

SANITATION AUTHORITY MINUTES



TOWN OF GATE CITY SANITATION AUTHORITY MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
June 9, 2020
190 Beech St., Gate City, VA 24251
6:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roger Cassell, Chairman/Council Member, called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk, Lydia Morales

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Chairman, Roger Cassell	X	
Vice-Chair, Jo Ann Castle	X	
Board Member, Sandra Craft	X	
Board Member, Bob Richards	X	
Board Member, Daris Hartsock	X	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	X	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	X	

Others present: Jason Snapp, Mattern & Craig; Jim Craft; Debbie Kindle; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star

III. NEW BUSINESS

• Approve Public Hearing for FY 21 Budget

Motion made to approve public hearing for FY21 Budget on July 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by: Jo Ann Castle

2nd by: Daris Hartsock

VOTE: Aye, 5

Nay,

Absent,

Abstain,

Motion Carried.

• DEQ Wastewater Line Replacement Update/Amendment

Jason Snapp delivered the update on the DEQ Wastewater Line Replacement Project. Mr. Snapp stated that the last time the Sanitation Authority met, they had discussed Portland Utilities starting the pipe bursting at the vocational school that Saturday. Mr. Snapp stated that when Portland began digging, they found CenturyLink's fiber optic line, which is a major line for Scott County. Mr. Snapp stated that CenturyLink cannot tell whether the line is active or dead at any certain location and cannot locate it with any accuracy. Mr. Snapp stated that CenturyLink told Portland that if the line was touched and it caused any issues, it would be a minimum \$200,000 bill. Mr. Snapp stated that Portland is not willing to take that responsibility or liability. Mr. Snapp stated that it is Mattern & Craig's opinion that CenturyLink would take the liability since they cannot locate their infrastructure. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked if MissVA asks them to mark their lines, then aren't we legally free and clear? Mr. Snapp stated that is his understanding but if it went to court, he is unsure of how the court would side. Chairman Roger Cassell stated that MissVA is not accurate because you have to allow two feet either way on the marking. Jason Snapp stated that he believes that pipe bursting is a better product, but Portland is willing to line the pipes at a 10% cost reduction since it is not invasive. Mr. Snapp stated that the biggest issue with the pipe is infiltration and this lining will take care of infiltration and is estimated to be a 50 – 100-year product which is comparable to a new pipe.

Mr. Snapp stated that the change order should take the savings down to the \$200,000 range. Mr. Snapp stated that the Burnt Cabin Branch Line has been videoed and some areas have been identified that we are going to line. Mr. Snapp stated that the Little Moccasin Creek Line has been reviewed and there is a section from Patriot Fuels up to Kane Street that is an eight-foot concrete pipe that has infiltration at the joints. Mr. Snapp stated that we are recommending that Estes go back and dig and replace this line and we will be back at the original contract price. Mr. Snapp stated that due to time

of year restrictions in the contract, Estes can't start until September 15th. Mr. Snapp stated that there is an exposed section of line below Patriot Fuels and two sections up from that that we had originally recommended to not dig and replace but to pipe burst due to the proximity to Patriot Fuels and the creek. Mr. Snapp stated that these two sections have sags in them that allows sediment to build up in the lines. Jason Snapp stated that Mattern & Craig is proposing to raise the line to alleviate sediment concerns and provide adequate flow. Mr. Snapp stated that they would like to dig and replace from the manhole where the line is exposed all the way up to Kane Street Bridge. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if this would take care of some of the pipe that was going to be sent back? Jason Snapp stated that some has already been sent back and we have used what we could upstream. Mr. Snapp stated that the cost on restocking has gone down to approximately the \$4,000 range. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if there is an extra manhole for Old Nickelsville Rd? Mr. Snapp stated that this may be a section that we can do with the additional money.

Mr. Snapp stated that DEQ has a grant application opportunity for a sewer system evaluation study and depending on the size of town you are, you can get up to \$100,000 in evaluation money. Mr. Snapp stated that Bill Spencer recommends that we don't do any more evaluation with this money, identify the worst areas we can fix with what we have seen already, use the money as construction money and have the town apply for the evaluation grant. Mr. Snapp stated that he believes the applications are due in July and that \$75,000 can be granted and a \$25,000 match which can be loaned from DEQ. Mr. Snapp stated that approximately only 15 applications are expected to be submitted. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked if this will encompass the entire sewer system? Mr. Snapp stated it would most likely encompass two or three subbasins that we think are the worst. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked how old does an installation have to be before you start becoming concerned that it may be breaking down? Mr. Snapp stated that the lifespan of a pipe is approximately fifty years.

Board Member Daris Hartsock asked how thick is the lining? Mr. Snapp stated it is 6 to 8 mils with a fifty-year warranty. Mr. Snapp stated that this is a reliable system. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if we are lining from the bakery down to Williams Heating and Air to keep from digging? Mr. Snapp stated they are going to line from the alley behind Town Hall toward Kane Street. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if Jason will try to work in the manhole on Old Nickelsville Rd? Mr. Snapp stated that he definitely thinks we can work it in, but the only concern is easements. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that she can do a temporary easement. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked if that is the only manhole that we expect may be that low? Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle suggested working near the trailer next to the church on Old Nickelsville Rd because it also floods. Chairman Roger Cassell recommended fixing the manholes on Old Nickelsville Rd with the extra money. Jason Snapp stated that there would be enough money to do several hundred more feet of line and several manholes. Mr. Snapp stated that the money does not have to be used and can be sent back to lower the loan amount. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that we want to benefit the citizens the best that we can with the money we have and with these terms it would be crazy not to do what we can. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if we can hold the money until we see if we get the inspection grant? Mr. Snapp stated he did not think so because it has to be used with this project. Mr. Snapp stated that we would have to officially extend the contract and DEQ may not allow that anyway unless it was justifiable circumstances. Town Manager Greg Jones asked when Mr. Snapp could get the change order to the Sanitation Authority? Mr. Snapp stated that if he can get an official backup document, he will have it in a few days.

Motion made to allow Town Manager Greg Jones to sign the change order allowing pipe lining instead of pipe bursting as presented.

Motion by: Bob Rishards

2nd by: Daris Hartsock

VOTE: Aye, 5
Nay,
Absent,
Abstain,

Motion Carried.

IV. CLOSED SESSION -NONE

V. MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION: NONE

VI. ADJOURN

Motion made for Board to adjourn to the regular scheduled Sanitation Authority Meeting on July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: Sandra Craft

2nd by: Bob Richards

VOTE: Aye, 5

Nay,
Absent
Abstain,

Motion Carried.

Chairman Roger Cassell, adjourned the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

Roger Cassell – Chairman

Town Clerk – Lydia Morales