added that perhaps another option would be a new plant, but a smaller one that previously discussed.

ACTION- H. Fortenbaugh will ask Council if they wish to set up another meeting with DEP to discuss these options.

### **ITEM #2.2- CLARIFIER REPAIRS UPDATE**

H. Rodriguez reported that repairs need to be made to the current plant as soon as possible. The estimate for repairs is \$10,000-\$12,000 for each clarifier, and the gears are nearly non-existent, which is about to create an emergency situation. He said that he should be receiving a written estimate and time line from a company that can do the repairs and another company will be looking at the plant on Thursday. H. Fortenbaugh added that emergency repairs do not have to go out on bid; however, bids are being advertised for the work at the sewer plant at this time.

### **ITEM #2.3-CONVERSION OF GRADY SYSTEM**

H. Fortenbaugh advised that one Grady system is having difficulty with the change over to a holding tank and has asked for some information from the Borough which she is presently gathering. She said that there are 7 systems; one has been converted, two have a problem, and the rest can be converted with in a few days. Terry Weyant who has one of the systems was present and explained that he has two fish ponds which are fed by the discharge water from the system. He was told by a friend who is a retired Marine Biologist that his well cannot support the fish ponds, and he asked for an additional 30 days so that his friend can hopefully find a solution to keep the fish ponds. This extension would give him until the end of September. It was explained that DEP is pushing to have the systems all converted by the end of August. Much discussion resulted. F. Heerbrandt suggested that perhaps the gray water could be used for the ponds.

ACTION- Mr. Weyant agreed to attend the August meeting of the Sewer & Water Authority with an update on his progress with finding a water supply for the fish ponds. In the meantime the other 5 systems can be converted to holding tanks.

### **ITEM #2.4-REQUEST TO SEWER LOT J-059**

H. Fortenbaugh shared a letter from attorney Battersby wherein he discussed the Authority's decision not to sewer certain lots in the J section. The Authority made this decision when the final phase of the J section was being completed and decided not to sewer lots located within the flood plain. This lot was one of those lots. Ms. Fortenbaugh said she made two suggestions to the lot owner (1) obtain easements to run his own private line up to Treetop Trail and use a grinder pump or (2) to run his line through the adjacent properties down to where the sewer line is located on Crossland Trail which entails going through three properties, and secure the easements. Mr. Battersby said that the client wishes the Borough to pay to run the line to his property. Much discussion followed.

ACTION- It was decided that H. Fortenbaugh write to Mr. Battersby and suggest that the lot owner hire someone to design a system, obtain cost estimates, secure the easements and have a plan. H. Rodriguez added it may be possible for the lot owner to dig a ditch in the Borough's ROW at his cost, and he would also be responsible for the maintenance. However, it would be very difficult due to the cliff at the cul-de-sac.

**ITEM #3.1-2005 BUDGET FOR SWA**

J. Becraft referred to the SWA Budget and the Sanitary Sewer Fund, and asked a few questions regarding when & why the budgets were combined. He said the report shows a transfer of funds to the SWA Budget as revenue from the Sanitary Sewer Fund but that amount is not shown as expenditure for the Sanitary Sewer Fund. Mrs. Fortenbaugh said the reports were combined in 2002 by the previous manager. Mr. Becraft said they were difficult to compare, and he asked H. Fortenbaugh prepare a 2004 Budget for the SWA.

**ITEM #3.2-HAZARD MITIGATION ARTICLE**

J. Becraft briefed the Authority on the highlights (handout) of the counties draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. He added that in the absence of a County Plan for disaster relief, the Borough would be ineligible for funds for Federal disaster relief money.

**ITEM #4.0-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no business brought before the Authority.

**ITEM #5.0-ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

ACTION- A Motion was made by J. Becraft, and seconded by J. Wego to approve a consent agenda for all future meetings.

ACTION- A Motion was made by P. Chant, seconded by J. Becraft to approve the consent agenda for this meeting.

**ITEM #6.0-ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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Jo Ann T. Myers, Recording Secretary