

DATE OF MEETING: January 8, 2007

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Tracy Durkin
Trustee Wayne Osborn
Trustee Allen Rundall
Trustee Robert Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing on the 2007 Garbage Budget. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Murphy said it was a two part hearing – the first part was to go over the Garbage Budget and the second was to hear any grievances residents might have over their unit counts. He stated the budget was proposed at \$179,005.00 with 908 units which came out to a cost of \$197.14 per unit. He said that was a \$22.52 per unit increase over the last year and represented a 13% increase. Trustee Murphy said the major difference between the budget from last year was that the village contracted with a private carter, Royal Carting, and the village would transport the garbage up to Royal's private facility in Wingdale. He said the Village Board negotiated with the Town Board and the Village Board felt that the town's proposal of \$200.00 per unit was simply too expensive for village residents. Trustee Murphy said the Board was aware of the fact that Transfer Station stickers were incorporated into the cost of the town's proposal but the Board checked into last year's numbers and about 25% of the residents of the district went to the Town Hall to get the Transfer Station sticker and paid the additional \$100.00. He said that for the current year the town wanted to charge all the units \$200.00 whereas last year residents were charged through their taxes \$100.00 per unit and if they wanted access to the Transfer Station they were charged an additional \$100.00. Trustee Murphy said for the upcoming year the town wanted to do away with that and charge everybody \$200.00 per unit whether the resident used the Transfer Station or not. He said the Village Board met with the Town Board to negotiate some sort of discounted price because they all recognized that the \$100.00 a unit was simply too low and that the town needed to raise a little more revenue. He said the town felt that the \$200.00 per unit was a reasonable cost so the Village Board started to explore other options. He said the Board received other prices from private carters, as well as prices for Royal or Welsh to come into the village and pick up the garbage privately but the Board felt they wanted to keep control and had the manpower and the equipment so the Board decided to continue to pick it up and transport it to Wingdale (the cheapest alternative of all the options). Trustee Murphy said the Board looked at the community as a whole and felt the price difference between what the town was offering and what the village could find with the private carter was too great. He said the Board asked for comments during the process and while not a lot of comments were received they were generally in favor of going with the private carter. He said the Board recognized there were residents who used the Transfer Station and they would have to pay the additional fee but the Board felt there were too many residents who did not use the Transfer Station in order to justify reaching an agreement with the town. Trustee Murphy reiterated that only 25% of village residents (220 units) went up and purchased Transfer Station stickers the

previous year and the Board felt the additional fee was not justified. He went over the budget (see attached). Trustee Murphy opened the topic up to the Public for any questions about the budget, the change in agreement with the village using Royal Carting or any questions about the number of units assessed to a property. Mayor Liffland stated again that the Village Board did go to the Town Board in December of 2005 and asked them to look ahead to 2006 and come up with a plan that everyone could agree on. He reported nothing was done as of December 2006 which led to negotiations with the town and he felt the proposal was the best the Board could do for the village residents.

Earl Slocum, a resident of East Main Street, said the Village Board should be commended on the budget and he knew what they went through to negotiate with the town. He congratulated the Board.

Michael Cerny, a resident of Smith Street, said he echoed Mr. Slocum's comments. He said this was what government was supposed to do. He stated he was one of those people who paid for the Transfer Station sticker last year and would pay again this year and he still thought it was fair for everybody in the village.

Mr. Sy Capalbo, a resident of Walnut Street, asked the Board if they reminded the town that when the village had the dump that the town people were allowed to dump into it for nothing. Mayor Liffland said the Town Board was reminded. Mr. Capalbo asked what the Town Board's response was. Mayor Liffland said it was before their time...

Mr. Joe Liffland, a resident of the town, asked if the \$85.00 a ton was a lock in price for the whole year. Trustee Murphy said it was and he asked the Board if it was ever clarified that the price would be for four years. Mayor Liffland said it was added to the contract. Mr. Liffland asked if it was a variable tonnage each week. Trustee Murphy said it was. Mr. Liffland said the Board was looking at a guesstimate for the year. Trustee Murphy said he estimated the tonnage per week conservatively. Mr. Liffland asked what would happen if the actual amount of tonnage went over the estimate. Trustee Murphy said the Board would have to use the contingency or the garbage Fund Balance which would cover any cost overruns. Mr. Liffland asked what if there was a surplus. Trustee Murphy said the Board could look at purchasing a new or bigger garbage truck or possibly lowering next year's rates.

Ms. Faith Phillips, a resident of West Street, asked what was meant by a unit – if there was an apartment in the basement would an owner be billed for 2 units. Trustee Murphy said that was correct. Ms. Phillips said Trustee Murphy did a good job on the budget.

Mr. Mike Pepper, a resident of Summit Avenue, thanked the Board for their handling of the subject. He asked if there would still be a bulk pick up day and was there an arrangement with Royal that village residents could drop their garbage off at their transfer station. Mayor Liffland said they could go to Royal but they would have to pay for it and that there would still be a bulk pick up with the town.

Mr. Michael Creitoff, a resident of Summit Avenue, said the Board did a great job.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to close the Public Hearing. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to open the public meeting. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Osborn to accept the 2007 Garbage Budget. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law to amend the Village of Pawling Village Code by amending Chapter 98, "Zoning", Section 98-77 "Senior Citizen Housing". **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland said the Board was waiting to hear back from the County regarding the proposed local law.

Mr. Capalbo asked what the proposed local law was. Mayor Liffland summarized the local law. Mr. Capalbo asked what the minimum age was. Mayor Liffland said it was age 55.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting and to return to regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to go into the Public Hearing to consider any objections or comments concerning the rate schedule in connection with the operation and maintenance costs of the sewerage system: said rate schedule was proposed to be set at \$438,413.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Murphy stated that the sewer bills were divided between operation and maintenance and debt reduction. He said the resolution pertained to the operation and maintenance section. Trustee Murphy explained that the cost of the operation and maintenance for the year was \$438,413.00 which represented a 5.46% increase over the previous year's budget. Trustee Murphy said the Commission was facing increased fuel and electricity costs and personnel issues. He said the rate schedule was calculated by dividing \$438,413.00 by 4 to give the amount of money needed to be raised each quarter by the number of gallons that the sewer district used in each quarter so the rate fluctuated from quarter to quarter.

Mr. Earl Slocum said Trustee Murphy did a great job.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to close the Public Hearing and go back into regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the rate schedule in connection with the operation and maintenance costs of the sewerage system at a rate schedule of \$438,413.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to go into the Public Hearing to consider and approve the apportionment of the debt retirement costs of the sewerage system of the Village of

Pawling Sewer District No. 1 in the amount of \$215,063.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Murphy stated the amount the Sewer Commission needed to raise for taxes for debt reduction was \$215,063.00. He said the budgeted amount was \$275,953.00 which was essentially the same amount as the previous year. He said they derived the \$215,063.00 number by taking the \$275,953.00 and subtracting out all the revenue items at the top of the budget so the \$215,063.00 was the amount of money needed to be raised through taxes in order to pay the Bonds off. He said compared to last year there would be no increase – the typical debt reduction for a one family house was \$68.00 per quarter.

Ms. Leigh Puchalski, a resident of Willets Drive, asked when the debt would be paid off. Trustee Murphy said the largest debt (\$2 million bond) would be paid off in 6 years which would mean \$100,000.00 would be coming out of the budget and some of that money could go towards a rate reduction. He said the village recently borrowed more money to complete the sewer district - \$420,000 was borrowed about 3 years ago and \$600,000.00 was borrowed last year – and were 15 year bonds. Trustee Murphy said there was a light at the end of the tunnel because the heaviest borrowing was done a while ago. He said the Commission was looking to broaden its tax base through commercial users.

Mr. Capalbo said he hoped there were no loopholes in the contract where the village would be holding the bag.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to close the Public Hearing and go back into regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve the apportionment of the debt retirement costs of the sewerage system of the Village of Pawling Sewer District No. 1 in the amount of \$215,063.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland said he received phone calls from concerned residents on Willets and Summit regarding a day care center that was opened at the Town Recreation Building. The residents were concerned with the day care center being moved from Lakeside Park to the Charles Colman Boulevard location and they were looking to the Village Board for help. There was discussion on the topic amongst the residents and Board members. The Board said they would contact the attorney to see what rights the Village Board had in the matter and after that information was received the Board could draft a letter of support for the residents to the Town Board.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve Pay Request No. 3 from JTS Construction of Dutchess, Inc. in the amount of \$4,183.40 for the Village Hall ADA Accessibility Improvement Project. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to approve Pay Request No. 5 – Final Payment from Coyle Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$21,088.29 for the Charles Colman Pedestrian Bridge

Project. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adopt a resolution stating that the polling place for the March 20, 2007 Village Election would be the Municipal Building, 9 Memorial Avenue, Pawling, New York for districts 4 and 5 and that the polls would be open from 12:00 noon through 9:00 p.m. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Durkin reported she had been working on creating a temporary clerk position to help in the Village Hall while the Village Clerk was out on leave. She said the person would be full time for 3-4 months in a temporary position.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to hire a temporary replacement at the rate of \$11.00 an hour. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to reschedule the January 15, 2007 Board meeting to January 22, 2007 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to cancel the February 19, 2007 Board meeting. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. Trustee Durkin asked if the Board was going to reschedule the meeting. Mayor Liffland said it was a short month. Trustee Murphy said the Board could schedule a Special Meeting if anything came up. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland went over the dates for garbage pickup in January – January 15, 2007 garbage pickup moved to January 16, 2007 and January 16, 2007 recyclable pickup moved to January 17, 2007.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to approve the December bills in the amount of \$48,223.72. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to approve the Metro North bills in the amount of \$882.19. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustees' Reports

Tracy Durkin

Trustee Durkin stated she would advertise for the Water Meter Reader position. She said Dutchess County Planning Federation was sponsoring a short course mini-marathon which could give up to 3 credit hours to Planning and Zoning Board members.

Wayne Osborn

Trustee Osborn stated the garbage pickup was going well. He reported he had a meeting regarding the MS4 requirements – he would work on mapping the stormwater

drainage system and the Planning Board had to draft an erosion and sediment control ordinance.

Allen Rundall

Trustee Rundall said everything was going well with the water department. He put a request in to NYSEG to fix street lights about 2 weeks ago and it had not been completed so he sent an email to ask for a credit. Trustee Rundall said he contacted NYSEG about the lights the Board wanted to add on Lakeside, Corbin and at Baxter Green.

Robert Murphy

Trustee Murphy said there would be a water credit at the next meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Liffland stated that the Pawling Community Foundation received a \$57,600 grant for the Pawling Green and he thanked the members of the PCF for their work. He reported he had the engineers go out to look at the East Main Street Sidewalk project. Mayor Liffland said he was still working on getting the federal money for the Grandview Avenue and Reservoir Road project. Mayor Liffland offered his condolences to Supervisor Beth Coursen and her family on the passing of her father.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk