

MEEETING MINUTES
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
AUGUST 8, 2022
CARROLL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
BOARD MEETING ROOM
HILLSVILLE, VA

CALL TO ORDER

The Carroll County Public Service Authority held their regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board Meeting Room. Members present included: Joey Dickson, Vice Chairman, Tracy Moore, Chairman, Garry Jessup, Ronnie Collins, Rex Hill, Robbie McCraw, Michael Watson, Executive Director and Dana Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES

Mr. Moore opened the Public Hearing at 4:01 p.m.

There was no to speak.

Mr. Moore closed the Public Hearing a 4:02 p.m.

CITIZENS TIME

No one present to speak.

(ORDER)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Dickson and duly carried by the Authority does herby approve the consent agenda, sections A, B & C. The May 9, 2022 minutes were also approved and are on file in the PSA office. The claims were as follows:

Claims

Check # 25414 - 25439 claims July 21, 2022 in the amount of \$125,923.02

Check # 25540 - 25507 voided

Check # 25508 - 25533 claims August 4, 2022 in the amount of \$130,652.08

Check # 25534 - 25536 voided

Transfer for Claims

Transfer for July 21, 2022 claims in the amount of \$125,923.02

Transfer for August 4, 2022 claims in the amount of \$130,652.08

Claims August 1, 2022 National Bank Payments \$65,000.00

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Transfer to Short Lived Asset

Transfer from Debt Reserve \$100,000.00
Transfer from CCPSA \$10,000.00

Transfer to O & M

Transfer from Debt Reserve \$100,000.00
Transfer from CCPSA \$10,000.00

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Watson – At the previous meeting there was some discussion about the rates that were scheduled to increase this physical year. I think what we had done this last year when we approved the rates we did it in a step for 3 years. First year was a 10% water & sewer. Second year it was a 10% sewer and 3% water and then it was 3% both. There was concerns on the rate increases so we had a public hearing that was scheduled for today. There was discussion as far as to if we should leave the rates the same or increase the rates. I guess I'll open to the board for discussion. There is some information that you have received on the two sets of rates. As we move forward, use caution on the commercial sewer 11 and the industrial sewer 11. Those two rates are close, almost equal to what we are currently paying to process that sewer.

(ORDER)

RATE APPROVAL

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and duly carried by the Authority does herby approve no rate increase with the exception of Commercial Sewer 11 and Industrial Sewer 11.

(ORDER)

PSA BOARD MEETINGS CHANGE

Upon a motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Dickson and duly carried by the Authority does herby approve the change of the Public Service Authority's Board Meeting to take place October 3rd at 4:00 p.m. and November 7th at 4:00 p.m.

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PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Watson – The first one we have is Exit 1/ Cana water system interconnection. We have applied through the VDH. They're managing the funds that are being passed down through Federal Government. As far as the estimate for the grant, they updated totals March 30, 2022. The amount that we applied for is 2.5 million dollars. They haven't determined what kind of match and those type things will go along with it. There was an additional 1.2 in the project cost but that was to do the side streets. With the cost of the main line to connect the two systems together that was one of the main things that we wanted to look at, and not require a mandatory connection. We went ahead and applied for 2.5. Hopefully in the Fall we'll find out.

The wastewater side of it from Exit 1. This is the opportunity to apply for the same type of funding. However, the goal of this is to instead of processing sewer at Exit 1, it was to process it in Mount Airy. There were two options that you could go with. One would be a gravity fed line and one would be a forced main. We decided to go with the forced main side. There's not a lot of customers along that area. The difference in the cost was about \$2.6 million for the forced main and \$5.1 for the gravity fed. That is a Carroll County cost, not a total project cost. Total project cost would be \$ 8.1 and \$11.3. As far as Carroll County's percentage of this is 2.6 for the force main and 5.1 would be for the gravity. So, you almost double the cost for the county to do the gravity fed.

Mr. Jessup – We don't have no people on that?

Mr. Watson – Not enough to cover the cost that you'd have to look at, you know. It was a very limited amount. There wasn't any housing developing or anything that could make up that 2.5.

Pretty much the cost to operating that plant is absorbed by Loves. What we would be able to do would be get it ready for expansion later. We'd still be able to pass some of that cost off to them. So hopefully if there's any max from the county, what we'll save in processing costs will go towards the payment in order to fund our percentage of it. So, if it costs us \$30,000 a year, we will save a lot of funds.

Mr. McCraw – What debt service is left on the existing?

Mrs. Phillips – Right now we pay \$2,533.00 a month on the sewer portion.

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Mr. Jessup – That’s on the sewer pump station?

Mrs. Phillips – That’s the least of the expense down there.

Mr. Moore – The chemicals, driving up and down there. Its seven days a week.

Mr. Watson – You have a breakdown in your packet, gives a good idea of what workorders they’ve done, the markings and things we’re working on currently. We’re in the process of trying to locate a new air compressor. Ours went out. We took it to the shop, they felt like it’d be better off to find one. We did find one for \$15,000.00. You can buy one brand new for around \$23,000.00.

Mr. Moore – What are we doing right now for one?

Mr. Watson – We rented it for a week and got several things done. Our guys are starting to install meters and fixing leaks.

Mr. Watson – Exit 1 for the sewer there we’re still waiting on a finalized report to see what we can do to correct the issues. We’re still having compliance issues with the sewer plant.

They’re still looking at preparing the report on the search grant.

SCADA, we should have that at any time. Once we get that information, we’ll put it out and move forward.

Hillsville Sewer- The last time we fixed the leak at the office there. They hooked the water to it and it won’t come out the other side. So, there is some problem there and to where it hooks onto the main line.

Water/Sewer Grants – They seem to be moving on. We have been installing some of them. We are just waiting on the contractor on Blueberry.

Mr. Jessup – Back on Hillsville. Do we have time to work on it or we got a contractor to work on it or what?

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Mr. Watson – We’re doing it as we can. The more the problem is just dedication the time.

Mr. Jessup – Hillsville will probably fix it if we ask them, to get it over with.

Mr. Watson – I’ll ask them Wednesday if there is a way. I’ve spoken with them and they’re willing to work with us %100. This was several months ago and they were pretty backed up also. They just don’t have the manpower to do it either.

Mr. Moore – Why don’t we do that? Just get a price from where we at to where we’re going.

Mr. Watson – I think the issue was (talking to the guys) It’s all pretty much under the sidewalk. So, you’re going to have to replace a sidewalk in order to do it.

Mr. McCraw – The fire hydrant at Tower road. Are we still waiting?

Mr. Jessup – The two on Bedsaul road? When the hydrants are out is there any way, we can send anything to the Fire Chiefs, so they don’t have to waste their time? If the hydrant is dead, they need to go some other way. They need to know.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS TIME

Mr. Collins – We had a request down on Flower Gap road. Flower Gap Primitive Church would like to have water. It comes within sight of them but it’s not to them. And it’s not cheap to get it to them. Just like broadband is needed all over the county, water is needed all over the county. We’ve had them come from Dugspur we’ve had them in Cana off of Meadowbrook that are in desperate need of water. I’d just like to see us digging to find out if we can get the Governor’s office to help us with or somebody up in Richmond to start putting money into getting some water just like we’re doing to get broadband.

Mr. McCraw – I don’t have anything other than thank you for all that you’re doing. Providing us this information. Be nice to get this motor going on Exit 1 on this sewer plant.

Mr. Dickson – I just want to take time to thank everyone for what you’re doing. Mike, Dana and all the PSA staff. I see the workers out and I appreciate them and what they’re doing. I would

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like to thank the board for allowing us to not have an increase on our citizens right now during these difficult times.

Mr. Jessup – I just want to thank everybody for what you’re doing. Everybody seems to be doing a good job.

Mr. Moore – I will do what each and every board member said and Dana I want to thank the guys for stepping up and possibly helping us at the fair. That means a lot too. It is a county event. I know maintenance appreciates that. We have 3 employees with Covid right now. I just ask that we remember them in prayer.

(ORDER)

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and duly carried by the authority does hereby adjourn at 4:32 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Tracy Moore – Chairman

Mike Watson – Executive Director

Dana Phillips – Sec/Treasurer