

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2010

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

Members Present: Robert Murphy, Chairman
Tracy Durkin
Wayne Osborn
Colette Zito

Members Absent: Robert Liffland
David Kelly

Consultants Present: Seth Sheraden of Environmental Consultants
Steve Mance of Environmental Consultants

At 7:00 p.m. the regular business meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Murphy with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the minutes of April 8, 2010 meeting as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the Treasurer's Report of April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve payment of the April, 2010 vouchers as presented and the May prepaid vouchers. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Correspondence Log of May 6, 2010 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Consultants: Business / Reports

Attorney Report

No attorney present. Chairman Robert Murphy said Mike Hayes told Jennifer Osborn that one of the mortgages is in the process now of being recorded and that's all they will need to get going on the pump station transfer of ownership.

Engineers Report

No engineer present. Chairman Robert Murphy said all of the engineering issues to be discussed are down under new business.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said all of the testing was good and the average flow was still up there but starting to come down.

Seth said they did a bunch of small maintenance stuff around the plant. He went down over his report.

Seth talked about Savarese coming out and cleaning some of the lines that are prone to backups. He said they haven't had one in a long time. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if he's noticed any difference in the grease since they've been using the chemical degreaser. Seth said yes, it is finer now where they used to get big football size chunks.

Seth said the pump at 13 Summit Ave. had to be replaced. He said they've had to do it before at this location. Seth said there is a grease problem there.

Seth said they have been monitoring the temperatures at the plant. They purchased a new thermometer. He said they take temperatures in the manhole and the effluent three times a day and they are recording them.

Steve Mance said he got a call from the DEC. He said they asked some questions about the upgrade at the plant and what they thought as operators if the plant can handle the additional flow. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Steve if this is for the SPDES modification. Steve said yes. Steve said he told Vijay Gandhi that he couldn't comment on the engineering calculations but that he is confident that the plant can handle the addition.

Seth said they have been noticing some issues with the sand filter number two. He said it's been maintaining a lower level than the other two filters which leads him to believe there is a problem with the underdrain system. He said they bypassed that filter and pumped it down the other day. Seth explained what the underdrain system is. He said they make a PVC drain system now instead of the clay and block and that he will be getting prices on the PVC system.

Seth said there is a quote included in the monthly operations report from Pump Service and Supply for replacement and/or replacement of one of the pumps at the main pump station. Seth said he recommends the repair because they are basically replacing everything but the body for \$2,000 less than a new pump.

MOVED by Chairman Robert Murphy, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the repair of the pump for the main pump station from Pump Service and Supply for \$3,809.35 as quoted. All were in favor and motion carried.

Seth said the guys down at the plant are asking if they could open an account at Tractor Supply in Patterson because H.G. Page doesn't have a lot of the things they need any more.

MOVED by Chairman Robert Murphy, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to authorize Environmental Consultants to open an account for the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission with Tractor Supply. Chairman Robert Murphy asked if the guys could try to get whatever they can from H.G. Page because they are local. Seth said they will. All were in favor and motion carried.

Colette asked Chairman Robert Murphy if he could refresh her memory on where they are at with the Baxter Green pump station. Chairman Robert Murphy said everything is ordered and ready to go, they are just waiting for this last mortgage to be recorded.

New Business

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve transfer of \$2,175.55 from Castagna Escrow Acct. #15004217179503 to O&M MMA #15004219514608 for legal and engineering fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve sewer bill adjustment of \$305.43 to sewer customer #288 as requested in letter ref. #29. Tracy asked what kind of leak it was and Linda said it was a broken pipe that froze and broke. Tracy asked if it had been fixed and Linda said yes. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he wanted to discuss a resident requesting a second check valve but he really wanted Rob to be a part of it because he knows about check valves. He said he would like to table this discussion until next month when they can talk about it with Rob. Chairman Robert Murphy said this property owner has a check valve but there was a small back up into his crawl space. He said the check valve stayed open a little bit so the resident is asking if the Commission can install a second check valve. Chairman Robert Murphy asked the board if there were any comments on this. Colette asked what the guidelines with something like this are. Chairman Robert Murphy explained that typically the Commission will put them in homes that are close to pump stations. Colette said what is it that the Sewer Commission is going to allow. Chairman Robert Murphy said a property owner will request it and the Commission will either approve it or disapprove it. Colette asked who does the installation. Chairman Robert Murphy said the Commission does the installation. Colette asked if this resident wants a new one or one in addition to the one he has now. Chairman Robert Murphy said he is asking for another one in addition to the one he has. Chairman Robert Murphy said what the question is, is do they install the second one. He said he will have to talk to Dave about this too. Colette said if a neighbor hears there is a check valve put in by the Commission are they going to want one just because. She asked who determines all of this, the engineers? Chairman Robert Murphy said he can talk to them about it too. Seth said this property owner is the only one that had any backup. Chairman Robert Murphy said they can discuss it next month.

Continuing discussion:

Chairman Robert Murphy said everyone should have information on the I & I work that needs to be done. He said he does want to apologize because he did not have a chance to meet with the engineers since the last meeting. He said Jim sent over a draft RFP and it is up in the office for anyone to review. He said the attorney has a copy and Environmental Consultants has a copy. Chairman Robert Murphy said the long and the short of it is the I & I work is going to be a requirement for the SPDES modification so it's not really a question of deciding whether to do it or not, the Commission has to do it.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the things they have to do is not just the TV work but also, because the TV showed that the lines are pretty clean and tight, they have to take the next steps like smoke testing, dye testing and probably internal inspections.

Chairman Robert Murphy said as part of the public outreach, he and Linda worked on a draft letter, Ref.#33. He asked if anyone had any comments on it.

Tracy said she's glad it's kept to only one page. She said if someone were reading this that doesn't come to the meetings and know things, it explains things well.

Colette said what was a little fuzzy for her, reading it as someone who might not know, is in the 6th paragraph, she's wondering if it is stating clearly that the Commission will need to go onto their property in order to conduct the inspections. She said she's just wondering if it's really coming across clearly.

She said maybe they want to put in the letter that they will be going on their property.

There was some discussion on how things could be worded so it is put very, very clear that inspectors will be going onto their property and into their homes.

Tracy asked if it is all voluntary on the home owner's part to cooperate. Chairman Robert Murphy said he'll talk to Dave because he's not sure if they can just go onto a person's property to do inspections.

He said there is a sewer use ordinance and there has to be a way for them to enforce it.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Linda to work with Colette on the letter.

Chairman Robert Murphy said that Ref.#23 basically summarizes the meeting that Ron and Jim had with DEC which goes over the SPDES permit modification and the I & I work. He said that Ron said he's pretty confident that the Commission will get a modification within the next couple of months. Chairman Robert Murphy said on the last page of Ref.#23 there is an outline of the costs. He said the Commission did budget \$45,000 for the work itself. He said this is a little higher but from a budgetary standpoint he's pretty confident that they have enough money in the bank so they should be OK.

Chairman Robert Murphy said that Seth also wanted to do some TV work up on Reservoir Road.

Chairman Robert Murphy said that Jim sent over a letter asking the Commission to approve the RFP contingent upon attorney and Commission member review. He said there is a copy upstairs and it's pretty lengthy. He asked the members if they are going to review it to please do so in the office and don't take it home so it can be available to all.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the RFP contingent upon attorney and Commission member review. Tracy said she understands the time savings and asked if anyone having a concern can stop this process. Chairman Robert Murphy said in a sense, yes but the concerns are usually addressed promptly. Linda said when Dave reviews it and gives Jim the go ahead, she can call all of the members to let them know and make sure they have no questions. Tracy said that makes her feel better to know that Linda will poll the board. All were in favor and motion carried.

Commission Member Comments:

There were none.

Greg Lanes of Pawling Gateway attended the meeting tonight.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Greg if he wanted to talk about the letter that the Commission received today, (Ref.#37) before he closes the meeting

Greg said they (Elm Street Partners) met back in March with engineers from Castagna and the Sewer Commission. He said the letter is an analysis of that meeting.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Greg if they've been talking back and forth with Castagna's engineers and Glen said yes.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Greg if there is anything he needs from the Commission. Greg said no.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the meeting and adjourn.
Time: 7:40 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Colette Zito, Secretary