

**CARROLL VALLEY SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005 – 7 PM
BOROUGH OFFICE**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor James Becraft. Those present were:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Jim Becraft
Phyllis Chant
Jim Wego
Fred Heerbrandt
Richard Maccani
Absent:
Bruce Carbaugh

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Richard L. Hileman, II
Interim Borough Mgr.
Paul Sauers
C. S. Davidson, Inc.
Howard Rodriguez
Code Enforcement
Jo Ann T. Myers
Recording Secretary

ITEM #1-APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes from the December 21, 2004 meeting were distributed for approval. One correction was made to Item #2.1.

ACTION- Chairman Becraft declared the Minutes approved as corrected.

ITEM #2-OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 2.1 CAPITAL CHARGES STUDY

C. S. Davidson, Inc. provided and explained the Capital Charges Study as well as Supplement No. 1 to the Capital Charges Study. He said that the figures contained in the Study were based on the maximum figure per EDU, and the figures could be adjusted. The Supplement addressed the Special Purpose part of the tapping fee for new capacity. Mr. Sauers noted that financing for a new project would have to be locked in before the Special purpose part could be charged.

ACTION- A Motion to prepare a resolution to adopt the Capital Charges Study prepared by C. S. Davidson, Inc. dated January 13, 2005 was made by J. Wego, seconded by F. Heerbrandt. The Motion carried.

ITEM 2.2 -NEW FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS FOR THE 537 PLAN

In reviewing the figures F. Heerbrandt said that the amount lot owners in Section A would be paying would be around \$20,000 for sewer hook up. After continued discussion it was agreed to advise the Planning Commission that the Authority is reconsidering their approach to DEP; and present to the Planning Commission in February all three options in the Act 537; stating our preferred option which we cannot afford, and asking DEP to provide guidance regarding grants and available funds. He said he believes we should explain that

Carroll Valley is unique in that the 4,000 ½ acre lots were approved by the State 25 years ago with no plan for sewage disposal.

ACTION- It was agreed to brief the Planning Commission on the new Financial Analysis. Request two representatives each from the Borough Council, Sewer and Water Authority, and Planning Commission to meet with DEP and our legislators to discuss funding options.

ITEM #2.3-PUMP STATION REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE

H. Rodriguez advised that the parts have been ordered and work should begin around February 7th and completed by February 25th.

ITEM #2.4-IDENTIFY PROPERTY FOR NEW PLANT UPDATE

R. Hileman reported that contact was made with Mr. Reamer and permission was given to perform the wetland study, and then an appraisal. P. Sauers added that we should contact Attorney Campbell to make sure the appraisal gets us through condemnation of necessary.

ITEM #2.5-ELECT NEW AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

ITEM #2.6-SWA VACANCY UPDATE

There have been no responses to our search for the two vacancies on the Authority.

ITEM #2.7-REQUEST TO PROVIDE SEWER SERVICE TO LOT J-59

A letter from Attorney Battersby to DEP was shared concerning our denial to sewer the aforementioned lot. In order to get to this lot you must go through the flood plain where various lots are flooded out during heavy rain. Running a sewer line through these properties would encourage building in the flood plain which the Borough does not wish to do. The property owner was advised some time ago that he may install the line to his property at his own expense which he does not wish to do.

ITEM #3.1-CHAPTER 94 MUNICIPAL WASTELOAD MANAGEMENT REPORT

The aforementioned Report was briefly discussed.

ACTION- A Motion to direct C. S. Davidson, Inc. to prepare the report was made by F. Heerbrandt, seconded by P. Chant. The Motion carried.

ITEM #3.2-LIBERTY WASTEWATER STUDY

A newspaper article was shared concerning the possibility of Liberty Township adopting a central waste water system. R. Hileman added that Liberty is interested in regionalization, and that Fairfield Borough officials said they will attend the next meeting. L. Scudder is to contact Hamiltonban Township. It is believed that DEP will be more helpful with funding if regionalization occurs. It was suggested that an article be included in the February 7th Planning Commission meeting packet.

ITEM #4.0-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no business brought before the Authority.

ITEM #5.1-AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2004

The Report was presented for review.

ITEM #5.2-APPROVAL OF BILLS

Two bills amounting to \$399.11 from C. S. Davidson, Inc. were submitted for payment.

ACTION- A Motion to approve payment of the aforementioned bills was made by P. Chant, seconded by J. Wego. The Motion carried.

ITEM #5.3-OTHER

R. Hileman reported that the cost of the clarifier for the plant will cost about \$25,000 and he will take this to the Borough Council for consideration. Hopefully the equipment will be installed in April.

ITEM #6.0-ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Jo Ann T. Myers, Recording Secretary