

SANITATION AUTHORITY MINUTES



TOWN OF GATE CITY SANITATION AUTHORITY MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING March 16, 2020 156 E. JACKSON STREET 6:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roger Cassell, Chairman/Council Member, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

III. NEW BUSINESS

• Revisions to the Waste-Water Rehabilitation Project

Jason Snapp stated that the project was setup to replace the whole Moccasin Creek line. Mr. Snapp stated that now that the line has been tv inspected, it appears to be in extremely good shape and there is no need to replace a line that is in good shape. Mr. Snapp stated that plans have been created that involve replacing spots in the line, mainly the manholes with infiltration. Mr. Snapp stated that there is a creek crossing that DEQ wants left in the project. Mr. Snapp stated that the plan will require replacement of 650 ft of the 16-inch line. Mr. Snapp stated that replacing the 8-inch line of creek crossing will move the line out from under a house. Mr. Snapp stated that the original infiltration study done in 2006 shows that there are some high infiltration areas in the Burnt Cabin Branch line. Mr. Snapp stated that their recommendation would be to continue tv inspection of the Moccasin Creek line at DEQ's recommendation and then to tv inspect the Burnt Cabin Branch line. Mr. Snapp stated that there is about 3,600 ft that will need to be inspected and if the whole line needs to be replaced, the \$500,000 savings from Moccasin Creek would take care of that. Mr. Snapp stated that if the Burnt Cabin Branch line is in good condition, they recommend moving on to another line and inspecting it. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if work will still occur on the Moccasin Creek line in the Magnolia section? Mr. Snapp stated yes. Chairman Roger Cassell discussed a low manhole on Nickelsville Highway. Mr. Snapp stated that this would be the next section that he would propose to go to after Burnt Cabin Branch. Mr. Snapp stated that risers could be put on the manhole by the Town to raise it but recommended completely replacing the cone. Town Manager Greg Jones asked if the contractors could get a price on that? Mr. Snapp stated yes, and it may be something DEQ may allow to be put into the project since it is an immediate issue.

Mr. Snapp reviewed the letter he sent to Bill Spencer. Mr. Snapp stated that DEQ cannot reimburse restocking fees. Mr. Snapp stated that Estes has approximately 740 ft of 18 in PVC pipe, 470 ft of 18 in ductile iron pipe and 7 manholes onsite that would have been used for the Moccasin Creek line. Mr. Snapp stated that to restock all of this would be \$21,950. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked if it could be left there until we can see if we can use it somewhere else? Mr. Snapp stated that there is an option to take the 18-inch pipe upstream, but the cost difference is negligible because it is 15-inch pipe which would be cheaper to install than 18 inches. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if we are allowed to sell it? Mr. Snapp stated that if we bought it, we could do anything we want to with it, but the restocking fee will be a lot less than buying it. Town Attorney Michele Brooks asked who is charging the restocking fee? Mr. Snapp stated that the company that supplied the pipe and Estes is charging part as delivery fees. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if there is any chance that PSA may need it? Mr. Snapp stated that it would be hard to find somewhere to put 18-inch pipe. Mr. Snapp stated that the original contract cost was \$1.696 million and if we use the 18-inch pipe onsite and bought manhole bases it would have a construction cost of \$1.194 million dollars with a \$10,400 restocking fee. Mr. Snapp stated that if the 18-inch pipe is sent back and let the contractor buy 15 inch

the construction cost is \$1.186 million, and the restocking fee will be \$18,800. Mr. Snapp recommended a vote for the revisions pending the cheapest route for the town, whether you want the loan to be cheaper or the upfront cost to be cheaper. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked how this will affect the extra money that we had to get to cover the project. Mr. Snapp stated that the money would still be there to put towards construction in other places. Mr. Snapp stated that DEQ has already signed off on the money being used other places. Mr. Snapp stated that both DEQ and Mattern and Craig propose using the revised plan to use the extra money in other places. Town Manager Jones stated that since it is a 0% loan it doesn't make any difference as far as financial cost and recommended the plan as well. Mr. Snapp stated that it is a better use of money to replace lines that are actually leaking and will save more money in the long run.

Mr. Snapp stated that there are spot improvements that will happen on the Moccasin Creek line including adding two manholes to 800 ft of sewer line. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if there was any way we could have done the tv inspection before the pipe was ordered? Mr. Snapp stated that if you had done the camera prior it would have had to be a separate line item and it is \$5 per ft. Town Manager Greg Jones asked if the grant would pay for the Burnt Cabin Branch tv inspection, if we find out that it is in good condition? Mr. Snapp stated yes, the additional tv inspections and cleaning work are included. Mr. Snapp stated that there is also a line item for cleaning as needed since many of the lines needed silt fence added in order to run the camera through them. Chairman Roger Cassell stated that the lines may need to be cleaned out periodically. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked if all the restaurants discharge to that line? Mr. Snapp stated that basically the entire town discharges into that line since it is the main trunk line. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Castle asked if there is a schedule as to how often these lines need to be cleaned out? Mr. Jason Snapp stated that they are typically cleaned out on an as needed basis or when there is an issue. Chairman Roger Cassell stated that there have previously been some issues on Elliott Drive. Chairman Roger Cassell asked if it will be a lot of backyard work. Mr. Snapp stated that it would be over a lot of land and there would not be much roadway work.

Motion made to accept the recommendations of the revised plan as presented by Mattern & Craig and proceed with these revisions provided that the Sanitation Authority pay the restocking fee.

Motion by: Jo Ann Castle

2nd by: Daris Hartsock

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Jo Ann Castle, Sandra Craft, Daris Hartsock, Roger Cassell

Absent: Bob Richards

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 April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: Sandra Craft

2nd by: Daris Hartsock

VOTE: Aye, 4

Nay,

Absent, 1

Abstain,

Motion Carried.

Chairman Roger Cassell, adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

***Due to the current health threat from the Novel Coronavirus and to protect the health and safety of the Sanitation Authority, Administrative staff, and potential guests, the regular scheduled Sanitation Authority Meeting on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. was cancelled.**

Roger Cassell – Chairman

Town Clerk – Lydia Morales