

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PUBLIC SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
BOROUGH OFFICE**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The attendance was as follows:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Present

N. Kenneth Lundberg
Bruce Carr
Ron Harris
David Lillard

BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC.

Jedidiah Fetter, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator
David Hazlett, Borough Manager
Gayle Marthers, Asst. Borough Manager

Absent

Bruce Carbaugh
Richard Mathews

ORGANIZATION OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

B. Carr moved, D. Lillard seconded, that Members appoint N. Kenneth Lundberg Chairperson of the Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

*** D. Lillard moved; B. Carr seconded that Members appoint Bruce Carbaugh Vice-Chair of the Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one addressed the Members at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Phase 2 – Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade

Mr. Hazlett explained the financial limitations to the project. He shared that staff had attended an initial meeting with PennVest, a state funding source who can offer low interest loans for the expansion project. There are many requirements that with the help of GMS Funding Solutions, the Borough should be able to navigate; but patience will be required as well. There will likely be a move to expand usership of the Public Sewer System by extending service to the Country Club Trail section of the Borough. This move will also reduce the number of holding tanks in the Borough and open several lots to the possibility of improvement. Concerns were raised regarding the cost of the projects and what the service rates may increase to customers. Mr. Hazlett acknowledged that the increase will be significant; however, representatives from PennVest stated that the fees in other areas of the state are considerably higher than Carroll Valley's. Mr. Hazlett further stated that open discussion and transparency throughout the process is the best way to handle the issue. The project is necessary and therefore the increase is inevitable.

Mayor Harris asked about the status of the 537 Plan and its possible influence on the Phase 2 Project. Mr. Hazlett stated that it was the opinion of the Borough Solicitor that the Borough can moving forward with the project without an update.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by D. Lillard and seconded by B. Carr; the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M. via unanimous vote.

Gayle Marthers, Borough Secretary