

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005 – 7 PM**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Wego at 7 PM. Those in attendance were:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

James Wego, Chm.
Bruce Carbaugh
Jim Becraft, Mayor
Phyllis Chant
Fred Heerbrandt
Richard Maccani

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Dave Hazlett,
Borough Manager
Howard Rodriguez,
Code Enforcement
Paul Sauers,
C. S. Davidson, Inc.
Jo Ann Myers,
Recording Sec.

ITEM #1-APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 27, 2005 REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes were distributed for review.

ACTION- A Motion to approve the Minutes as written was made by J. Becraft, seconded by P. Chant and approved by the Authority.

ITEM #2.0-ACT 537 UPDATE

Discussion continued on the update of the Act 537 Plan which needs to be submitted to DEP. Options previously discussed were: Option #1 to enlarge the current sewage plant; Option #2 to build a new plant; and Option #3 to do nothing at this time. J. Wego reported that Option #2 has been the preferred choice and a meeting was held with DEP where the Borough was informed we would not qualify for grant funding. Gordon Walker was invited to the Finance Committee meeting which was held last week and Mr. Wego distributed notes from that meeting. He said the Finance Committee will be presenting Option #3 to the Borough Council as the choice at this time with Option #2 as the preferred choice if financial assistance can be obtained. P. Sauers added that the cost figures for year 2007 were used for Option #2. J. Becraft then read a letter which he sent to Senator Punt requesting a meeting with him to discuss Carroll Valley's sewage disposal problems and options.

H. Rodriguez distributed cost figures on monthly hydraulic loading. He said by year 2009 we will still be below average even if we experience a complete build out in the J & K sections and the Crest.

ACTION- A Motion was made by F. Heerbrandt, seconded by J. Becraft and approved by the Authority to recommend to the Borough Council our consensus with the Finance Committee for Option #3 for the 537 Plan with Option #2 still being the preferred choice if financing is available.

ITEM #2.2.2-ORDER FROM DEP

A copy of the Order from DEP directing Carroll Valley to provide public sewer lines to lot J-59 was distributed and discussion continued. This lot was previously denied sewer service because of its proximity to the flood plain. The distance to the closest manhole is about 765 feet. J. Becraft asked if we can appeal the Order from DEP and H. Rodriguez said our solicitor is looking into it. He said we must have our updated Act 537 Plan sent into DEP by the December 31, 2005 deadline or provide sewer service to lot J-59. It was believed if we file an Appeal that should stop the clock on the December 31st deadline. It was agreed that the ACT 537 Plan should be submitted as soon as possible. P. Sauers said that it would have to be advertised for 30 days, public hearings are needed, and time for residents to respond is needed. D. Hazlett said that the Borough Council may discuss this at their August 9th meeting and it will probably have to go to the County Planning Commission.

P. Sauers said the cost figures to provide sewer service to J-59 would be around \$45,000, and it was agreed that this cost should be the responsibility of the property owner.

ACTION- Decision on the aforementioned will be held over until the August meeting until we hear from the solicitor.

ITEM #2.3-WATER RESOURCE STUDY UPDATE

P. Chant reported on problems at Birch Run Reservoir and it was agreed Carroll Valley should begin to think about a water system.

ITEM #2.4-SWA VACANCY UPDATE

No one has volunteered to serve on the Authority.

ITEM #2.5-OTHER

Referring to the Act 537 Plan J. Wego reiterated that the Authority needs to communicate to the Finance Committee and Borough Council that we will provide whatever support we can to find financing for Option #2.

ITEM #3.1-2006 SWA BUDGET

The 2006 Budget was reviewed.

ITEM #3.2-J1A2 LOAN PAYOFF

H. Rodriguez said that we are in a position to pay off the loan 1 ½ years early if we choose to. The payoff amount is \$76,340. He went on to say that we have about \$22,000 still owed from residents for their assessments which will come in next year.

ACTION- A Motion to make an early payoff payment to Adams County National Bank for the J1A2 project was made by J. Becraft, seconded by F. Heerbrandt, and approved by the Authority.

ITEM #4-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was nothing brought before the Authority.

ITEM #5.2-APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Two bills were present for payment from C. S. Davidson; one in the amount of \$65, and one in the amount of \$779.47.

ACTION- A Motion for approval of payment of the aforementioned bills was made by J. Becraft, seconded by P. Chant, and approved by the Authority.

ITEM #5.3-OTHER

An article from the Sunday Patriot News regarding a group of residents from S. Annville suing the Township for exceeding its borrowing limit was shared for discussion. J. Becraft noted Mr. Walker had pointed out that sewer projects are not covered by this as these projects are self liquidating debt.

ITEM #6-ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Jo Ann T. Myers
Recording Secretary