

TOWN OF CARROLLTON  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee

Present: Bo Milton  
Clint Gee  
Warren Long  
Tommy Goodman

Galen Shumaker  
David O'Bryan

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee with prayer.

Motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Milton to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

David O'Bryan, General Manager of Delta Electric Power Association and CEO for Delta Fiber, LLC, addressed the Board concerning the installation of fiber internet in the county. He and the Board had a general discussion of the benefits of bringing fiber internet to Carroll County, and he answered many questions.

Next came Galen Shumaker, Water Operator, to discuss the projected costs associated with changing out the old-style water meters to the new "radio-read" meters. He presented the Board with several finance options for changing out all of the meters. This is attached as Exhibit A.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Milton and seconded by Alderman Long to replace the forty meters that are not turning with the new-style meters at the rate of approximately twenty per month. The vote to proceed was unanimous.

It was determined that Mayor Lee and Mr. Shumaker will discuss with the Public Service Commission the possibility of attaching a designated fee to water bills to pay for the meters each month. Also, Mayor Lee will talk with the Bank of Commerce concerning the possibility of taking out a loan to cover the costs with replacing all of the remaining meters.

A motion was made by Alderman Goodman and seconded by Alderman Milton to dispense with the reading of the Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes and approve them for the July 6, 2021 Meeting and the July 20, 2021 Special Meeting. The motion was approved by all Aldermen present.

A motion was made by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Milton, and approved unanimously to pay the usual and customary bills.

A motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Goodman to spread upon the minutes the MEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan as "Exhibit B." The motion was passed by all Aldermen present.

Mayor Lee updated the Board with several reports:

Mayor Lee is still gathering prices with different companies as to the painting of the Old Water Tower. She spoke with a company that paints Staplcotn Water Towers as well as a company who had an exhibit at the MML Conference. She will continue to gather information and present it to the Board at a later date.

Mayor Lee reported that the Bond Bill is proceeding and that the Clerk has submitted all paperwork to receive the funds when the State releases them.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) disbursement for this year was received and moved into a separate account. The amount received was \$21,634.38. The Town should receive that much again next year.

The Town was awarded and received a \$1,000.00 grant from Entergy to replace street signs.

The Town received \$13,389.40 from the State for the Modernization Use Tax. That amount was transferred into the appropriate account along with the \$13,072.08 that was received in January.

The Town received \$273.14 from the State for Gasoline Tax disbursement.

A motion made by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Long and passed unanimously to allow Greg Avant to rent the back office at Town Hall for \$250.00 per month and to change the locks as needed to accommodate them.

Mayor Lee presented the proposed 2021/2022 Summary Budgets for the General Fund and the Water Fund as received from CPA Kevin Wolfe with Taylor, Powell, Wilson & Hartford. A motion was made by Alderman Goodman and Seconded by Alderman Gee to set a public hearing on the proposed budgets for August 16, 2021, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next came discussion concerning cutting a tree on town right-of-way on Stonewall Street that has lost limbs and is endangering a house. Doyle Carpenter was consulted and said that he could cut some of the limbs for \$400.00 or he could remove the tree for \$800.00. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Long and Seconded by Alderman Milton to allow Doyle Carpenter to remove the entire tree if it is rotten for \$800, or to only trim the limbs for \$400 if the tree can be saved. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Milton, and passed by unanimous vote that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk

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Pamela R. Lee, Mayor